

# Acronyms and Abbreviations

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<b>A &amp; D</b>	Alcohol and Drug
<b>AAC</b>	Augmentative and Alternative Communication
<b>AAMD</b>	American Association on Mental Deficiency
<b>AAMR</b>	American Association on Mental Retardation
<b>AB</b>	Adaptive Behavior
<b>ABC</b>	American Council of the Blind
<b>ABE</b>	Adult Basic Education
<b>ABS</b>	Adaptive Behavior Scale
<b>ACB</b>	American Council of the Blind
<b>ACCH</b>	Association for the Care of Children's Health
<b>ACLD</b>	Association for Children with Learning Disabilities
<b>ACRES</b>	American Council on Rural Special Education
<b>ADA</b>	Americans with Disabilities Act
<b>ADD</b>	Administration on Developmental Disabilities (Washington, D.C.)
<b>ADD</b>	Attention-Deficit Disorder
<b>ADHD</b>	Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
<b>ADL</b>	Activities of Daily Living
<b>ADR</b>	Alternative Dispute Resolution
<b>AED</b>	Academy for Educational Development
<b>AFB</b>	American Foundation for the Blind
<b>AFT</b>	American Federation of Teachers
<b>AG Bell</b>	Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
<b>AIDS</b>	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
<b>ALC</b>	Alternative Learning Center
<b>AMI</b>	Alliance for the Mentally Ill
<b>AOM</b>	Assurance of Mastery
<b>AOTA</b>	American Occupational Therapy Association
<b>APE</b>	Adaptive Physical Education
<b>APHB</b>	American Printing House for the Blind
<b>APTA</b>	American Physical Therapy Association
<b>ARC</b>	Now Arc, Formerly known as Association for Retarded Citizens
<b>ARD</b>	Admission, Review, and Dismissal Committee
<b>ASA</b>	Autism Society of America
<b>ASD</b>	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
<b>ASDC</b>	American Society for Deaf Children
<b>ASHA</b>	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

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<b>ASL</b>	American Sign Language
<b>ASR</b>	Assessment Summary Report
<b>AT</b>	Assistive Technology
<b>ATA</b>	Alliance for Technology Access
<b>ATRA</b>	American Therapeutic Recreation Association
<b>ATTIC</b>	Assistive Technology Training and Information Center
<b>AU</b>	Autism
<b>AVA</b>	American Vocational Association
<b>AVTI</b>	Area Vocational Technical Institute

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<b>BD</b>	Behavior Disorders
<b>BIA</b>	Brain Injury Association
<b>BIA</b>	Bureau of Indian Affairs
<b>BIP</b>	Behavior Intervention Plan
<b>BP</b>	Behavior Problems

**C**

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<b>CA</b>	Chronological Age
<b>CAN</b>	Child Abuse and Neglect
<b>CAP</b>	Community Action Program
<b>CAP</b>	Corrective Action Plan
<b>CAPD</b>	Central Auditory Processing Disorder
<b>CARF</b>	Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
<b>CASE</b>	Council for Administrators of Special Education
<b>CASSP</b>	Child and Adolescent Services System Program
<b>CCD</b>	Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities
<b>CD</b>	Communication Disorder
<b>CEC</b>	Council for Exceptional Children
<b>CEU</b>	Continuing Education Units
<b>CF</b>	Cystic Fibrosis
<b>CFL</b>	(Dept. of) Children, Families and Learning
<b>CFR</b>	Code of Federal Regulations
<b>CHADD</b>	Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
<b>ChIPS</b>	Child in Need of Protective Services
<b>ChINS</b>	Child in Need of Services
<b>CIC</b>	Clean Intermittent Catheterization
<b>CIL</b>	Center for Independent Living (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation)
<b>CLE</b>	Center for Law and Education
<b>CM</b>	Case Manager
<b>CMHC</b>	Community Mental Health Center
<b>CMI</b>	Chronically Mentally Ill
<b>CO-OP</b>	Cooperative (Special Education Cooperative)

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<b>COTA</b>	Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant
<b>CP</b>	Cerebral Palsy
<b>CPR</b>	Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation
<b>CPRC</b>	Community Parent Resource Center
<b>CPS</b>	Child Protective Services
<b>CR</b>	Compliance Review
<b>CRC</b>	Certified Rehabilitation Counselor
<b>CSPD</b>	Comprehensive System of Personnel Development
<b>CSSA</b>	Community Social Services Act
<b>CST</b>	Child Study Team
<b>CTIC</b>	Community Transition Interagency Committee

