

# The Alphabet Soup of Special Needs



## Disability and Special Education Acronyms and Abbreviations

**ACSD:** Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities  
**ADA:** Americans with Disabilities Act  
**ADD:** Attention Deficit Disorder  
**AD/HD:** Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder  
**ADL:** Activities of Daily Living  
**AYP:** Adequate Yearly Progress  
**AT:** Assistive Technology  
**BI:** Brain Injury  
**CAPD:** Central Auditory Processing Disorder  
**CILS:** Centers for Independent Living  
**CF:** Cystic Fibrosis  
**CP:** Cerebral Palsy  
**CSA:** Comprehensive Services Act  
**DD:** Developmental Delay or Disability  
**DRS:** Department of Rehabilitative Services  
**DRVD:** Department for Rights of Virginians with Disabilities  
**ED:** Emotional Disability or Disorder  
**EI:** Early Intervention  
**ESY:** Extended School Year (Services)  
**FAPE:** Free Appropriate Public Education  
**FERPA:** Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act  
**HI:** Hearing Impairment  
**HH:** Hard of Hearing  
**ICC:** Interagency Coordinating Council  
**IDEA:** Individuals with Disabilities Education Act  
**IEP:** Individualized Education Program  
**IFSP:** Individualized Family Service Plan  
**IL:** Intellectual Limitation  
**LD:** Learning Disability or Disabilities  
**ITS:** Integrated Technology Services  
**LEA:** Local Education Agency  
**LRE:** Least Restrictive Environment  
**MA:** Mental Age  
**MD:** Muscular Dystrophy  
**MR:** Mental Retardation  
**NAPSEC:** National Association for Private Special Education Centers  
**NCLB:** No Child Left Behind

**OCD:** Obsessive Compulsive Disorder  
**ODD:** Oppositional Defiance Disorder  
**OT:** Occupational Therapy or Therapist  
**PBS:** Positive Behavioral Supports  
**PDD:** Pervasive Developmental Disorder  
**PL94-142:** Another name for IDEA  
**PL99-457:** Another name for EI (Early Intervention) amendments to IDEA  
**PRC:** Parent Resource Center  
**PS:** Partially Sighted  
**PT:** Physical Therapy or Therapist  
**SEA:** State Education Agency  
**SEAC:** Special Education Advisory Committee  
**SLD:** Specific Learning Disability  
**SLP:** Speech Language Pathology/Pathologist  
**SOLS:** Standards of Learning  
**SSDI:** Social Security Disability Insurance  
**SSI:** Supplemental Security Income  
**TBI:** Traumatic Brain Injury  
**TDD:** Telecommunications Device for the Deaf  
**TTAC:** Training and Technical Assistance (System)  
**TS:** Tourette Syndrome  
**VAISEF:** Virginia Association of Independent Special Education Facilities  
**VATS:** Virginia Assistive Technology System  
**VCPE:** Virginia Council for Private Education  
**VADOE:** Virginia Department of Education  
**VI:** Visual Impairment  
**504:** Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

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