**Special Education Terms and their meanings**

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| **ACRONYM** | **MEANING** |
| **504** | **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act** |
| **ADA** | **Americans with Disabilities Act** |
| **AT** | **Assistive Technology** |
| **CAC** | **Community Advisory Committee on Special Education** |
| **CASE** | **Community Alliance for Special Education** |
| **DIS** | **Designated Instruction and Services** |
| **DOE** | **U.S. Department of Education** |
| **DOR** | **Department of Rehabilitation** |
| **DREDF** | **Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund** |
| **FAPE** | **Free and Appropriate Public Education** |
| **FERPA** | **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act** |
| **IDEA** | **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act** |
| **IEE** | **Independent Educational Evaluation** |
| **IEP** | **Individualized Educational Program** |
| **IFSP** | **Individualized Family Service Plan** |
| **IPP** | **Individual Program Plan (Regional Center)** |
| **LEA** | **Local Education Agency** |
| **LRE** | **Least Restrictive Environment** |
| **NCEC** | **Non-Categorical Early Childhood** |
| **NCLB** | **No Child Left Behind** |
| **OAH** | **Office of Administrative Hearings** |
| **OCR** | **U.S. Office for Civil Rights** |
| **OEO** | **Office of Equal Opportunity / CDE** |
| **OHI** | **Other Health Impairments**  |
| **OSEP** | **U.S. Office of Special Education Programs / DOE** |
| **OSERS** | **U.S. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Programs** |
| **OT/PT** | **Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy** |
| **PAI** | **Protection and Advocacy, Inc.** |
| **PSRS** | **Procedural Safeguards and Referral Services / CDE** |
| **PWN** | **Prior Written Notice** |
| **SELPA** | **Special Education Local Plan Area** |
| **SERR** | ***“Special Education Rights and Responsibilities”* book** |
| **SLP** | **Speech Language Pathologist** |
| **SPED** | **Special Education** |