

## ACRONYMS

### A

AAC – Alternative Augmentative Communication  
ABA – Applied Behavior Analysis  
ABC – Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence  
ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act  
ADD – Attention Deficit Disorder  
ADHD – Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder  
ADLs – Activities of Daily Living  
ADR – Alternative Dispute Resolution  
AIM – Accessible Instructional Materials  
APE – Adaptive Physical Education  
APR – Annual Performance Report  
ARD – Admission, Review, and Dismissal Committee  
ARRA – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009  
ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder  
ASL – American Sign Language  
AT – Assistive Technology  
ATA – Assistive Technology Act  
AYP – Adequate Yearly Progress

### B

BD – Behavioral Disorder  
BIE – Bureau of Indian Education  
BIP – Behavioral Intervention Plan  
BOE – Board of Education

### C

CAP – Corrective Action Plan  
CAP – Client Assistance Program  
CAPD – Central Auditory Processing Disorder  
CAPTA – Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act  
CBA – Curriculum Based Assessment  
CC – Closed Captioning  
CCSS – Common Core State Standards  
CDA – Child Development Associate  
CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
CEC – Council for Exceptional Children  
CF – Cystic Fibrosis  
CFR – Code of Federal Regulations  
CHIP – Children’s Health Insurance Program  
CIFMS – Continuous Improvement and Focused Monitoring System  
COP – Community of Practice  
CP – Cerebral Palsy  
CPIR – Center for Parent Information and Resources  
CPRC – Community Parent Resource Center  
CSHCN – Children with Special Health Care Needs  
CSPD – Comprehensive System of Personnel Development  
CST – Child Study Team

### D

DB – Deaf-Blind  
DD – Developmental Delay  
DD Act – Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act  
DIBELS – Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy  
DoDDS – Department of Defense Dependent Schools  
DS – Down Syndrome  
DSM – *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* by the American Psychiatric Association



## **E**

ECE – Early Childhood Education  
ECSE – Early Childhood Special Education  
ED – Emotional Disturbance  
ED – U.S. Department of Education  
EDGAR – Education Department General  
Administrative Regulations  
EHA – Education of the Handicapped Act  
(now IDEA)  
EHDI – Early Hearing Detection and  
Intervention Program  
EI – Early Intervention  
EIS – Early Intervening Services  
ELL – English Language Learner  
EMH – Educable Mentally Handicapped  
EPSDT – Early Periodic Screening,  
Diagnosis, and Treatment  
ERIC – Education Resources Information  
Center  
ESD – Extended School Day  
ESEA – Elementary and Secondary  
Education Act (now called ESSA)  
ESL – English as a Second Language  
ESSA – Every Student Succeeds Act  
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  
FEOG – Full Educational Opportunity Goal  
FERPA – Family Educational Rights and  
Privacy Act  
FOIA – Freedom of Information Act

## **G**

GE – General Education  
GPRA – Government Performance and  
Results Act  
GT – Gifted and Talented

## **H**

HI – Hearing Impaired  
HO – Hearing Officer  
HoH – Hard of Hearing  
HOUSSE – High Objective Uniform State  
Standards of Evaluation

## **I**

IA – Instructional Assistant  
IAES – Interim Alternative Educational  
Setting  
ID – Intellectual Disabilities  
IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities  
Education Act  
IEE – Individualized Educational Evaluation  
IEP – Individualized Education Program  
IES – Institute of Education Sciences  
IFSP – Individualized Family Service Plan  
IHE – Institution of Higher Education  
ITCA – Infants and Toddlers Coordinators  
Association  
ITP – Individualized Transition Plan

## **L**

LD – Learning Disability  
LEA – Local Education Agency  
LEP – Limited English Proficiency  
LRE – Least Restrictive Environment

## **M**

MD – Muscular Dystrophy  
MD or MH – Multiple Disabilities or  
Multiple Handicapped  
MDR – Manifestation Determination  
Review  
MOU – Memorandum of Understanding

## **N**

NASDE – National Association of State Directors of Special Education  
NCLB – No Child Left Behind  
NIH – National Institutes of Health  
NIMAS – National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard  
NIMH – National Institute of Mental Health  
NPRM – Notice of Proposed Rule Making

## **O**

OCD – Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder  
OCR – Office for Civil Rights  
ODD – Oppositional Defiant Disorder  
OHI – Other Health Impairment  
OI – Orthopedic Impairment  
O & M – Orientation and Mobility Services  
OSEP – Office of Special Education Programs at the U.S. Department of Education  
OT – Occupational Therapy

## **P**

P & A – Protection & Advocacy  
PALS – Peer-Assisted Learning System  
PARCC – Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers  
PASS – Plan for Achieving Self-Support  
PBS – Positive Behavioral Supports  
PCA – Personal Care Attendant  
PD – Physical Disability  
PDD – Pervasive Developmental Disorder  
PEI – Plan Educativo Individualizado  
Perkins Act – Carl Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act  
PII – Personally Identifiable Information  
PLEP or PLP – Present Level of Educational Performance or Present Level of Performance  
PP – Paraprofessional  
PS – Preschool  
PT – Physical Therapy  
PTAC – Parent Technical Assistance Center  
PTI – Parent Training and Information Center

## **R**

RDA – Results-Driven Accountability  
RFP – Request for Proposals  
RS – Related Services  
RTI – Response to Intervention  
RTTT- Race to the Top Fund

## **S**

§ - This symbol means “Section”  
SAS – Supplementary Aids and Services  
SB – Spina Bifida  
SCHIP – State Children’s Health Insurance Program  
SE – Special Education  
SEA – State Education Agency  
SEAC – State Education Agency Committee  
Section 504 – Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act  
SED – Serious Emotional Disturbance  
SI – Sensory Integration  
SIG – State Improvement Grant  
SIMR – State-Identified Measurable Results for Children with Disabilities  
SIP – State Implementation Plan  
SLD – Specific Learning Disability  
SLI – Speech/Language Impairment  
SLP – Speech/Language Pathology  
SPOA – Specific Power of Attorney  
SPP – State Performance Plan  
SSDI – Social Security Disability Income  
SSI – Social Security Income  
SSIP – State Systematic Improvement Plan  
SST – Student Study Team

## **T**

TA&D – Technical Assistance and Dissemination Network funded by OSEP  
TANF – Temporary Assistance to Needy Families  
TBI – Traumatic Brain Injury  
TDD – Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf  
TS – Tourette Syndrome  
T-TA – Training and Technical Assistance  
TTY – Teletypewriter  
TWWIIA – Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act

**V**

VI – Visual Impairment

Voc Ed – Vocational Education

VR – Vocational Rehabilitation

**W**

WIC – Women, Infants, and Children  
(Special Supplement Food Program)

WWC – What Works Clearinghouse