

## Arc Guide to Acronyms

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**504 Plan:** A legal document that specifies services & modifications for a student with a disability.

**ABS:** Adaptive Behavior Scales

**ADA:** Americans with Disabilities Act

**ADD/ADHD:** Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

**ADL:** Activities of Daily Living

**ASD:** Autism Spectrum Disorder

**ASL:** American Sign Language

**AT:** Assistive Technology

**BIP:** Behavior Intervention Plan

**BSP:** Behavior Support Plan

**CBI:** Community Based Instruction

**COTA:** Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant

**CP:** Cerebral Palsy

**DAPE:** Developmental Adapted Physical Education

**DCD:** Developmental Cognitive Disability

**DCD/M-M:** Developmental Cognitive Disability/Mild-Moderate

**DCD/S-P:** Developmental Cognitive Disability/Severe-Profound

**DD:** Developmentally Delayed/Disabled

**D/HH:** Deaf/Hard of Hearing

**DME:** Durable Medical Equipment

**EBD:** Emotional/Behavioral Disability/Disorder

**ECFE:** Early Childhood Family Education

**ECSE:** Early Childhood Special Education

**ESL:** English as a Second Language

**ESY:** Extended School Year

**FAPE:** Free Appropriate Public Education

**FASD (FAS, FAE):** Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

**FBA:** Functional Behavior Assessment

**FERPA:** Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

**FMLA:** Family and Medical Leave Act

**HI:** Hearing Impaired/Impairment

**IDEIA:** Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (2004 Revision of IDEA)

**IEE:** Independent Educational Evaluation

**IEP:** Individualized Education Program/Plan

**IFSP:** Individualized Family Service Plan (Early Childhood)

**IHP:** Individual Health Plan (attached to an IEP)

**IHIP:** Individualized Interagency Intervention Plan

**ISD:** Independent School District

**ISP:** Individual Service Plan

**ISS:** In School Suspension

**LD:** Learning Disability

**LEA:** Local Education Agency

**LRE:** Least Restrictive Environment

**MDE:** Minnesota Department of Education (formerly MCFL)

**MH:** Mental Health

**MI:** Mental Illness

**MR:** Mental Retardation

**OCD:** Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder

**ODD:** Oppositional Defiant Disorder

**OHD:** Other Health Disabilities

**OT:** Occupational Therapy/Therapist

**PDD:** Pervasive Developmental Disorder

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**PDD-NOS:** Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not Otherwise Specified

**PECS:** Picture Exchange Communication System

**Percentile Rank:** Ranks students in comparison with other students.

**PH:** Physically Handicapped

**P/HD:** Physical/Health Disabilities

**PHN:** Public Health Nurse

**PI:** Physically Impaired

**PLEP:** Present Levels of Educational Performance

**PT:** Physical Therapy/Therapist

**RC:** Related Condition

**ROM:** Range of Motion

**SD:** Standard Deviation

**SEA:** State Education Agency

**SED:** Severe Emotional Disturbance

**SEM:** Standard Error of Measurement

**SI:** Sensory Integration

**SIB:** Self-Injurious Behavior

**SIB:** Scales of independent behavior

**SLD:** Specific Learning Disability

**SL:** Speech/Language

**SMI:** Severely Multiply Impaired

**SW:** Social Worker

**TBI:** Traumatic Brain Injury

**TOSA:** Teacher on Special Assignment

**VI:** Visual Impairment

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