

## IDEA Alphabet Soup

504	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Federal law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities by recipients of federal money, generally state and local governments, schools and colleges. 504 Plans for students with disabilities are different than IEPs.
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act. Federal law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities - no federal money required
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder. This is a medical diagnosis and not a listed disability under IDEA.
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge. ALJs work for Florida's Division of Administrative Hearings, and are not local judges. They preside over special education due process hearings.
APD	Agency for Persons with Disabilities. A Florida state agency created in 2004 whose responsibilities were previously with DCF's Developmental Services. Serves people with developmental disabilities.
BEESS	Bureau of Exceptional Education Student Services. The division of Florida's Department of Education with responsibility for educating students with disabilities.
BIP	Behavioral Intervention Plan.
DCF	Department of Children and Families. The state agency with responsibility for, among other things, foster care and mental health.
DD	Developmental Disability.
DOH	Department of Health. The state agency with responsibility for, among other things, Children's Medical Services which administers the Early Steps Program.
ED	U.S. Department of Education. (Note that federal terminology for DOE refers to Dept. of Energy)
EH	Emotionally Handicapped.
EIS	Early Intervention Services.
EMH	Educably Mentally Handicapped. Florida's definition for mild mental retardation.
ESE	Exceptional Student Education. Florida's term for special education. Includes services under the IDEA. Florida also includes Gifted in ESE, which is not a federal category.
ESOL	English as a Second Language.
ESY	Extended School Year.
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education.
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment.
FCAT	Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test.
FDOE	Florida Department of Education.
FDLRS	Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System. Provides diagnostic and instructional support services to district exceptional student education programs and families of students with exceptionalities statewide.
HH	Hospital/Homebound.

HI	Hearing Impaired. A listed disability under the IDEA.
IAES	Interim Alternative Educational Services.
IDEA	Individuals With Disabilities Education Act.
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation.
IEP	Individualized Education Program.
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan. These are essentially IEPs for infants and toddlers.
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment.
MR	Mental retardation. Listed disability under IDEA. Florida terms this as EMH, TMH and PMH.
NCLB	No Child Left Behind. Federal law that applies to all schools and all children, not just children with disabilities.
OCR	Office of Civil Rights. Office within U.S. Department of Education which oversees compliance with Section 504.
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder. This is a mental health diagnosis and not a listed disability under IDEA..
OHI	Other Health Impaired. A listed disability under the IDEA.
OSEP	Office of Special Education and Programs. Office within U.S. Department of Education which oversees compliance with IDEA.
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. Office within U.S. Department of Education which oversees OCR and OSEP.
OT	Occupational Therapy.
PI	Physically Impaired. Florida's definition for Orthopedic Impairment, a listed disability under the IDEA.
PLOP	Present Levels of Performance.
PMH	Profoundly Mentally Handicapped. Florida's definition for severe mental retardation
PT	Physical Therapy.
SED	Serious Emotional Disturbance. A listed disability under the IDEA.
SLD	Specific Learning Disability. A listed disability under the IDEA.
SLI	Speech Language Impairment. A listed disability under the IDEA.
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury. A listed disability under the IDEA.
TMH	Trainably Mentally Handicapped. Florida's definition for moderate mental retardation.
VI	Visually impaired. A listed disability under the IDEA.

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