

## Arc Guide

### Acronyms in Special Education

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**504 Plan:** a legal document that specifies services & modifications for a student with a disability  
**ABA:** Applied Behavior Analysis  
**ABS:** Adaptive Behavior Scales  
**ADA:** Americans with Disabilities Act  
**ADD/ADHD:** Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder  
**ADL:** Activities of Daily Living  
**ASD:** Autism Spectrum Disorder  
**ASL:** American Sign Language  
**AT:** Assistive Technology  
**AYP:** Adequate Yearly Progress  
**BIP:** Behavior Intervention Plan  
**BSP:** Behavior Support Plan  
**CBT:** Cognitive Behavior Therapy  
**COTA:** Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant  
**CP:** Cerebral Palsy  
**DAPE:** Developmental Adapted Physical Education  
**DCD:** Developmental Cognitive Disability  
**DCD/MM:** Developmental Cognitive Disability/Mild Moderate  
**DCD/SP:** Developmental Cognitive Disability/Severe Profound  
**DD:** Developmental Disability/Developmental Delay  
**D/HH:** Deaf/Hard of Hearing  
**EBD:** Emotional/Behavioral Disability (Disorder)  
**ECFE:** Early Childhood Family Education  
**ECSE:** Early Childhood Special Education  
**ELL:** English Language Learner  
**ESL:** English as a Second Language  
**ESY:** Extended School Year  
**FAPE:** Free Appropriate Public Education  
**FASD/FAS/FAE:** Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder/Effects  
**FBA:** Functional Behavior Assessment  
**FERPA:** Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act  
**FMLA:** Family and Medical Leave Act  
**HI:** Hearing Impaired/Impairment  
**IDEIA:** Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act  
**IEE:** Independent Educational Evaluation  
**IEP:** Individualized Education Program  
**IFSP:** Individualized Family Service Plan

**IHIP:** Individualized Interagency Intervention Plan  
**ISD:** Independent School District  
**ISP:** Individual Service Plan  
**ISS:** In-School Suspension  
**LD:** Learning Disability  
**LEA:** Local Education Agency  
**LEP:** Limited English Proficient  
**LRE:** Least Restrictive Environment  
**MDE:** Minnesota Department of Education  
**MH:** Mental Health  
**MI:** Mental Illness  
**MR:** Mental Retardation  
**NCLB:** No Child Left Behind  
**OCD:** Obsessive Compulsive Disorder  
**OCR:** Office of Civil Rights  
**ODD:** Oppositional Defiant Disorder  
**OHI/OHD:** Other Health Impairment/Disorder  
**OT:** Occupational Therapy/Therapist  
**PBIS:** Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports  
**PSBP:** Positive Behavior Support Plan  
**PDD:** Pervasive Developmental Disorder/Disability  
**PDD-NOS:** Pervasive Developmental Disorder/Not Otherwise Specified  
**PECS:** Picture Exchange Communication System  
**PH:** Physically Handicapped  
**P/HD:** Physical/Health Disability  
**PI:** Physically Impaired  
**PLAAFP:** Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance  
**PLEP:** Present Level of Educational Performance  
**PT:** Physical Therapy/Therapist  
**RC:** Related Condition  
**RTI:** Response to Intervention  
**SEA:** State Education Agency  
**SED:** Severe Emotional Disturbance  
**SI:** Sensory Integration  
**SIB:** Self-Injurious Behavior  
**SIB:** Scales of Independent Behavior  
**SLD:** Specific Learning Disability  
**SL:** Speech/Language  
**SMI:** Severely Multiply Impaired  
**TBI:** Traumatic Brain Injury  
**VI:** Visual Impairment

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