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| **AAC** | **Augmentative and alternative communication** |
| **AAIDD** | **American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities** |
| **AAPD** | **American Association of People with Disabilities** |
| **ABA** | **Applied behavioral analysis** |
| **ABC** | **Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence** |
| **ADA** | **Americans with Disabilities Act** |
| **ADD** | **Attention deficit disorder** |
| **ADD** | **Administration on Developmental Disabilities** |
| **ADHD** | **Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder** |
| **ADR** | **Alternative dispute resolution** |
| **AFB** | **American Foundation for the Blind** |
| **AIM** | **Accessible instructional materials** |
| **AOTA** | **American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.** |
| **APE** | **Adaptive physical education** |
| **APR** | **Annual performance report** |
| **APTA** | **American Physical Therapy Association** |
| **ARRA** | **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009** |
| **ARD** | **Admission, Review, and Dismissal Committee** |
| **ASD** | **Autism spectrum disorders** |
| **ASDC** | **American Society for Deaf Children** |
| **ASHA** | **American Speech-Language-Hearing Association** |
| **ASL** | **American Sign Language** |
| **AT** | **Assistive technology** |
| **AUT** | **Autism** |
| **AYP** | **Adequate yearly progress** |
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| - **B** - | |
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| **BD** | **Behavioral Disorder** |
| **BIA** | **Bureau of Indian Affairs** |
| **BIAA** | **Brain Injury Association of America** |
| **BIE** | **Bureau of Indian Education** |
| **BIP** | **Behavioral intervention plan** |
| **BOE** | **Board of Education** |
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| **CADRE** | **Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education** |
| **CBA** | **Curriculum-based assessment** |
| **CC** | **Closed captioning** |
| **CCSS** | **Common Core State Standards** |
| **CCSSO** | **Council for Chief State School Officers** |
| **CDC** | **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** |
| **CEASD** | **Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf** |
| **CEC** | **Council for Exceptional Children** |
| **CF** | **Cystic fibrosis** |
| **CFR** | **Code of Federal Regulations** |
| **CHADD** | **Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder** |
| **CIFMS** | **Continuous Improvement and Focused Monitoring System** |
| **CIL** | **Center for Independent Living** |
| **CLD** | **Council for Learning Disabilities** |
| **CMS** | **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services** |
| **COP** | **Community of practice** |
| **COR** | **Contracting Officer’s Representative** |
| **COTA** | **Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant** |
| **CP** | **Cerebral palsy** |
| **CPRC** | **Community Parent Resource Center** |
| **CSAVR** | **Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation** |
| **CSHCN** | **Children with Special Health Care Needs** |
| **CSPD** | **Comprehensive System of Personnel Development** |
| **CST** | **Child Study Team** |
| **CTQ** | **Center for Improving Teacher Quality** |
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| - **D** - | |
| **DB** | **Deaf-Blind** |
| **DD** | **Developmental delay** |
| **DD ACT** | **Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act** |
| **DEC/CEC** | **Division of Early Childhood of the CEC** |
| **DPH** | **Due process hearing** |
| **DPHO** | **Due process hearing officer** |
| **DREDF** | **Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, Inc.** |
| **DS** | **Down syndrome** |
| **DSM** | **Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders By the American Psychiatric Association** |
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| **EBD** | **Emotional and behavioral disorders** |
| **EBP** | **Evidence-based practice** |
| **EC** | **Early childhood** |
| **EC** | **Exceptional children** |
| **ECE** | **Early childhood education** |
| **ECAC** | **Exceptional Children’s Assistance Center** |
| **ECOC** | **The Early Childhood Outcomes Center** |
| **ECSE** | **Early Childhood Special Education** |
| **ED** | **Emotional disturbance** |
| **ED** | **U.S. Department of Education** |
| **EDC** | **Urban Special Education Leadership Collaborative Education Development Center** |
| **EDGAR** | **Education Department General Administrative Regulations** |
| **EDJJ** | **National Center on Education, Disability and Juvenile Justice** |
| **EDOIG** | **U.S. Department of Education, Office of Inspector General** |
| **EF** | **Epilepsy Foundation** |
| **EHA** | **Education of the Handicapped Act (now reauthorized as IDEA)** |
| **EHDI** | **Early Hearing Detection and Intervention** |
| **EHN** | **National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research** |
| **EI** | **Early intervention** |
| **EIS** | **Early intervening services** |
| **ELL** | **English language learners** |
| **EPSDT** | **Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment** |
| **ERIC** | **Educational Resources Information Center** |
| **ESD** | **Extended school day** |
| **ESEA** | **Elementary and Secondary Education Act** |
| **ESL** | **English as a Second Language** |
