

Acronyms and Initials

Following is a list of acronyms and initials that you may hear or read in the field of assistive technology. Some are no longer in use, but are included to help in reading older documents.

A

AAC	Augmentative and Alternative Communication
AAMD	American Association on Mental Deficiency
AASA	American Association of School Administrators
ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis
AC	Augmentative Communication
ACEI	Association for Childhood Education International
ACFMR	Accreditation Council for Facilities for the Mentally Retarded
ACLD	Association for Children with Learning Disabilities
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADC	Aid to Dependent Children
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Disorder with Hyperactivity Disorder
ADM	Average Daily Membership
AER	Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
AERA	American Educational Research Association
AFDC	Aid to Families with Dependent Children
AFS	Adult and Family Services
AFT	American Federation of Teachers
AHSD	Adult High School Diploma
AIR	American Institute of Research
AIT	Agency for instructional Technology
AMDI	Advanced Multimedia Devices, Inc.
APA	American Psychological Association
APE	Adapted Physical Education
Arc	Previously: Association for Retarded Citizens, now Arc is official name
ARD	Admission, Review, Dismissal (term used in Texas for IEP mtg.)
ASA	Autism Society of America
ASCD	Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Exchange
ASHA	American Speech-Language Hearing Association
ASOHI	Association for Severely Other Health Impaired
AT	Assistive Technology
ATA	Alliance for Technology Access
ATACP	Assistive Technology Application Certificate Program
ATI	Assistive Technology, Inc.
ATIA	Assistive Technology Industry Association
ATMD	Assistive Technology Mobility Devices
ATOMS	Assistive Technology Outcomes Measurement System

ATP Assistive Technology Practitioner
ATTO Assistive Technology Training Online
AVA American Vocational Association

B

BD Behavioral Disability or Brain Damaged
BEH Bureau of Education for the Handicapped
BI Brain Injury
BIA Bureau of Indian Affairs

C

CA Chronological Age
CAI Computer Assisted Instruction
CAM Certificate of Advanced Mastery
CAST Center for Applied Special Technology
CAT Committee on Accessible Transportation
CATO Coalition for Assistive Technology in Oregon
CCD Crippled Children's Division
CCS Crippled Children's Services
CCSD Computer Controlled Speech Device
CCTV Closed Circuit Television
CD Communication Disorder or Cognitive Disability or Compact Disc
CDC Child Development Center
CDMRC Child Development and Mental Retardation Center
CDRC Child Development and Rehabilitation Center
CD-ROM Compact Disc Read Only Memory
CDS Child Development Specialists or Communication Disorder Specialist
CEC Council for Exceptional Children
CFLA Community Family and living Amendments
CFR Code of Federal Regulations
CHAP Child Health Assurance Program
CHD Center on Human Development
CIM Certificate of Initial Mastery
CMHP Community Mental Health Program
CMS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
COTA Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
COW Co:Writer (software)
CP Cerebral Palsy
CPU Central Processing Unit (main part of computer with mother board)
CSD Children's Services Division
CSPD Comprehensive System of Personnel Development
CSUN California State University at Northridge (sponsors Conference on
Technology and Disabilities)
CTE Center for Technology in Education

CTG Closing the Gap
CYSHCN Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

D

D & E Diagnosis and Evaluation
DAISY Digital Accessible Information SYstem
DARTS Day and Residential Treatments Services
DD Developmental Disability or Developmentally Delayed
DDC Developmental Disabilities Council
DDD Division of Developmental Disabilities (a Division of CEC)
DEC Division of Early Childhood (a Division of CEC)
DHR Department of Human Resources
DJI Don Johnston, Inc.
DOE Department of Education
DOS Disc Operating System
DPI Department of Public Instruction
DQ Developmental Quotient
DS Down Syndrome or Direction Services

E

ECE Early Childhood Education
ECSE Early Childhood Special Education
ED Emotional Disturbance
EEU Experimental Education Unit
EH Emotional Handicap
EHA Education of the Handicapped Act
EI Early Intervention
ELL English Language Learner
EMR Educable Mental Retardation
EPSDT Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
ERC Education Resource Center
ERIC Educational Research Information Center
ESA Education Service Agency
ESC Education Service Center
ESD Education Service District
ESL English as a Second Language
ESOL English as a Second or Other Language
ESY Extended School Year
EYS Extended Year Services (ECSE)

F

FAPE Free Appropriate Public Education

FAST	Foundation for Assistive Technology
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment
FC	Foster Care
FDAB	Fair Dismissal Appeals Board
FEAT	Functional Evaluation for Assistive Technology
FERPA	Family Education and right to Privacy Act
FMLA	Family Medical Leave Act
FR	Federal Register
FSA	Family Support
FSH	Foundation for Science and the Handicapped
FTE	Full time Equivalent
FY	Fiscal Year

G

GAO	General Accounting Office
GAPS	Guardianship, Advocacy and Protective Services (a program of ARC)
GED	Graduation Equivalency Diploma
GIF	Format composed of colored dots used for web images
GLARRC	Great Lakes Area Regional Resource Center
GPAT	Georgian Project for Assistive Technology
GPO	Government Printing Office

H

HCFA	Health Care Finance Administration
HHS	Health and Human Services
HI	Hearing Impairment, Hearing Impaired, or Health Impairment
HS	Head Start or High School
HTML	Hyper Text Markup Language (used for websites)
HUD	Housing and Urban Development

