

<p>ABA Applied Behavior Analysis Evidence-based therapy for children with autism or other intensive behaviors.</p>	<p>AT Assistive Technology Low or high tech tools, apps or devices that help your child access their learning.</p>	<p>BIP Behavior Intervention Plan Explains triggers and strategies for support from an FBA assessment, used by the whole school.</p>	<p>BSP Behavior Support Plan Created by a school counselor, teachers and parents to support a child's behavior.</p>	<p>DES District Educational Specialist A district-level teacher supporting special education in schools</p>
<p>EA Educational Assistant School-based staff providing academic, & non-academic support to students.</p>	<p>ESY Extended School Year Educational or related services provided during extended school breaks.</p>	<p>FAPE Free Appropriate Public Education Special education and related services provided at no charge.</p>	<p>FBA Functional Behavior Assessment Done by a licensed professional in the DOE to create the BIP</p>	<p>FERPA Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act A law that protects your child's school records and your right to access them.</p>
<p>GE Geographical Exception To apply for your child to attend a public school other than the school closest to home.</p>	<p>IDEA Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Federal law that protects your child's rights to special education services.</p>	<p>IEE Independent Educational Evaluation One or more evaluations by a private party, paid for by parents or the school.</p>	<p>IEP Individualized Education Program A legal document with assessments, goals, services and supports.</p>	<p>IFSP Individualized Family Support Plan Used by Early Intervention to determine services.</p>

Top 30 Special Ed Acronyms*

to help families understand jargon in an IEP and grow their knowledge and advocacy.

<p>LBA Licensed Behavior Analyst Administers the FBA, designs the BIP and oversees the RBTs.</p>	<p>LRE Least Restrictive Environment The place where your child learns, starting with the gen ed classroom.</p>	<p>MD Manifestation Determination Related to suspensions, to see if the behavior is caused by their disability.</p>	<p>OT Occupational Therapy A related service that helps with skills like writing, using tools or self-care.</p>	<p>PBIS Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports A school approach that teaches and rewards positive behavior.</p>
<p>PLAAFP Present Levels of Academic Achievement & Functional Performance. A summary of your child's needs and strengths.</p>	<p>PT Physical Therapy A related service that helps the student with movement, balance and strength.</p>	<p>PWN Prior Written Notice A letter from the school explaining decisions about sped services & why they were made.</p>	<p>RBT Registered Behavioral Technician Works 1:1 with children to implement ABA and improve skills.</p>	<p>SBA Smarter Balanced Assessment Statewide testing in grades 3-8 & 11, for English & math.</p>
<p>SBBH School-Based Behavioral Health Mental & behavioral health services provided at school.</p>	<p>SDI Specially Designed Instruction Teaching that is changed or adapted to meet your child's needs.</p>	<p>SLP Speech-Language Pathology A related service that helps with speech & communication needs.</p>	<p>SpEd Special Education Services and supports to teach children with disabilities who have an IEP.</p>	<p>SSC Student Services Coordinator Sets up services outlined in the IEP with all needed providers.</p>

* What is an acronym? A word made from the first letters of other words