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<b>DAC</b>	Developmental Achievement Center
<b>D/APE</b>	Developmental/Adapted Physical Education
<b>DAS</b>	Division of Assistance to States, U.S. Department of Education
<b>D/B</b>	Deaf-Blind
<b>DD</b>	Developmental Delay
<b>DD</b>	Developmental Disabilities
<b>DD Act</b>	Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act
<b>DEC</b>	Division of Early Childhood
<b>DHH</b>	Deaf and Hard of Hearing
<b>DHHS</b>	United States Department of Health and Human Services
<b>DHS</b>	Department of Human Services
<b>DLC</b>	Developmental Learning Center
<b>DMH</b>	Division of Mental Health
<b>DoDDS</b>	Department of Defense Dependent Schools
<b>DOE</b>	Department of Education (United States or state)
<b>DOL</b>	Department of Labor
<b>DREDF</b>	Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
<b>DRS</b>	Division of Rehabilitation Services
<b>DS</b>	Down Syndrome
<b>DSE</b>	Director of Special Education or Division of Special Education
<b>DSI</b>	Dual Sensory Impairment
<b>DVR</b>	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

**E**

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<b>EA</b>	Educational Assistant
<b>E/BD</b>	Emotional/Behavior Disorders
<b>EC</b>	Early Childhood
<b>ECE</b>	Early Childhood Education
<b>ECFE</b>	Early Childhood Family Education
<b>ECS</b>	Education Commission of the States

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<b>ECSE</b>	Early Childhood Special Education
<b>ECSU</b>	Educational Cooperative Service Unit
<b>ED</b>	Education Department
<b>ED</b>	Emotionally Disturbed
<b>EDGAR</b>	Education Department General Administrative Regulations
<b>EE</b>	Extended Evaluation
<b>EEG</b>	Electroencephalogram
<b>EEOC</b>	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
<b>EH</b>	Emotionally Handicapped
<b>EI</b>	Early Intervention
<b>EKG</b>	Electrocardiogram
<b>EMH</b>	Educable Mentally Handicapped
<b>EMR</b>	Educable Mentally Retarded
<b>EPS</b>	Early and Periodic Screening
<b>EPSDT</b>	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program
<b>ERIC</b>	Educational Resources Information Center
<b>ESD</b>	Extended School Day
<b>ESEA</b>	Elementary and Secondary Education Act
<b>ESL</b>	English as a Second Language
<b>ESY</b>	Extended School Year
<b>EYS</b>	Extended Year Services

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<b>FAB</b>	Functional Analysis of Behavior
<b>FAE</b>	Fetal Alcohol Effect
<b>FAPE</b>	Families and Advocates Partnership for Education
<b>FAPE</b>	Free and Appropriate Public Education
<b>FAS</b>	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
<b>FBA</b>	Functional Behavioral Assessment
<b>FC</b>	Facilitated Communication
<b>FERPA</b>	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
<b>FFCMH</b>	Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
<b>FOIA</b>	Freedom of Information Act
<b>FRC</b>	Federal Resource Center
<b>FTE</b>	Full-Time Equivalent

**G**

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<b>GE</b>	General Education
<b>GED</b>	General Equivalency Diploma
<b>GJTC</b>	Governor's Job Training Council
<b>GLARRC</b>	Great Lakes Area Regional Resource Center
<b>GLD</b>	General Learning Disability
<b>GT</b>	Gifted and Talented

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<b>HECB</b>	Higher Education Coordinating Board
<b>HF</b>	House File
<b>HHS</b>	Health and Human Services
<b>HI</b>	Hearing Impairment

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<b>I &amp; R</b>	Information and Referral
<b>IA</b>	Instructional Assistant
<b>IAES</b>	Interim Alternative Educational Setting
<b>ICC</b>	Interagency Coordinating Council
<b>ICF/MR</b>	Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Mental Retardation
<b>IDEA</b>	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (formerly EHA)
<b>IDELR</b>	Individuals with Disabilities Law Reporter
<b>IEE</b>	Independent Education Evaluation
<b>IEIC</b>	Interagency Early Intervention Committee
<b>IEP</b>	Individualized Education Program
<b>IFSP</b>	Individual Family Service Plan
<b>IHE</b>	Institute of Higher Education
<b>IHP</b>	Individualized Habilitation Plan
<b>IIIP</b>	Individual Interagency Intervention Plan
<b>IL</b>	Independent Living
<b>ILC</b>	Independent Living Center
<b>IPE</b>	Individual Plan of Employment
<b>IPP</b>	Individual Program Plan
<b>IQ</b>	Intelligence Quotient
<b>IRS</b>	Internal Revenue Service
<b>ISD</b>	Independent School District
<b>ISP</b>	Individual Service Plan
<b>ITP</b>	Individual Transition Plan
<b>IVT</b>	Individual Vocational Training
<b>IWRP</b>	Individual Written Rehabilitation Plan

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<b>JTPA</b>	Job Training Partnership Act
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<b>K-12</b>	Kindergarten through Grade Twelve
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**L**

