

GLOSSARY

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Intro

Special education is often limited in resources especially when free. Expatriate Communications decided to compile a list of the most frequently used special education acronyms and terms to provide you with resources to help you understand all that you are dealing with. From LEAs to SELPAs, PBIS to MTSS, it is important that not only professionals, but parents alike understand the foundations of all that encompasses special education. Enjoy our glossary and share with your loved ones and friends.

About **EXPATiate**

As a comprehensive special education management consulting firm, Expatiate Communications brings passion, dedication, and a wealth of experience in understanding and appreciating the complex challenges in special education. Under your direction, we will be a hands-on partner in meeting the sometimes difficult and painful challenges to providing quality instruction and services

We focus on building innovative and sustainable programs that make full use of data and technology tools, offering targeted support and consulting to schools, districts, charter schools and County Offices of Education..



ACRONYM	MEANING
ABA	Applied Behavioral Analysis
ACF	Administration for Children and Families
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
AE	Age Equivalent
APE	Adaptive Physical Education
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Assistive Technology
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress
BD	Behavioral Disorder
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CAPTA	Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
CEIS	Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services
CHADD	Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/ Hyperactive Disorders
CIFMS	Continuous Improvement Focused Monitoring System
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CSPD	Comprehensive System of Personnel Development

ACRONYM	MEANING
DB	Deaf-Blind
DD	Developmental Disabilities; Developmental Delay
D/HH	Deaf/Hard of Hearing
EBP	Evidence-Based Practice(s)
EC	Early Childhood
ECSE	Early Childhood Special Education
ED	Department of Education
ED	Emotional Disturbance
EHDI	Early Hearing Detection and Intervention
EHS	Early Head Start
EI	Early Intervention
EIS	Early Intervening Services
EL	English Learner
EL	Early Learning
ELL	English Language Learner
ELP	Early Language Proficiency
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act
ESL	English as a Second Language
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act

ACRONYM	MEANING
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FVSPA	Family Violence Prevention and Services Act
GAO	Government Accountability Office
HHS	Health and Human Services
HS	Head Start
IAES	Interim Alternative Educational Setting
IC	Information Collection
ICC	Interagency Coordinating Council
ICO	Informed Clinical Opinion
ID	Intellectual Disability
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IEU	Intermediate Educational Unit
IFSP	Individualized Family Services Plan
IHE	Institution of Higher Education
ISP	Individualized Service Plan

ACRONYM	MEANING
KEA	Kindergarten Entry Assessment
LA	Lead Agency
LD	Learning Disability
LEA	Local Educational Agency
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MCH	Maternal and Child Health
MOE	Maintenance of Effort
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MTSS	Multi-Tiered System of Support
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress
NASDSE	National Association of State Directors of Special Education
NCES	National Center for Education Statistics
NCLB	No Child Left Behind
NE	Natural Environment
NIMAS	National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard
OEL	Office of Early Learning
OELA	Office of English Language Acquisition
OESE	Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
OHS	Office of Head Start

ACRONYM	MEANING
OPE	Office of Postsecondary Education
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
OT	Occupational Therapy
P & A	Protection and Advocacy
PART B	IDEA Part B Program for children age three through 21
PBIS	Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
PCC	Parent-Child Center
PD	Personnel Development
PT	Physical Therapy
PTI	Parent Training Information Center
RBI	Routines-Based Intervention
RDA	Results Driven Accountability
SEA	State Educational Agency
SEL	Social Emotional Learning
SLD	Specific Learning Disability
SLDS	State Longitudinal Data System
SLP	Speech-language pathologist
USD	Unified School District
VI	Visual Impairment