

Common Abbreviations

504 - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
AAC - Alternative Augmentative Communication
AACRC - American Association of Children's Residential Centers
AAIDD - American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
AANE - Asperger's Association of New England
ABA - Applied Behavioral Analysis
ABAI - Association for Behavior Analysis International
ABC - Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence
ABCT - Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies
ACEI - Association for Childhood Education International
ACLD - Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities
ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD - Attention Deficit Disorder
ADDP - Association of Developmental Disabilities Providers
ADHD - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADLs - Activities of Daily Living
ADR - Alternative Dispute Resolution
AFAM - Advocates for Autism Massachusetts
AG Bell - Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf
AHA - American Hospital Association
AIM - Associated Industries of Massachusetts
AISNE - Association of Independent Schools in New England
ALJ - Administrative Law Judge
APA - American Psychological Association
APE - Adaptive Physical Education
APSAC - American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children
APSE - Association for People in Supported Employment
ASA - Autism Society of America
ASA - MA Autism Society of America, Massachusetts Chapter
ASD - Autism Spectrum Disorder
ASCD - Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
ASDC - American Society for Deaf Children
ASL - American Sign Language
AT - Assistive Technology
ATA - Assistive Technology Act
ATSA - Association for the Treatment of Sex Abusers
AYP - Adequate Yearly Progress
BACB - Behavior Analyst Certification Board
BCBA - Board Certified Behavior Analyst
BD - Behavior Disorder
BIP - Behavior Intervention Plan
BOE - Board of Education
CAP - Corrective Action Plan
CAPD - Central Auditory Processing Disorder

CAPE - Council for American Private Education
CAPTA - Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
CARF - Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
CBA - Curriculum Based Assessment
CC - Closed Captioning
CCSS - Common Core State Standards
CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CEASD - Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools & Programs for the Deaf
CEC - Council for Exceptional Children
CF - Cystic Fibrosis
CFR - Code of Federal Regulations
CHADD - Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
CHIP - Children's Health Insurance Program
COA - Council on Accreditation
COSAC- New Jersey Center for Outreach Inservices for the Autism Community, Inc.
CP - Cerebral Palsy
CPIR - Center for Parent Information and Resources
CSHCN - Children with Special Health Care Needs
CSPD - Comprehensive System of Personnel Development
CWLA - Child Welfare League of America
DB - Deaf-Blind
DCF - Department of Children and Families
DD - Developmental Delay
DD - Act Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act
DDS - Department of Disability Services
DESE - Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
DIBELS - Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
DMH - Department of Mental Health
DOE - U.S. Department of Education
DOR - Department of Rehabilitation
DS - Down Syndrome
DSM - Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
DYS - Department of Youth Services
ECE - Early Childhood Education
ECSE - Early Childhood Special Education
ED - Emotional Disability
EDGAR - Education Department General Administrative Regulations
EEC - Department of Early Education and Care
EHA - Education of the Handicapped Act (now IDEA)
EHDI - Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program
EI - Early Intervention
EIS - Early Intervening Services
ELL - English Language Learner
EMTAH - Educational Mentoring Through The Arts and Humanities
EPSDT - Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment
ERIC - Education Resources Information Center

