

## Alphabet Soup

Below is a listing of acronyms/terms that you may encounter when dealing with various student services and/or mental health programs. The purpose of this information is to familiarize you with such acronyms/terms. For further explanation, please contact the Office of Student Services (814/776-4255).

ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD	Attention-Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention-Deficit Hyperactive Disorder
AEP	Alternative Education Program
ALD	Assistive Listening Device
APS	Approved Private School
AS	Autistic Support
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Assistive Technology
AVTS	Area Vocational Technical School
AYP	Annual Yearly Progress
BEC	Basic Education Circular
BICS	Basic Interpersonal Communication Skills
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
BSE	Bureau of Special Education
BSP	Behavior Support Program
CALP	Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency
CAO	Chief Administrative Officer
CART	Computer Aided Realtime Translation
CASSP	Children & Adolescent Service System Program
CAVP	Corrective Action Verification Plan
CBA	Curriculum Based Program
CERC	Corrections Education Records Center
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CLD	Cultural and Linguistic Diversity
COP	Communities of Practice
Cordero	Lawsuit used as the impetus for providing intensive services locally
COTA	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
CTC	Career and Technical Education Center
DAP	Developmentally-Appropriate Practice
D/HOH	Deaf/Hard of Hearing
DIBELS	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
DPW	Department of Public Welfare
ED	Emotional Disturbance
EHCA	The Education For All Handicapped Children Act – PL 94-142
EI	Early Intervention
EIPA	Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment
EITA	Early Intervention Technical Assistance
ELL	English Language Learners
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
ER	Evaluation Report
ES	Emotional Support
ESL	English as Second Language

ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Language
ESY	Extended School Year
FAPE	Free and Appropriate Public Education
FBA	Functional Behavior Assessment
FBS	Family-Based Services – Mental health Service whose care focus is the family
FERPA	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
Gaskins	Lawsuit against PDE to assure provisions of education for student's with disabilities in the least restrictive environment.
GIEP	Gifted Individualized Educational Program
GS	Gifted Support
G/T	Gifted and Talented
GWR	Gifted Written Report
HI	Hearing Impaired
HS	Hearing-Impaired Support
IAES	Interim Alternative Educational Setting
ICC	Interagency Coordinating Council
ICM	Intensive Case Manager
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IGDI	Individual Growth and Development Indicators
ITP	Intensive Treatment Program
IU	Intermediate Unit
LD	Learning Disability
LEA	Local Education Agency
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LICC	Local Interagency Coordinating Council
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
LS	Learning Support
LSS	Life Skills Support
LTCC	Local Transition Coordinating Council
LTF	Local Task Force
MA	Medical Assistance
MAWA	Mutual Agreed upon Written Arrangement
MD	Multiple Disabilities
MDE	Multidisciplinary Evaluation
MDS	Multiple Disabilities Support
MDT	Multidisciplinary Team
MH/MR	Mental Health/Mental Retardation
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MR	Mental Retardation
MT	Mobile Therapy – Therapist provides traditional services in home or school rather than clinic – must be prescribed
NCLB	No Child Left Behind
NI	Neurological Impairment
NORA	Notice of Recommended Assignment
NOREP	Notice of Recommended Educational Placement
NPR	Notice of Parental Rights
O & M	Orientation and Mobility
OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

OCDEL	Office of Child Development and Early Learning
OCR	Office of Civil Rights
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
ODR	Office of Dispute Resolution
OHI	Other Health Impairment
OI	Orthopedic Impairment
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs
OT	Occupational Therapy
OVR	Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
PASA	Pennsylvania Alternative System of Assessment
PaTTAN	Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PDD-NOS	Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not Otherwise Specified
PDE	Pennsylvania Department of Education
PS	Physical Support
PSSA	Pennsylvania System of School Assessment
PT	Physical Therapy
PVAAS	Pennsylvania Value Added Assessment System
RAST	Regional Assessment and Support Team
RR	Reevaluation Report
RTF	Residential Treatment Facility
Rtl	Response to Intervention
SA	Service Agreement
SAP	Student Assistance Program
SaS	Supplementary Aids and Services
SAS	Standards Aligned Systems
SBBH	School Based Behavioral Health
SDI	Specially Designed Instruction
SEA	State Educational Agency
SEAP	Special Education Advisory Panel
SICC	State Interagency Coordinating Council
SLD	Specific Learning Disability
SLI	Speech or Language Impaired
SLS	Speech and Language Support
STL	Short-Term Loan
SWPBIS	Schoolwide Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TDD	Telecommunication Device for the Deaf
TSS	Therapeutic Staff Support – medical prescription needed
TTY	Teletypewriter
UDL	Universal Design for Learning
VI	Visual Impairment
VS	Visually-Impaired Support

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