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<b>LCC</b>	Local Coordinating Committee
<b>LD</b>	Learning Disability
<b>LDA</b>	Learning Disability Association of America
<b>LEA</b>	Local Education Agency

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<b>LEP</b>	Limited English Proficiency
<b>LI</b>	Low Incidence Handicapping Conditions
<b>LIA</b>	Local Interagency Agreement
<b>LRA</b>	Least Restrictive Alternative
<b>LRE</b>	Least Restrictive Environment
<b>LSW</b>	Licensed Social Worker
<b>LTSE/WA/WC</b>	Long Term Sheltered Employment/Work Activity/Work Component
<b>LVA</b>	Low Vision Aid

**M**

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<b>MA</b>	Medical Assistance
<b>MA</b>	Mental Age
<b>MBD</b>	Minimal Brain Dysfunction
<b>MCH</b>	Maternal and Child Health
<b>MCR</b>	Multi-Categorical Resource
<b>MCSHN</b>	Minnesota Children with Special Health Needs
<b>MD</b>	Multiple Disabilities
<b>MD</b>	Muscular Dystrophy
<b>MH</b>	Mental Health
<b>MH</b>	Mentally Handicapped
<b>MH</b>	Multiple Handicap
<b>MI</b>	Mental Illness
<b>MI/HI</b>	Mentally Ill/Hearing Impaired (Persons)
<b>MMPI</b>	Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory
<b>MPH</b>	Indicates a Master's Degree in Public Health
<b>MR</b>	Mental Retardation

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<b>NAD</b>	National Association of the Deaf
<b>NADDC</b>	National Association of Developmental Disabilities Councils
<b>NAEYC</b>	National Association for the Education of Young Children
<b>NAMI</b>	National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
<b>NAPAS</b>	National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems
<b>NAPVI</b>	National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments
<b>NARIC</b>	National Rehabilitation Information Center
<b>NASBE</b>	National Association of State Boards of Education
<b>NASDSE</b>	National Association of State Directors of Special Education
<b>NASMRPD</b>	National Association of State Mental Retardation Program Directors
<b>NASNSA</b>	National Association of Special Needs State Administrators
<b>NAVESNP</b>	National Association of Vocational Education Special Needs Personnel
<b>NCA</b>	North Central Association (of Colleges and Schools)
<b>NCD</b>	National Council on Disability
<b>NCIL</b>	National Council on Independent Living

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<b>NCLD</b>	National Center for Learning Disabilities
<b>NCPIE</b>	National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education
<b>NDSC</b>	National Down Syndrome Congress
<b>NDSS</b>	National Down Syndrome Society
<b>NDT</b>	Neurodevelopmental Treatment
<b>NEA</b>	National Education Association
<b>NET</b>	National Environment Training (State Services for the Blind)
<b>NFB</b>	National Federation for the Blind
<b>NICHCY</b>	National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities
<b>NICWA</b>	National Indian Child Welfare Association
<b>NIDRR</b>	National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research
<b>NIMH</b>	National Institute of Mental Health
<b>NMHA</b>	National Mental Health Association
<b>NOAH</b>	National Organization of Albinism and Hypopigmentation
<b>NOPBC</b>	National Organization of Parents of Blind Children
<b>NORD</b>	National Organization for Rare Diseases
<b>NPND</b>	National Parent Network on Disabilities
<b>NPPSIS</b>	National Parent to Parent Support and Information System
<b>NPRM</b>	Notice of Proposed Rule Making

**O**

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<b>O &amp; M</b>	Orientation and Mobility (State Services for the Blind)
<b>OCD</b>	Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
<b>OCR</b>	Office for Civil Rights
<b>ODD</b>	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
<b>OE</b>	Open Enrollment
<b>OFSS</b>	Office of Family and Social Services
<b>OHI</b>	Other Health Impaired
<b>OI</b>	Orthopedic Impairment
<b>OJT</b>	On-the-Job Training
<b>OMB</b>	Office of Management and Budget
<b>OSEP</b>	Office of Special Education Programs
<b>OSERS</b>	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (Federal)
<b>OT</b>	Occupational Therapy

**P**

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<b>P &amp; A</b>	Protection and Advocacy
<b>PAC</b>	Parent Advisory Council
<b>PAC</b>	Placement Advisory Committee
<b>PACER</b>	Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights
<b>PASS</b>	Plan for Achieving Self-Support
<b>PASS</b>	Program Analysis of Service Systems
<b>PBS</b>	Positive Behavioral Supports

