

SPECIAL EDUCATION TERMINOLOGY: COMMONLY-USED ACRONYMS

For definitions of these and other terms, see [*“Special Education Terminology: Definitions.”*](#)

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ED	U.S. Department of Education
EIS	Early Intervening Services (could also be Early Intervention Services)
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act (the most recent reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act [ESEA])
504	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1974
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	Individualized Education Program
LEA	Local Education Agency (school district)
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
NAPCS	National Alliance for Public Charter Schools
NLCB	No Child Left Behind (the previous reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act [ESEA])
OCR	Office for Civil Rights
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs
RTI	Response to Intervention
SEA	State Education Agency