

Common Abbreviations and Acronyms

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ASHA	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Assistive Technology
AU	Autism
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs (federal level)
CA	Chronological Age
CAP-C	Community Alternatives Program for Children
CBRS	Community Based Rehabilitative Services (also known as Special Instruction/Developmental Therapy)
CDSA	Children's Developmental Services Agency
CEC	Council for Exceptional Children
CNS	Central Nervous System
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CSCP	Child Service Coordination Program
CSHS	Children's Special Health Services
D/B	Deaf/Blind
DA	Developmental Age
DAP	Developmentally Appropriate Practice
db	decibel
DD	Developmental Disability or Developmental Delay
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DPI	Department of Public Instruction (NC state office)
EC	Exceptional Children
ECAC	Exceptional Children's Assistance Center
ECE	Early Childhood Education
ECMH	Early Childhood Mental Health
ECSE	Early Childhood Special Education
EI	Early Intervention
EISC	Early Intervention Service Coordinator
ESY	Extended School Year
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FSN	Family Support Network

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HI	Hearing Impairment including Deafness
HS	Head Start
ICC	Interagency Coordinating Council
ID	Intellectual Disability (mild, moderate or severe)
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act
IEP	Individualized Education Plan
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
LD	Specific Learning Disability
LEA	Local Education Agency
LICC	Local Interagency Coordinating Council
LME	Local Management Entity (local mental health agency)
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MA	Mental Age
MD	Multiple Disabilities
MDE	Multidisciplinary Evaluation
MR	Mental Retardation
MR/DD	Mental Retardation/Developmental Disability
NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children
NC-ICC	North Carolina Interagency Coordinating Council
NECTAC	National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
NICCHY	National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
OCR	Office of Civil Rights
OHI	Other Health Impairment
OI	Orthopedic Impairment
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs (federal level)
OSR	Office of School Readiness (NC state office)
OT	Occupational Therapy or Occupational Therapist
Part B	Part of IDEA that regulates educational services to children with disabilities ages 3 through 21
Part C	Part of IDEA that regulates educational services to children with disabilities ages birth to 36 months
PL	Public Law
PL94-142	Education for All Handicapped Children Act, Now IDEA
PLPP-457	Amendment to 94-142 that authorized early Intervention for infants and toddlers

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with disabilities and required preschool services for 3 to 5 year olds. Currently called IDEA

PT	Physical Therapy or Physical Therapist
RN	Registered Nurse
S/L	Speech and Language
SC	Service Coordinator or Service Coordination
SEA	State Education Agency
SECTION 504	Portion of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended
SECTION 619	The portion of IDEA that deals solely with the preschool program
SED	Serious Emotional Disability
SEE	Signing Exact English
SI	Speech or Language Impairment
SLP	Speech-Language Pathologist
SLT	Speech and Language Therapy or Speech-Language Therapist
SS	Social Security
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
ST	Speech Therapy
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TDD	Telecommunication Device for the Deaf
VI	Visual Impairment, including blindness