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<b>PCA</b>	Personal Care Assistant
<b>PCMR</b>	President's Committee on Mental Retardation
<b>PCP</b>	Person Centered Planning
<b>PD</b>	Physical Disability
<b>PDD</b>	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
<b>PER</b>	Planning, Evaluation and Reporting
<b>PH</b>	Physically Handicapped
<b>PI</b>	Physically Impaired
<b>PIC</b>	Private Industry Council (of Job Training Partnership Act)
<b>PIRC</b>	Parent Information and Resource Center
<b>P.L.</b>	Public Law
<b>PLEP</b>	Present Level of Educational Performance
<b>PMR</b>	Profoundly Mentally Retarded (Person)
<b>POHI</b>	Physically and Other Health Impaired (Persons)
<b>PP</b>	Paraprofessional
<b>PSS</b>	Preschool Screening Program
<b>PT</b>	Physical Therapy
<b>PTA</b>	Parent Teacher Association
<b>PTI</b>	Parent Training and Information Center
<b>PTO</b>	Parent Teacher Organization
<b>PTSA</b>	Parents, Teachers, Students Association
<b>PVE</b>	Pre-Vocational Education
<b>PWI</b>	Projects with Industry
<b>PY</b>	Planning Year

**R**

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<b>R &amp; T</b>	Research and Training Centers
<b>RFP</b>	Request for Proposal
<b>ROM</b>	Range of Motion
<b>RP</b>	Retinitis Pigmentosa
<b>RRC</b>	Regional Resource Center
<b>RSA</b>	Rehabilitative Services Agency
<b>RSC</b>	Regional Service Center (for Hearing Impaired Persons)
<b>RSS</b>	Regional Services Specialist (Developmental Disabilities Division)
<b>RTB</b>	Radio Talking Book Network (State Services for the Blind)

**S**

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<b>SAT</b>	Standardized Achievement Test
<b>SB</b>	Spina Bifida
<b>SBAA</b>	Spina Bifida Association of America
<b>SBVTE</b>	State Board for Vocational-Technical Education
<b>SE</b>	Special Education
<b>SEA</b>	State Education Agency

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<b>SEAC</b>	Special Education Advisory Committee
<b>SED</b>	Serious Emotional Disturbance
<b>SF</b>	Senate File
<b>SI</b>	Sensory Integration
<b>SIB</b>	Self-Injurious Behavior
<b>SIG</b>	State Improvement Grant
<b>SIL</b>	Semi-Independent Living (Facility)
<b>SILS</b>	Semi-Independent Living Services
<b>SLA</b>	Supported Living Arrangements
<b>SLF</b>	Supervised Living Facility
<b>SMH</b>	Severe Mental Handicap
<b>SMHRCY</b>	State Mental Health Representatives for Children and Youth
<b>SNF</b>	Skilled Nursing Facility
<b>SOP/SSP</b>	State Operated Program/State Supported Program
<b>SPA</b>	State Planning Agency
<b>SPOA</b>	Specific Power of Attorney
<b>SS</b>	Social Services
<b>SSB</b>	State Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped
<b>SSDI</b>	Social Security Disability Insurance
<b>SSI</b>	Supplemental Security Income
<b>SSN</b>	Social Security Number
<b>SST</b>	Student Study Team
<b>SST</b>	Student Support Team
<b>STIC</b>	State Transition Interagency Committee
<b>SVE</b>	Secondary Vocational Education

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<b>TBI</b>	Traumatic Brain Injury
<b>TDD</b>	Telecommunication Device for the Deaf
<b>TEFRA</b>	Tax Equalization Fiscal Responsibility Act
<b>TMR</b>	Trainable Mentally Retarded (Persons)
<b>TS</b>	Tourette Syndrome
<b>TSA</b>	Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc.
<b>TSES</b>	Total Special Education System
<b>TTY</b>	Teletypewriter
<b>TWWIIA</b>	Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act

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<b>UAF</b>	University Affiliated Facility (under Developmental Disabilities Act)
<b>UAP</b>	University Affiliated Program
<b>UCP</b>	United Cerebral Palsy Associations
<b>UFARS</b>	Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting System
<b>USC</b>	United States Code

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**USOE** United States Office of Education

**V**

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**VA** Visual Acuity

**VA** Vulnerable Adult

**VE** Vocational Education

**VH** Visually Handicapped (Persons)

**VI** Visual Impairment

**Voc Ed** Vocational Education

**VR** Vocational Rehabilitation

**VSA** Very Special Arts

**VTI** Vocational Technical Institute

**W**

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**WA** Work Activity

**WAC** Work Activity Center

**WAT** Work Adjustment Training

**WC** Workforce Center

**WE** Work Evaluation

**WECEP** Work-Experience Career Exploration Program

**WED** Work-Experience Disadvantaged Program

**WEH** Work-Experience Handicapped Program

**WEP** Work Experience Program

**WIC** Program for Women, Infants and Children (Nutrition, Education and Food)

**WIN** Work Incentive Program

**WISC** Intelligence Scale for Children

**WRAT** Wide Range Achievement Test

**WS** Waivered Services

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**YES** Youth Employment Services