I

ICC	Interagency Coordinating Council
ICF/MR	Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IFSP	Individualized Family Services Plan
IHE	Institutions of Higher Education
IHP	Individualized Habilitation Program or Plan
IHTP	Individualized Habilitation and Treatment Plan
ILC	Independent Living Center
ILP	Independent Living Plan
IMC	Instructional Materials Center
IML	Instructional Materials Laboratory

I/O	Input/Output
IPP	Individualized Program Plan
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
ISP	Individualized Service Plan
IT	Instructional Technology
ITEA	International Technology Education Association

J

JPEG	Format of colored dots used for photos by digital cameras and web Browsers
JSET	Journal of Special Education Technology
JTPA	Jobs Training Partnership Act

L

LAN	Local Area Network
LD	Learning Disability
LEA	Local Education Agency
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LPTA	Licensed Physical Therapy Assistant
LRC	Learning Resource Center
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
LTCF	Long Term Care Facility
LTCT	Long Term Care and Treatment

M

MA	Mental Age or Master of Arts
MATP	Massachusetts Assistive Technology Partnership
MBD	Minimal Brain Dysfunction
MBO	Management by Objective
MDT	Multidisciplinary Team
MED	Mental or Emotional Disturbance
MH	Multiple Handicaps
Mhz	Megahertz
MIS	Management Information Systems
MMR	Mild Mental Retardation
MR/DD	Mental Retardation/Developmental Disability
MR/MED	Mental Retardation and Mental or Emotional Disturbance (sometimes referred to as dual diagnosis)

N

NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress
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NAESP	National Association of Elementary School Principals
NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children
NAS	National Academy of Sciences
NASASPS	National Association of State Administrators and Supervisors of Private Schools
NASBE	National Association of State Boards of Education
NASDSE	National Association of State Directors of Special Education
NASSP	National Association of Secondary School Principals
NATE	National Assistive Technology in Education Network
NATRI	National Assistive Technology Research Institute
NCLB	No Child Left Behind (Elementary and Secondary Education Act)
NCREL	North Central Regional Education Laboratory
NCTI	National Center for Technology Innovation
NDT	Neurodevelopmental Therapy
NECTAS	National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System
NERRC	New England Regional Resource Center
NFB	National Federation of the Blind
NICEM	National Information Center for Educational Media
NICHCY	National Information Center for Handicapped Children and Youth
NIDRR	National Institute for Disability and Rehabilitation Research
NIE	National Institute of Education
NRC	National Research Council
NSBA	National School Boards Association
NSF	National Science Foundation
NTSA	National Tuberos Sclerosis Association
NWREL	Northwest Regional Education Laboratory

O

OATS	Open Source Assistive Technology Software
OCR	Optical Character Recognition
OJT	On the Job Training
OMAP	Office of Medical Assistance Programs
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OS	Operating System
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs (in US Office of Education)
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (in US Office of Education)
OSPI	Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
OT	Occupational Therapist or Therapy
OTAP	Oregon Technology Access Program

P

P & A	Protection and Advocacy
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PC	Personal Computer
PCMR	President's Committee on Mental Retardation
PDF	Portable Document Format
PGA	Parent's Graduation Alliance
PIC	Private Industry Council
PIP	Parent's Information Packet
PL	Physical Limitation or Public Law
PL 94-142	Original law authorizing the education of children who have disabilities (Education for All Handicapped Children Act)
PL 101-476	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act amendment of 1991 (IDEA)
PL 105-17	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act amendment of 1997 (IDEA)
PT	Physical Therapist or Therapy
PY	Project Year

Q

QIAT	Quality Indicators for Assistive Technology Services
QMRP	Qualified Mental Retardation Professional
QWERTY	Arrangement of keys on a standard keyboard

R

RAM	Random Access Memory
RCF	Residential Care Facility
RCH	Residential Care Home
RESNA	Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America
ROM	Read Only Memory
RPT	Registered Physical Therapy
R & T	Research and Training
RTH	Residential Training Home

S

SACSE	State Advisory Council for Special Education
SCIA	Special Children's Intervention Association
SCSI	Small Computer System Interface
SCSHN	Services for Children with Special Health Needs
SEA	State Education Agency
SED	Severe Emotional Disturbance
SET-BC	Special Education Technology in British Columbia
SETP	Special Education Technology Practice (journal)
SETT	Student, Environment, Task, Tool
SDP	Speaking Dynamically Pro (Software from Mayer-Johnson, Inc.)

SI	Sensory Integration
SILP	Semi-Independent Living Program
SLC	Structured Learning Center
SLD	Specific Learning Disability
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist or Pathology
SPMR	Severe and Profound Mental Retardation
SSA	Social Security Act
SSD	Senior Services Division or Social Security Disability
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SVGA	Super Video Graphics Array (type of monitor)

T

TA	Technical Assistance
TAM	Technology and Media Division (a division of CEC)
TASH	The Association for persons with severe disabilities
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TDD	Telecommunication Device for the Deaf
TIFF	Format of colored dots used for images that will be printed
TMR	Trainable Mental Retardation
TTY	Teletypewriter for deaf individuals (see TDD)

U

UAF	University Affiliated Facility
UAP	University Affiliated Program
UCP	United Cerebral Palsy
UDL	Universal Design for Learning
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
USB	Universal Serial Bus
USDE	United States Department of Education

V

VI	Visual Impairment
VRD	Vocational Rehabilitation Division
VSA	Very Special Arts

W

WAC	Work Activity Center
WATA	Washington Assistive Technology Alliance

WATI	Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative
WOL	Write:Out Loud (software)
WWW	World Wide Web
WRRC	Western Regional Resource Center
WYNN	What You Need Now (software program)