| **ESY OR EYS** | **Extended school year or extended year services** |
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| **FAPE** | **Free appropriate public education** |
| **FAS** | **Fetal Alcohol Syndrome** |
| **FBA** | **Functional behavioral assessment** |
| **FC** | **Facilitated communication** |
| **FCTD** | **Family Center on Technology and Disability** |
| **FERPA** | **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act** |
| **FFCMH** | **Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health** |
| **FM** | **Focused monitoring** |
| **FR** | **Federal Register** |
| **FRC** | **The Federal Resource Center for Special Education** |
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| **GE** | **General education** |
| **GPO** | **Government Printing Office** |
| **GPRA** | **Government Performance and Results Act** |
| **GT** | **Gifted and talented** |
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| **HEATH** | **HEATH Resource Center, National Clearinghouse on Postsecondary Education for Individuals with Disabilities** |
| **HECSE** | **Higher Education Consortium for Special Education** |
| **HHS** | **Department of Health and Human Services** |
| **HI** | **Hearing impaired** |
| **HO** | **Hearing Officer** |
| **HOH** | **Hard of hearing** |
| **HOUSSE** | **High Objective Uniform State Standards of Evaluation** |
| **HS** | **Head Start** |
| **HQT** | **Highly qualified teacher** |
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| **IA** | **Instructional assistant** |
| **IAES** | **Interim alternative educational setting** |
| **IASA** | **Improving America’s Schools Act** |
| **ID** | **Intellectual disabilities** |
| **IDA** | **International Dyslexia Association** |
| **IDEA** | **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act** |
| **IEE** | **Independent educational evaluation** |
| **IEP** | **Individualized Education Program** |
| **IES** | **Institute of Education Sciences** |
| **IFSP** | **Individualized Family Service Plan** |
| **IHE** | **Institution of higher education** |
| **ILC** | **Independent living center** |
| **ISP** | **Individual service plan** |
| **IT** | **Information technology** |
| **ITP** | **Individualized Transition Plan** |
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| **LA** | **Lead agency** |
| **LD** | **Learning disability** |
| **LDA** | **Learning Disabilities Association of America** |
| **LEA** | **Local educational agency** |
| **LEP** | **Limited English proficiency** |
| **LRE** | **Least restrictive environment** |
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| **M/ED** | **Mental or emotional disturbance** |
| **MCH** | **Maternal and Child Health Program** |
| **MD** | **Muscular dystrophy** |
| **MD** | **Multiple disabilities** |
| **MDR** | **Manifestation Determination Review** |
| **MHA** | **Mental Health America** |
| **MOU** | **Memorandum of Understanding** |
| **MPRRC** | **Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center** |
| **DD** | **Developmentally disabled** |
| **MSIP** | **Monitoring and State Improvement Planning** |
| **MSRRC** | **Mid-South Regional Resource Center** |
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| **NADR** | **National Association of Disability Representatives** |
| **NAPSEC** | **National Association of Private Special Education Centers** |
| **NASDSE** | **National Association of State Directors of Special Education, Inc.** |
| **NASHIA** | **National Association of State Head Injury Administrators** |
| **NASMHPD** | **National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors** |
| **NASTID** | **National Association of State Title I Directors** |
| **NASP** | **National Association of School Psychologists** |
| **NASW** | **National Association of Social Workers** |
| **NAVE** | **National Assessment of Vocational Education** |
| **NCBDDD** | **National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities** |
| **NCC** | **Non-competing continuation** |
| **NCDB** | **National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness** |
| **NCEO** | **National Center on Educational Outcomes** |
| **NCES** | **National Center for Education Statistics** |
| **NCLB** | **No Child Left Behind** |
| **NCLD** | **National Center for Learning Disabilities** |
| **NCPERID** | **National Consortium for Physical Education and Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities** |
| **NCRRC** | **North Central Regional Resource Center** |
| **NCSEAM** | **National Center for Special Education Accountability Monitoring** |
| **NCSER** | **National Center for Special Education Research** |
| **NDPC-SD** | **National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities** |
| **NDRN** | **National Disability Rights Network** |
| **NDSC** | **National Down Syndrome Congress** |
| **NDSS** | **National Down Syndrome Society** |
| **NEA** | **National Education Association** |
| **NECTAC** | **National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center** |
| **NERRC** | **Northeast Regional Resource Center** |
| **NICHCY** | **National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities** |
| **NICHD** | **National Institute of Child Health and Human Development** |
| **NIDCD** | **National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders** |
