

FACT SHEET

Acronyms and Abbreviations

As you work your way through the special education process, you will encounter a myriad of acronyms and abbreviations. Listed below are some of the most commonly used acronyms and abbreviations.

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act

AEP – Alternative Education Placement

APE – Adaptive Physical Education

ARD – Admission, Review, & Dismissal

AT – Assistive Technology

BIP – Behavior Intervention Plan

CA – Chronological Age

CBA – Curriculum Based Assessment

CBI – Community Based Instruction

CBVI – Community Based Vocational Instruction

CM – Content Mastery

CTE – Career and Technology Education

DAEP – Disciplinary Alternative Education Program

ECI – Early Childhood Intervention

EI – Early Intervention

ESL – English as a Second Language

ESY – Extended School Year

FAPE – Free Appropriate Public Education

FBA – Functional Behavioral Assessment

FERPA – Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

FIE – Full and Individual Evaluation

FIIE – Full Initial and Individual Evaluation

IA – Instructional Assistant

IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

IEE – Independent Educational Evaluation

IEP – Individualized Education Program (may also be used to refer to Individual Education Plan)

ITP – Individual Transition Plan

LEP – Limited English Proficient



LPAC – Language Proficiency Assessment Committee
LRE – Least Restrictive Environment
MDR – Manifestation Determination Review
O&M – Orientation & Mobility
OT – Occupational Therapy
PLAAFP – Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance
PPCD – Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities
PT – Physical Therapy/Therapist
RTI—Response to Intervention
SLP– Speech Language Pathologist (Speech and Language Therapist)
STAAR– State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness
TAC – Texas Administrative Code
TEC – Texas Education Code
TEKS – Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills
VAC – Vocational Adjustment Class

Here are some of the most commonly used acronyms and abbreviations in reference to Local, State and Federal Agencies that you should be familiar with:

DADS – Department of Aging and Disability Services
DARS – Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
DOE – Department of Education
DSHS – Department of State Health Services
EEOC – Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
ESC – Education Service Center
HHSC – Health and Human Services Commission
LEA – Local Education Agency
OCR –Office for Civil Rights (under Department of Education)
OSEP – Office of Special Education Programs
OSERS – Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
SBOE – State Board of Education
SEA – State Education Agency
TEA – Texas Education Agency



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