

Acronyms Used in Special Education in California

A	AAC	Augmentative Alternative Communication	COE	County Office of Education
	ABA	Applied Behavioral Analysis	COLA	Cost of Living Adjustment
	ACSA	Association of California School Administrators	COTA	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
	ACSE	Advisory Commission on Special Education	CSS	Communication Severity Scales
	ADA	American with Disabilities Act	D DBH	Department of Behavioral Health
	ADA	Average Daily Attendance	DDS	Department of Developmental Services
	ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution	DHH	Deaf/Hard of Hearing
	AIR	American Institutes for Research	DHS	Department of Health Services
	ALJ	Administrative Law Judge	DIBELS	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy
	APE	Adapted Physical Education	DIS	Designated Instructional Service
B	AT	Assistive Technology	DOL	District of Location
	AU	Administrative Unit	DOR	District of Residence
	BCBA	Board Certified Behavioral Analyst	DRDP	Desired Results Developmental Profile
C	BER	Behavior Emergency Report	DTT	Discrete Trial Training
	BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan	E EC	Education Code
	CAA	California Alternate Assessments	ECE	Early Childhood Education
	CAASPP	California Assessment of Student Performance & Progress	ED	Emotional Disturbance
	CAFSE	Coalition for Adequate Funding for Special Education	EL	English Learner
	CAC	Community Advisory Committee	ELA	English/Language Arts
	CALPADS	California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System	ERMHS	Educationally Related Mental Health Services
	CalSTAT	California Services for Technical Assistance and Training	ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act
	CALTIDES	California Longitudinal Teacher Information Data Education System	ESY	Extended School Year
	CASEMIS	California Special Education Management Information System	F FAPE	Free & Appropriate Public Education
D	CBI	Community Based Instruction	FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment
	CCF	Community Care Facility	FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
	CCR	California Code of Regulations	FFA	Foster Family Agency
	CCS	California Children Services	FFH	Family Foster Home
	CDE	California Department of Education	FIEP	Facilitated Individualized Education Program
	CEIS	Coordinated Early Intervening Services	FMTA	Focused Monitoring and Technical Assistance
	CELDT	California English Language Development Test	FRC	Family Resource Center
	CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	FTE	Full time equivalent
			H HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
			HOH	Hearing of Hearing
		HQ	Highly Qualified	

I	IA	Instructional Assistant	OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services	
	ID	Intellectual Disability	OT	Occupational Therapy	
	IDEA	Individualized with Disabilities Education Act	P	PCM	Professional Crisis Management
	IDEIA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act	PCMA	Professional Crisis Management Association	
	IHE	Institute of Higher Education	PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder	
	ISA	Individual Service Agreement (for NPS/NPA)	PECS	Picture Exchange Communication System	
	IAES	Interim Alternative Educational Setting	PENT	Positive Environment, Network of Trainers	
	ICF	Intermediate Care Facility	PS	Program Specialists	
	IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation	PT	Physical Therapy	
	IEP	Individualized Educational Program	PWN	Prior Written Notice	
J	IFSP	Individual Family Service Plan	R	RSP	Resource Specialist Program
	IRC	Inland Regional Center	RS	Related Services	
	ISP	Individual Service Plan (for parentally placed private school students)	Rtl	Response to Instruction and Intervention	
	IWEN	Individual with Exceptional Needs	S	SAI	Specialized Academic Instruction
	L	JPA	Joint Powers Agreement	SCIA	Special Circumstance Instructional Assistance
		LAO	Legislative Analyst's Office	SDC	Special Day Class
		LCI	Licensed Children's Institution	SEA	State Educational Agency
		LEA	Local Educational Agency	SEEDS	Special Education Early Delivery System
		LI	Low Incidence	SEIS	Special Education Information System
		LRE	Least Restrictive Environment	SELPA	Special Education Local Plan Area
LSH		Language, Speech & Hearing	SESR	Special Education Self-Review	
M		MOE	Maintenance of Effort	SH	Severe Handicap
		MTU	Medical Therapy Unit	SLD	Specific Learning Disability
		MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	SLI	Speech/Language Impairment
N	NASDSE	National Association of State Directors of Special Education	SLP	Speech/Language Pathologist	
	NCLB	No Child Left Behind	SLPA	Speech/Language Pathology Assistant	
	NPA	Non-Public Agencies	SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility	
	NPS	Non-Public Schools	SOP	Summary of Performance	
	O	OAH	Office of Administrative Hearings	SPP	State Performance Plan
OCR		Office of Civil Rights	SSC	School Services of California	
OHI		Other Health Impairment	SSID	State Student Identifier	
OI		Orthopedic Impairment	T	TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
O&M		Orientation and Mobility	TEACCH	Treatment and Education of Autistic and Communication Handicapped Children	
OSEP		Office of Special Education Programs	V	VI	Visual Impairment