ESD - Extended School Day
ESEA - Elementary and Secondary Education Act (now called ESSA)
ESL - English as a Second Language
ESSA - Every Student Succeeds Act
FAPE - Free Appropriate Public Education
FAS - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FBA - Functional Behavioral Assessment
FC - Facilitated Communication
FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FOIA - Freedom of Information Act
GBAAPS - Greater Boston Association of 766 Approved Private Schools
GE - General Education
GT - Gifted and Talented
HI - Hearing Impaired
HO - Hearing Officer
HoH - Hard of Hearing
IA - Instructional Assistant
IAES - Interim Alternative Educational Setting
ICDL - International Children's Digital Library
ID - Intellectual Disabilities
IDA - International Dyslexia Association
IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEE - Individualized Educational Evaluation
IEP - Individualized Education Plan
IES - Institute of Education Services
IFSP - Individualized Family Service Plan
IHE - Institution of Higher Education
ISAM - International Society of Addiction Medicine
ITP - Individualized Transition Plan
LD - Learning Disability
LDA - Learning Disabilities Association of America
LDW - Learning Disabilities Worldwide
LEA - Local Education Agency
LEP - Limited English Proficiency
LRE - Least Restrictive Environment
MAAPS - Massachusetts Association of 766 Approved Private Schools
MABIDA - Massachusetts Branch of The International Dyslexia Association
MASOC - Massachusetts Adolescent Sexual Offender Coalition
MASS - Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents
MATSA - Mass. Association for the Treatment of Sex Abusers
MCHSP - Massachusetts Council of Human Service Providers
MD - Muscular Dystrophy
MD - Multiple Disabilities
MDR - Manifestation Determination Review
MHA - Massachusetts Hospital Association
MHSACM - Mental Health and Substance Abuse Corporations of Massachusetts

MOU - Memorandum of Understanding
MRC - Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission
NACC - National Association of Counsel for Children
NACCW - National Association of Child Care Workers
NADD - National Association for the Dually Diagnosed
NAHSC - National Association of Homes and Services for Children
NAIS - National Association of Independent Schools
NAPSEC - National Association of Private Special Education Centers
NARPAA - National Association of Residential Providers for Adults with Autism
NASDSE - The National Association of State Directors of Special Education
NATSAP - National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs
NCASES - National Commission for the Accreditation of Special Education Services
NCLB - No Child Left Behind
NEASC - New England Association of Schools and Colleges
NEN - New England Network for Child, Youth & Family Services
NIH - National Institutes of Health
NIMAS - National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard
NIMH - National Institute of Mental Health
NPRM - Notice of Proposed Rule Making
NYEC - National Youth Employment Coalition
OCD - Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
OCR - Office for Civil Rights
ODD - Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OHI - Other Health Impairment
OI - Orthopedic Impairment
O & M - Orientation and Mobility Services
OSEP - Office of Special Education Programs at the U.S. Department of Education
OSERS - U.S. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Programs
OT - Occupational Therapy
P & A - Protection & Advocacy
PALS - Peer-Assisted Learning System
PARCC - Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers
PBS - Positive Behavioral Supports
PCA - Personal Care Attendant
PD - Physical Disability
PDD - Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PEPNET - Postsecondary Education Programs Network
Perkins Act - Carl Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act
PT - Physical Therapy
PTI - Parent Training and Information Center
PWSA - Prader-Willi Syndrome Association
PWSA-NE - Prader-Willi Syndrome Association of New England
RDA - Results-Driven Accountability
RFP - Request for Proposals
RS - Related Services
RTI - Response to Intervention

RTTT - Race to the Top Fund
SB - Spina Bifida
SCHIP - State Children's Health Insurance Program
SE/SPED - Special Education
SEA - State Education Agency
SEAC - Special Education Advisory Committee
SEAAPS - Southeast Chapter of the Mass. Association of 766 Approved Private Schools
SED - Serious Emotional Disturbance
SI - Sensory Integration
SLD - Specific Learning Disability
SLI - Speech/Language Impairment
SLP - Speech/Language Pathologist
SPOA - Specific Power of Attorney
SPP - State Performance Plan
SSDI - Social Security Disability Income
SSI - Supplemental Security Income
TA&D - Technical Assistance and Dissemination Network
TANF - Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
TBI - Traumatic Brain Injury
TDD - Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf
TS - Tourette Syndrome
T-TA - Training and Technical Assistance
TTY - Teletypewriter (phone system for the deaf)
TWWIA - Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act
VI - Visual Impairment
Voc - Ed Vocational Education
VR - Vocational Rehabilitation
WIC - Women, Infants and Children (Special Supplemental Food Program)
WWC - What Works Clearinghouse