

Acronyms in Special Education

504 Plan: A legal document that specifies services & modifications for a student with a disability.

ABS: Adaptive Behavior Scales

ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act

ADD/ADHD: Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

ADL: Activities of Daily Living

ASD: Autism Spectrum Disorder

ASL: American Sign Language

AT: Assistive Technology

BIP: Behavior Intervention Plan

BSP: Behavior Support Plan

CBI: Community Based Instruction

COTA: Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant

CP: Cerebral Palsy

DAPE: Developmental Adapted Physical Education

DCD: Developmental Cognitive Disability

DCD/M-M: Developmental Cognitive Disability/Mild-Moderate

DCD/S-P: Developmental Cognitive Disability/Severe-Profound

DD: Developmentally Delayed/Disabled

D/HH: Deaf/Hard of Hearing

DME: Durable Medical Equipment

EBD: Emotional/Behavioral Disability/Disorder

ECFE: Early Childhood Family Education

ECSE: Early Childhood Special Education

ESL: English as a Second Language

ESY: Extended School Year

FAPE: Free Appropriate Public Education

FASD (FAS, FAE): Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

FBA: Functional Behavior Assessment

FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

FMLA: Family and Medical Leave Act

HI: Hearing Impaired/Impairment

IDEIA: Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (2004 Revision of IDEA)

IEE: Independent Educational Evaluation

IEP: Individualized Education Program/Plan

IFSP: Individualized Family Service Plan (Early Childhood)

IHP: Individual Health Plan (attached to an IEP)

IIIP: Individualized Interagency Intervention Plan

ISD: Independent School District

ISP: Individual Service Plan

ISS: In School Suspension

LD: Learning Disability

LEA: Local Education Agency

LRE: Least Restrictive Environment

MDE: Minnesota Department of Education (formerly MCFL)

MH: Mental Health

MI: Mental Illness

MR: Mental Retardation

OCD: Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder

ODD: Oppositional Defiant Disorder

OHD: Other Health Disabilities

OT: Occupational Therapy/Therapist

PDD: Pervasive Developmental Disorder

PDD-NOS: Pervasive Developmental Disorder –Not Otherwise Specified

PECS: Picture Exchange Communication System

Percentile Rank: Ranks students in comparison with other students.

PH: Physically Handicapped

P/HD: Physical/Health Disabilities

PHN: Public Health Nurse

PI: Physically Impaired

PLEP: Present Levels of Educational Performance

PT: Physical Therapy/Therapist

RC: Related Condition

ROM: Range of Motion

SD: Standard Deviation

SEA: State Education Agency

SED: Severe Emotional Disturbance

SEM: Standard Error of Measurement

SI: Sensory Integration

SIB: Self-Injurious Behavior

SIB: Scales of independent behavior

SLD: Specific Learning Disability

SL: Speech/Language

SMI: Severely Multiply Impaired

SW: Social Worker

TBI: Traumatic Brain Injury

TOSA: Teacher on Special Assignment

VI: Visual Impairment