



Integrated Services Platform

The Alphabet Soup of Special Education

Below are some of the many acronyms and abbreviations found in the area of Special Education:

“504”	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AD/HD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
AEA	Area Education Agency
AT/ATT	Assistive Technology/Assistive Technology Team
BI	Brain Injury
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
DD	Developmental Disabilities
DE	Department of Education
DHS	Department of Human Services
ECSE	Early Childhood Special Education
ESL	English as a Second Language
ESY(S)	Extended School Year Services
FAPE	Free, Appropriate, Public Education
FBA	Functional Behavior Assessment
Gen. Ed.	General Education
HCBS	Home and Community Based Services
HI	Hearing Impaired
ICN	Iowa Communications Network
ID	Intellectual Disabilities
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IDEA - Part C	Programs for infants and toddlers with special needs
IDM	Instructional Decision Making
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IESE	Individual Entitled to Special Education
IVRS	Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services
LEA	Local Education Agency (local school district)
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MH	Mental Health
MR	Mental Retardation
NIMAS	National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard
NCLB	No Child Left Behind
O&M	Orientation and Mobility
OT	Occupational Therapy
P and A	(Iowa) Protection and Advocacy
Para	Paraeducator – also known as aide or associate

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PDD	Pervasive Development Disorder
PBIS	Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports
PEC	Parent & Educator Connection
Psych.	Psychology or Psychologist
PT	Physical Therapy
PTI	Parent Training and Information Center
RTI	Response to Intervention
SAT	Student Assistance Team
SLP	Speech & Language Pathologist
Spec. Ed.	Special Education
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SW	Social Work
TAT	Teacher Assistance Team
VI	Visually Impaired
WE/WEC	Work Experience Coordinator

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