

## **A Acronyms**

**AAC** | Alternative Augmentative Communication

**ABA** | Applied Behavioral Analysis

**ABC** | Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence

**ADA** | Americans with Disabilities Act

**ADD/ADHD** | Attention Deficit/Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

**ADLs** | Activities of Daily Living

**ADR** | Alternative Dispute Resolution

**AIM** | Accessible Instructional Materials

**APE** | Adaptive Physical Education

**APR** | Annual Performance Report

**ARD** | Admission, Review, and Dismissal Committee

**ARRA** | American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

**ASD** | Autism Spectrum Disorders

**ASL** | American Sign Language

**AT** | Assistive Technology

**ATA** | Assistive Technology Act

**AYP** | Adequate Yearly Progress

## **B Acronyms**

**BD** | Behavioral Disorder

**BIE** | Bureau of Indian Education

**BIP** | Behavioral Intervention Plan

**BOE** | Board of Education

## **C Acronyms**

**CAP** | Corrective Action Plan

**CAP** | Client Assistance Program

**CAPD** | Central Auditory Processing Disorder

**CAPTA** | Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act

**CBA** | Curriculum Based Assessment

**CC** | Closed Captioning

**CCSS** | Common Core State Standards

**CDA** | Child Development Associate

**CDC** | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**CEC** | Council for Exceptional Children

**CF** | Cystic Fibrosis

**CFR** | Code of Federal Regulations

**CHIP** | Children's Health Insurance Program

**CIFMS** | Continuous Improvement and Focused Monitoring System

**COP** | Community of Practice

**CP** | Cerebral Palsy

**CPIR** | Center for Parent Information and Resources (that's us!)

**CPRC** | Community Parent Resource Center

**CSHCN** | Children with Special Health Care Needs

**CSPD** | Comprehensive System of Personnel Development

**CST** | Child Study Team

## **D Acronyms**

**DB** | Deaf-Blind

**DD** | Developmental Delay

**DD Act** | Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act

**DIBELS** | Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy

**DoDDS** | Department of Defense Dependent Schools

**DS** | Down Syndrome

**DSM** | *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* by the American Psychiatric Association

## **E Acronyms**

**ECE** | Early Childhood Education

**ECSE** | Early Childhood Special Education

**ED** | Emotional Disturbance

**ED** | U.S. Department of Education

**EDGAR** | Education Department General Administrative Regulations

**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

**EMH** | Educable Mentally Handicapped \*\*

**EMR** | Educable Mentally Retarded \*\*

**EPSDT** | Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment

**ERIC** | Educational Resources Information Center

**ESD** | Extended School Day

**ESEA** | Elementary and Secondary Education Act

**ESL** | English as a Second Language

**ESY or EYS** | Extended School Year or Extended Year Services

## **F Acronyms**

**FAPE** | Free Appropriate Public Education

**FAS** | Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

**FBA** | Functional Behavioral Assessment

**FC** | Facilitated Communication

**FEOG** | Full Educational Opportunity Goal

**FERPA** | Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

**FOIA** | Freedom of Information Act

## **G and H Acronyms**

**GE** | General Education

**GPRA** | Government Performance and Results Act

**GT** | Gifted and Talented

**HI** | Hearing Impaired

**HO** | Hearing Officer

**HoH** | Hard of Hearing

**HOUSSE** | High Objective Uniform State Standards of Evaluation

**HQT** | Highly Qualified Teacher

## **I Acronyms**

**IA** | Instructional Assistant

**IAES** | Interim Alternative Educational Setting

**ID** | Intellectual Disabilities

**IDEA** | Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

**IEE** | Individualized Educational Evaluation

**IEP** | Individualized Education Program

**IES** | Institute of Education Sciences

**IFSP** | Individualized Family Service Plan

**IHE** | Institution of Higher Education

**ITCA** | Infants and Toddlers Coordinators Association

**ITP** | Individualized Transition Plan

## **L, M, and N Acronyms**

**LD** | Learning Disability

**LEA** | Local Education Agency

**LEP** | Limited English Proficiency

**LRE** | Least Restrictive Environment

**MD** | Muscular Dystrophy

**MD or MH** | Multiple Disabilities or Multiply Handicapped

**MDR** | Manifestation Determination Review

**MMR** | Mildly Mentally Retarded \*\*

**Mod MR** | Moderately Mentally Retarded \*\*

**MOU** | Memorandum of Understanding

**MR** | Mental Retardation \*\*

**NASDSE** | National Association of State Directors of Special Education

**NCLB** | No Child Left Behind Act (Elementary and Secondary Education Act)

**NIH** | National Institutes of Health

**NIMAS** | National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard

**NIMH** | National Institute of Mental Health

**NPRM** | Notice of Proposed Rule Making

## **O Acronyms**

**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

**OT** | Occupational Therapy

## **P and R Acronyms**

**P&A** | Protection & Advocacy

**PALS** | Peer-Assisted Learning System

**PARCC** | Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers

**PASS** | Plan for Achieving Self-Support

**PBS** | Positive Behavioral Supports

**PCA** | Personal Care Attendant

**PD** | Physical Disability

**PDD** | Pervasive Developmental Disorder

**PEI** | Spanish acronym for the Individualized Education Program (Plan Educativo Individualizado)

**Perkins Act** | Carl Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act

**PII** | Personally Identifiable Information

**PLEP or PLP** | Present Level of Educational Performance or Present Level of Performance

**PP** | Paraprofessional

**PS** | Preschool

**PT** | Physical Therapy

**PTAC** | Parent Technical Assistance Center

**PTI** | Parent Training and Information Center

**RDA** | Results-Driven Accountability

**RFP** | Request for Proposals

**RS** | Related Services

**RTI** | Response to Intervention

**RTTT** | Race to the Top Fund



## **S Acronyms**

§ | This symbol means “Section” as in “§ 300.7 Child with a disability” in the IDEA regulations

**SAS** | Supplementary Aids and Services

**SB** | Spina Bifida

**SCHIP** | State Children’s Health Insurance Program

**SE** | Special Education

**SEA** | State Education Agency

**SEAC** | Special Education Advisory Committee

**Section 504** | Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

**SED** | Serious Emotional Disturbance

**SI** | Sensory Integration

**SIG** | State Improvement Grant

**SIMR** | State-Identified Measurable Results for Children with Disabilities

**SIP** | State Implementation Plan

**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

**SSIP** | State Systemic Improvement Plan

**SST** | Student Study Team

## **T to Z Acronyms**

**TA&D** | Technical Assistance and Dissemination Network funded by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)

**TANF** | Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

**TBI** | Traumatic Brain Injury

**TDD** | Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf

**TMH** | Trainable Mentally Handicapped \*\*

**TMR** | Trainable Mentally Retarded \*\*

**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)

**\*\* Editorial note \*\***

Until October 2010, IDEA used the term “mental retardation.” In October 2010, Rosa’s Law was signed into law by President Obama. Rosa’s Law changed the term to be used in future to “intellectual disability.” The definition of the term itself did not change, only the use of “intellectual disability” instead of “mental retardation.”