

SPECIAL EDUCATION ACRONYMS

Because of the changing nature of legislation and special education programming and policy, a list of acronyms commonly used in special education is maintained on the Minnesota Department of

Education website at <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/sped/049966>

504: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1974

ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act 46

ADHD: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

ASD: Autism Spectrum Disorders

AT: Assistive Technology

AYP: Adequate Yearly Progress

BOSA: Board of School Administrators

BOT: Board of Teaching

BVI: Blind/Visually Impaired

CEIS: Coordinated Early Intervening Services

CFR: Code of Federal Regulations

CSP: Charter Schools Program (U.S. Department of Education)

DAPE: Developmental Adapted Physical Education

DB: Deaf-Blind

DCD: Developmental Cognitive Disability

DD: Developmental Delay

DHH: Deaf and Hard of Hearing

DSM: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders

EBD: Emotional Behavioral Disorder

ECSE: Early Childhood Special Education (Birth-Age 5)

EIS: Early Intervention Services

EL: English learners

ESEA: Elementary and Secondary Education Act

ESSA: Every Student Succeeds Act (replaces No Child Left Behind (NCLB))

ESY: Extended School Year

FAPE: Free Appropriate Public Education

FBA: Functional Behavioral Assessment

FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act 47

HIPAA: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. Also known as Public Law 104-191

HOUSSE: High Objective and Uniform State System of Evaluation

IDEA: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

IEP: Individualized Education Program

IFSP: Individualized Family Service Plan

LD: Learning Disabilities

LEA: Local Education Agency

LEP: Limited English Proficient

LRE: Least Restrictive Environment

MARSS: Minnesota Automated Reporting Student System

MASE: Minnesota Administrators for Special Education

MASA: Minnesota Association of School Administrators

MASBO: Minnesota Association of School Business Officials

MDE: Minnesota Department of Education

MH: Mental Health

MTSS: Multi-tiered System of Supports formerly known as RTI: Response to Intervention

NACSA: National Association of Charter School Authorizers

NAEP: National Assessment of Education Progress

NAPCS: National Alliance for Public Charter Schools

NASDSE: National Association of State Directors of Special Education

NIMAS: National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard

NRT: Norm-referenced test

OCR: Office for Civil Rights (U.S. Department of Education)

OHD: Other Health Disabilities

OSEP: Office of Special Education Programs (U.S. Department of Education)

OSERS: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (U.S. Department of Education)

OT: Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy 48

PAYS: computerized MDE system used to distribute and report on the federal funds

PACER: Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights

PI: Physically Impaired

RRC: Regional Resource Center

RTI: Response to Intervention now known as MTSS Multi-Tiered System of Supports

SEA: State Education Agency

SEAP: Special Education Advisory Panel

SLD: Specific Learning Disability

SMI: Severely Multiply Impaired

SRBI: Scientific, Research-Based Intervention

SRP: School Readiness Plus

STAR: Staff Automated Reporting

SW-PBIS: School wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

TBI: Traumatic Brain Injury

TIES: Technology and Information Educational Services

TSES: Total Special Education System

UFARS: Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards

VI: Visually Impaired

VPK: Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten