

## Special Education Acronyms and Glossary of Terms

Acronym	Description
504 Plan	504 Accommodation Plan
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AD/HD; ADHD	Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
APD	Auditory Processing Disorder
APE	Adapted Physical Education
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Assistive Technology
AU	Autism
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
CAP; CAPD	Central Auditory Processing Disorder
CFC	Center for Community
CI	Cognitive Impairment
DB	Deaf/Blind
DD	Developmentally Disabled; Developmentally Delayed
DHSS/DBH	Alaska Department of Health & Social Services/Division of Behavioral Health.
DIBELS	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
DJJ	Division of Juvenile Justice
DSS	Disability Support Services
DVR	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
EBD	Emotional and Behavioral Disorders
ED	Emotional Disturbance
ELL	English Language Learner
ELP	Early Learning Program
EOY	End of Year
ESER	Evaluation Summary and Eligibility Report
ESL	English as a Second Language
ESY	Extended School Year
FAPE	Free and Appropriate Public Education
FBA	Functional Behavior Assessment
FERPA	Family Education Rights Privacy Act

HI	Hearing Impaired
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEE	Independent Education Evaluation
IEP	Individualized Educational Program
IFSP	Individual Family Service Plan
LD	Learning Disability
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MD	Multiple Disabilities
OCR	Office of Civil Rights
OCS	Office of Children's Services
OHI	Other Health Impairment
OI	Orthopedic Impairment
O & M	Orientation and Mobility
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs (of U.S. Dept. of Education)
OSERS	Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services (of U.S. Dept. of Education)
OT/PT	Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy
PBS	Positive Behavioral Supports
PLAAPF	Present Levels of Academic Achievement & Functional Performance
PWN	Prior Written Notice
ROI	Release of Information
RTI	Response to Intervention
SAIL	Southeast Alaska Independent Living
SC	Sitka Counseling
SEARHC	Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium
SESA	Special Education Services Agency
SLD	Specific Learning Disability
SLI	Speech Language Impairment
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist
SPED	Special Education
STA	Sitka Tribe of Alaska
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
VI	Visual Impairment
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
YAS	Youth Advocates of Sitka

## Glossary of Terms

Term	Definition
504 Plan	A plan developed to ensure that a child who has an identified disability under the law and is attending an elementary or secondary educational institution receives accommodations that will ensure their academic success and equal access to the general education curriculum.
Accommodation	A change in curriculum or instruction that does not substantially modify the requirement of the class or alter the content standards
Adapted Physical Education (APE)	A diversified program of developmental activities, games, sports, and rhythms suited to the interests, capabilities and needs of students with disabilities who may not successfully engage in a regular physical education program.
Assessment	An initial evaluation (or periodic re-evaluation) to determine whether a child is a child with a disability and to determine the education needs of the child
Assistive Technology (AT)	Any service that directly assists an eligible individual in selecting, acquiring, or using an assistive technology device
Curriculum-based Assessment	A methodology in special education in which a child's progress in the curriculum is measured at frequent intervals.
Due Process Complaint	A filing by a parent or a public agency on matters related to the identification; evaluation; educational placement of a child; or provision of FAPE to the child
Extended School Year (ESY)	A provision for a special education student to receive instruction during ordinary school vacation periods.
Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)	Special education and related services are provided to students with disabilities at public expense and under public supervision and direction at no cost to the student's parents.
Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA)	An evaluation process to understand the purpose, motivation, and correlates of challenging behavior(s) in order to develop a positive and appropriate Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP)
Goals and Objectives	A written component of an IEP: skills the student is expected to reasonably achieve in one year maximum (reviewed and re-evaluated by the IEP team annually)
Individuals with Disabilities Education Acts	Federal law that entitles students with disabilities to special education services.

Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE)	An independent evaluation of a student from a qualified person. Parents have the rights to ask for and obtain an IEE if they disagree with the results of an assessment conducted by the school district. Any IEE must be considered at the IEP.
Individualized Education Program (IEP)	The annually written record of an eligible individual's special education and related services, describing the unique educational needs of the student and the manner in which those educational needs will be met.
IEP Meeting	A gathering required at least annually under IDEA in which an IEP is developed for a student receiving special education.
IEP Team	Parent or legal guardian, student, one general education teacher, one special education teacher, school district representative qualified to provide/supervise provision of specialized instruction. Person(s) who conducted assessment(s) or knowledgeable enough to explain/interpret the results; other individuals who have knowledge or special expertise regarding the student
Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)	A written plan for providing early intervention services to an eligible child with a disability (from birth to 3 <sup>rd</sup> birthday) and to the child's family
Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)	A federal mandate stipulating that, to the maximum extent possible, students with disabilities be educated with their non-disabled peers.
Mediation	A voluntary alternative dispute resolution (ADR) process that may be requested PRIOR to filing a Due Process Complaint. It is not a prerequisite to filing.
Modification	A change in curriculum or instruction that substantially alters the requirement of the class or its content standards or benchmarks.
Office for Civil Rights (OCR)	An agency of the federal government's executive branch within the Department of Education that is charged with enforcing a number of civil rights statutes.
Placement	The unique combination of facilities, personnel, location or equipment necessary to provide instructional services to meet the goals as specified in the student's IEP. Placement is a <b>set of services</b> , not a location.
Prior Written Notice (PWN)	A notice supplied to the other party that includes a description of the action proposed or refused by the school district or by the parent.
Occupational Therapy (OT)	Occupational Therapy is provided to students who have fine motor or sensory integration difficulties in school.

Resolution Meeting	A meeting mandated in IDEA 2004 as part of the Due Process Complaint process where parties attempt to resolve a dispute prior to proceeding to a Due Process Hearing.
Special Education	Specially designed instruction to meet the unique needs of an eligible individual. Special education provides a continuum of services in order to provide for the educational needs of each eligible individual, regardless of the nature or severity of the educational needs.
Speech Language Pathologist (SLP)	A Speech Language Pathologist works with students who have trouble with articulation or language expression (grammar, syntax).
Specific Learning Disability (SLD)	Students who are identified as having a Specific Learning Disability have average or above average intelligence but struggle to learn in school.