

## ACRONYMS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

ADD – Attention Deficit Disorder

ADHD – Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

AT – Assistive Technology

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BIP – Behavior Intervention Plan

BSEA – Bureau of Special Education Appeals

BTR – Behavioral Treatment Residence

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DCF – Department of Children and Families (formerly DSS)

DD – Developmental Delay

DDS – Department of Developmental Services (formerly DMR, effective 7/1/09)

DESE – Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (formerly DOE)

DMH – Department of Mental Health

DPH – Department of Public Health

DYS – Department of Youth Services

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ED – Emotional Disability

EI – Early Intervention

ESY – Extended School Year

ETV – Educational and Training Voucher

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FAPE – Free Appropriate Public Education

FBA – Functional Behavioral Assessment

FERPA- Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

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GAL – Guardian Ad Litem

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IAES – Interim Alternative Educational Setting

IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 Public Law 108-446

IEE – Independent Education Evaluation

IEP – Individual Education Program

IFC – Intensive Foster Care

IFSP – Individual Family Service Plan

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LEA – Local Education Agency

LD – Learning Disability

LRE – Least Restrictive Environment

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MCAS – Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System

MCB – Massachusetts Commission for the Blind

MCDHH – Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

McKinney-Vento – Homeless Assistance Act

MRC – Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission

MTSS – Massachusetts Tiered System of Support

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OT – Occupational Therapy

PLEP – Present level of Educational Performance

PT – Physical Therapy

PL – Public Law

PQA – Program Quality Assistance

PTSD – Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

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SEA – State Education Agency

SED – Serious Emotional Disability

SEIS – Special Education in Institutional Settings

Section 504 – Section of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973

SESP – Special Education Surrogate Parent

SLD – Specific Learning Disability

STARR – Stabilization, Assessment, and Rapid Reunification

TPF – Transition Planning Form

VR – Visiting Resource