

Frequently Used Education Acronyms/Terms in Special Education

Acronym Description

ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
AODA	Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse
APR	Annual Performance Report
AT	Assistive Technology
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
CASS	Council of Administrators of Special Services Formerly CAPS & CASE; A professional organization for Special Education and Pupil Services Personnel
CCDEB	County Children with Disabilities Education Board Formerly known as CHCEB-County Handicapped Children's Education Board
CD	Cognitive Disability
CIFMS	Continuous Improvement and Focused Monitoring System
CEC	Council for Exceptional Children A national organization focusing on issues related to children with disabilities. There is also a state chapter.
CEIS	Coordinated Early Intervening Services
CESA	Cooperative Educational Service Agency
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CREATE	Culturally Responsive Education for All: Training and Enhancement
CSHCN	Children with Special Health Care Needs, DHS
CSPD	Comprehensive System of Personnel Development
DCS	Division of Community Services, DHFS
DCTF	Division of Care and Treatment Facilities, DHFS
DD Council	Developmental Disabilities Council
DHFS	Department of Health and Family Services. Formerly the Department of Health and Social Services; as of July 2008, split into the Department of Health Services and the Department of Children and Families.
DLSEA	Division for Learning Support: Equity and Advocacy
DOC	Department of Corrections
DPI	Department of Public Instruction
DVR	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Workforce Development
EBD	Emotional Behavioral Disability (formerly ED)
EC	Early Childhood
EDGAR	Education Department General Administrative Regulations
EOCA	Early and Ongoing Collaboration and Assistance This grant no longer exists, but some of the activities of this project were continued in the REACh grant.
ESY	Extended School Year
FACETS	Family Assistance Center for Education, Training and Support The Statewide Parent Training and Information Center, funded by the U.S. Department of Education
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
GLARRC	Great Lakes Area Regional Resource Center Now known as the NCRRC. This is now the North Central Regional Resource Center.
GPR	General Program Revenue
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the current federal special education law.
IEP	Individualized Education Program
LEA	Local Educational Agency In Wisconsin, school districts, DHFS, DOC, and non-district charter schools.
LPP	Local Performance Plan
LEP	Limited English Proficient
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
NCLB	No Child Left Behind This national legislation reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and has broad implications for the education of all children.
NCRRC	North Central Regional Resource Center Formerly known as the GLARRC.
OCR	Office for Civil Rights A part of the U. S. Department of Education responsible for enforcement of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

OHI	Other Health Impairment
OI	Orthopedic Impairment
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs, U. S. Department of Education
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
OT	Occupational Therapy
PPS	Program Participation System The electronic data system used to manage referrals of children from county Birth to 3 agencies to local educational agencies.
PT	Physical Therapy
PLOEP	Present Level of Educational Performance
RCC	Residential Care Center (formerly known as CCI)
REACH	Responsive Education for All Children initiative
READS	Reading Evaluation and Demonstration of Success initiative
RSN	Regional Service Network
RtI	Response to Intervention
SAP	School Age Parents
SBS	School Based Services (A WMA Service)
SDD	Significant Developmental Delay
SEA	State Educational Agency In Wisconsin, the Department of Public Instruction.
SEP	Special Education Plan The SEP was a district's written plan for the provision of special education and related services, available for the public to read. See Wisconsin Statutes, section 115.77 (4). Discontinued as of July 1, 2006; replaced by the local performance plan.
SIP	State Improvement Plan The SIP was a statewide plan to improve educational outcomes of children with disabilities by focusing on collaborative partnerships, supports for learning, and quality staff. See Section 653 of the IDEA. Replaced in 2005-2006 by the SPP.
SPDG	State Personnel Development Grant The SPDG replaced the State Improvement Grant (SIG).
SLD	Specific Learning Disability (formerly just LD)
SPP	State Performance Plan The SPP replaces the SIP beginning with 2005-2006.
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
WATI	Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative
WACLD	Wisconsin Association for Children with Learning Disabilities
WASDA	Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators
WCBVI	Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired
WEAC	Wisconsin Education Association Council
WESPDHH	Wisconsin Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
WMA	Wisconsin Medical Assistance, DHS
WSD	Wisconsin School for the Deaf, Delavan
WSEMS	Wisconsin Special Education Mediation System
WSPEI	Wisconsin Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative
WSVH	Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped, Janesville

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