



Guide to Acronyms

Federal, State, & Local Agencies

Eligibility – FL Exceptional Student

ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder
DHH – Deaf/Hard of Hearing
DD - Developmentally Delayed
DSI – Dual-Sensory Impairment
E/BD – Emotional/Behavioral Disability
HH – Hospital Homebound
InD – Intellectual Disabilities
LI – Language Impairment
OI – Orthopedic Impairment
OHI – Other Health Impairment
SLD – Specific Learning Disabilities
SI – Speech Impaired
TBI – Traumatic Brain Injury
VI – Visual Impairment: Blind & Partly Sighted

AHCA – Agency for Health Care Administration
APD – Agency for Persons with Disabilities
BEESS – Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services
BRIC – BEESS Resource and Information Center
CARD – Center for Autism and Related Disorders
CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CMS – Children’s Medical Services
DCF – Department of Children and Families
DDC – Developmental Disabilities Council
DOE – Department of Education
DOH – Department of Health
EHS – Early Head Start
ELC – Early Learning Coalition
FDLRS – Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System
FIN – Florida Inclusion Network
FSDB – FL School for the Deaf and Blind
FTP – Florida Transition Project
HS – Head Start
OEL – Office of Early Learning
OSEP – Office of Special Education Programs
SEDNET – Severely Emotionally Disturbed Network
SR – School Readiness
SSI – Supplemental Security Income
TATS – Technical Assistance and Training System
VPK – Voluntary Prekindergarten

Early Education & Pre-kindergarten

DD – Developmentally Delayed
EC – Established Conditions
EI – Early Intervention
ESE – Exceptional Student Education
ES – Early Steps
LEA – Local Education Agency
LES – Local Early Steps

Organizations, Resources, & Programs

ADD/ADHD – Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
ASHA – American Speech/Language Hearing Association
CEC – Council for Exceptional Children
DEC – Division of Early Childhood of CEC
DBS – Division of Blind Services
DDP – Developmental Disabilities Program
EFMP – Exceptional Family Member Program
MD – Muscular Dystrophy Association
NAEYC – National Association for the Education of Young Children
NECTAC – National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
NICHCY – National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities
NICU – Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NORD – National Organization for Rare Disorders
PPEC – Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care
UCP – United Cerebral Palsy

Services & Service Providers

ABA – Applied Behavior Analysis
AT – Assistive Technology
FRS – Family Resource Specialist
ITDS – Infant-Toddler Developmental Specialist
O&M – Orientation and Mobility
OT – Occupational Therapy/Therapist
PBS – Positive Behavior Support
PSC – Primary Service Coordinator
PT – Physical Therapy/Therapist
SLP – Speech Language Pathologist

Processes, Procedures, Guidelines

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act
FAPE – Free Appropriate Public Education
IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act
IEP – Individual Education Plan
IFSP – Individualized Family Support Plan
ISP – Individualized Service Plan
ITP – Individualized Transition Plan
LRE – Least Restrictive Environment
RtI – Response to Intervention
R&R – Recognition and Response
UDL – Universal Design for Learning