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

Notes