| **NIDRR** | **National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research** |
| **NIH** | **National Institutes of Health** |
| **NIMAS** | **National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard** |
| **NIMH** | **National Institute of Mental Health** |
| **NMSS** | **National Multiple Sclerosis Society** |
| **NOD** | **National Organization on Disability** |
| **NPP** | **Notice of proposed priorities** |
| **NPRM** | **Notice of proposed rule making** |
| **NPSOC** | **National Post-School Outcomes Center** |
| **NRA** | **National Rehabilitation Association** |
| **NRCLD** | **National Research Center on Learning Disabilities** |
| **NSTTA** | **National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Centers** |
| **NTAC** | **National Technical Assistance Consortium for Children and Young Adults Who are Deaf-Blind** |
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| **OAS** | **Office of the Assistant Secretary** |
| **OCD** | **Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder** |
| **OCR** | **Office for Civil Rights** |
| **ODD** | **Oppositional Defiant Disorder** |
| **OELA** | **Office of English Language Acquisition** |
| **OESE** | **Office of Elementary and Secondary Education** |
| **OGC** | **Office of General Counsel** |
| **OHI** | **Other health impairment** |
| **OI** | **Orthopedic impairment** |
| **O&M** | **Orientation and mobility** |
| **OPE** | **Office of Postsecondary Education** |
| **OS** | **Office of the Secretary** |
| **OSHS** | **Office of Safe and Healthy Students** |
| **OSEP** | **Office of Special Education Programs** |
| **OSERS** | **Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services** |
| **OSFA** | **Office of Student Financial Assistance** |
| **OT** | **Occupational Therapy** |
| **OVAE** | **Office of Vocational and Adult Education** |
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| **PACER** | **Parent Advocacy Coalition for Education Rights** |
| **PALS** | **Peer-Assisted Learning System** |
| **PASS** | **Plan for Achieving Self-Support** |
| **PBIS** | **Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports** |
| **PBS** | **Positive behavioral supports** |
| **PD** | **Physical disability** |
| **PDA CENTER** | **Professional Development in Autism Center** |
| **PDD** | **Pervasive developmental disorder** |
| **PEAK** | **PEAK Parent Center** |
| **PEC** | **Postsecondary Education Consortium Center on Deafness** |
| **PEI** | **Plan Educativo Indiviualizado (Spanish for IEP)** |
| **PERKINS ACT** | **Carl Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act** |
| **PLEP OR PLP** | **Present Level of Educational Performance or Present Level of Performance** |
| **PP** | **Paraprofessional** |
| **PS** | **Preschool** |
| **PT** | **Physical therapy** |
| **PTI** | **Parent Training and Information Center** |
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| **RFP** | **Request for proposal** |
| **RS** | **Related services** |
| **RTI** | **Response to Intervention** |
| **RTP** | **Research to Practice** |
| **RTTT** | **Race to the Top Fund** |
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| **§** | **“Section” as in “§ 300.8 Child with a Disability” in the IDEA Regulations** |
| **SAS** | **Supplementary aids and services** |
| **SB** | **Spina bifida** |
| **SE** | **Special education** |
| **SEA** | **State educational agency** |
| **SEAC** | **Special Education Advisory Committee** |
| **SECTION 504** | **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act** |
| **SED** | **Seriously emotionally disturbed/Serious emotional disturbance** |
| **SERRC** | **Southeast Regional Resource Center** |
| **SI** | **Sensory integration** |
| **SIG** | **State Improvement Grant** |
| **SIP** | **State Implementation Plan** |
| **SLD** | **Specific learning disability** |
| **SLI** | **Speech/Language impairment** |
| **SLP** | **Speech/Language pathologist** |
| **SPAN** | **Statewide Parent Advocacy Network** |
| **SPDG** | **State Personnel Development Grant** |
| **SPED** | **Special education** |
| **SPP** | **State performance plan** |
| **SSD** | **Social Security disability** |
| **SSDI** | **Social Security Disability Income** |
| **SSI** | **Supplemental Security Income** |
| **SST** | **Student Study Team** |
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| **TA&D** | Technical assistance and dissemination |
| **TANF** | Temporary Assistance to Needy Families |
| **TBI** | Traumatic brain injury |
| **TDD** | **Telecommunications device for the deaf** |
| **TED/CEC** | **Teacher Education Division/CEC** |
| **THE ARC** | **The Arc of the United States** |
| **TS** | **Tourette syndrome** |
| **TSA** | **Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc.** |
| **TTA** | **Training and technical assistance** |
| **TTY** | **Text telephone** |
| **TWWIIA** | **Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act** |
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| **VI** | **Visually impaired** |
| **VOCED** | **Vocational education** |
| **VR** | **Vocational rehabilitation** |
| **VSA** | **Very Special Arts** |
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| **WIC** | **Women, Infants and Children (Special Supplemental Food Program)** |
| **WID** | **World Institute on Disability** |
| **WRRC** | **Western Regional Resource Center** |
| **WWC** | **What Works Clearinghouse** |