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- **A** -

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

- **B** -

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

- C -

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

- 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

- E -

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

- F -

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

- G -

GE	General education
GPO	Government Printing Office
GPRA	Government Performance and Results Act
GT	Gifted and talented

- H -

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

- I -

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

- L -

LA	Lead agency
LD	Learning disability
LDA	Learning Disabilities Association of America
LEA	Local educational agency
LEP	Limited English proficiency
LRE	Least restrictive environment

- M -

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
MPRRRC	Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center
DD	Developmentally disabled
MSIP	Monitoring and State Improvement Planning
MSRRC	Mid-South Regional Resource Center

- N -

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

- O -

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

- P -

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 Individualizado (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

- R -

RFP Request for proposal
RS Related services
RTI Response to Intervention
RTP Research to Practice
RTTT Race to the Top Fund

- S -

§ "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

- T -

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

- U, V -

VI	Visually impaired
VOCED	Vocational education
VR	Vocational rehabilitation
VSA	Very Special Arts

- W, X, Y, Z -

WIC	Women, Infants and Children (Special Supplemental Food Program)
WID	World Institute on Disability
WRRC	Western Regional Resource Center
WWC	What Works Clearinghouse