



Exceptional Student Services

Educational Acronyms in AZ

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EDUCATION

A—autism
AAC—Arizona Administrative Code (State Board of Education rules)
AAC—augmentative and alternative communication
AASA—Arizona’s Academic Standards Assessment
ABA—applied behavior analysis
ADA—Americans with Disabilities Act
ADE/ESS—Arizona Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services
ADHD—attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
ADHS—Arizona Department of Health Services
ADM—average daily membership (finance)
AEEB—Arizona Education Employment Board
AEM—accessible educational materials
AFR—Annual Financial Report (finance)
AHCCCS—Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
ALJ—administrative law judge (due process hearings)
ALTCS—Arizona Long Term Care System (part of Arizona’s Medicaid system)
Alt ELPA—Arizona’s Alternate English Language Proficiency Assessment
AOC—Administrative Office of the Courts
APE—adapted physical education
APR—annual performance report
ARS—Arizona Revised Statutes
ASBA—Arizona School Boards Association
ASBE—Arizona State Board of Education
ASD—autism spectrum disorder
ASDB—Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
ASH—Arizona State Hospital
ASHA—American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
ASL—American Sign Language
ASU—Arizona State University
ASV—annual site visit
AT—assistive technology
AZ FIND—ADE/ESS Child Find
AZ-TAS—Arizona Technical Assistance System
AZCoPT—Arizona Community of Practice on Transition
AzEDS—Arizona Education Data Standards (Arizona’s statewide data management system)
AzEIP—Arizona Early Intervention Program (Part C under IDEA serving Birth to Age 3)
AZELLA—Arizona English Language Learner Assessment
AZPLS—Arizona Professional Learning Series
AZRS—Arizona Relay Service (free captioning for telephone calls for hearing loss)
AzSCI—Arizona’s Science Assessment
AzTAP—Arizona Technology Access Program

BIA—Bureau of Indian Affairs
BIE—Bureau of Indian Education
BIP—behavioral intervention plan

CASE—Council of Administrators of Special Education
CCC-SLP—Certificate of Clinical Competence in speech-language pathology
CCCs Project—College and Career Competencies Project
CDA—comprehensive developmental assessment
CEC—Council for Exceptional Children
CEDS—Common Education Data Standards
CEEDAR Center—Collaboration for Effective Educator Development, Accountability, and Reform
CEIS—coordinated early intervening services
CFR—Code of Federal Regulations
CoP—community of practice
COS—Child Outcomes Summary
COTA—certified occupational therapist assistant
CTDS—county, town, district, school numbering system
CTE—Career and Technical Education
CTED—career and technological education district
CTSO—Career and Technical Student Organizations
CYSHCN—Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

DBHS—Division of Behavioral Health Services (under Department of Health Services)
DD—developmental disability
DDD—Division of Developmental Disabilities (under Department of Economic Security)
DEC—Division of Early Childhood/Council for Exceptional Children
DES—Department of Economic Security
DIBELS—Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
DOA—district of attendance
DOR—district of residence
DP—due process
DR—Dispute Resolution (ESS unit)
DRO—data review only monitoring
DRC—Disability Resource Center
DSM-V—Diagnostic and Statistical Manual V

ECAP—Education and Career Action Plan
ECQUIP—Early Childhood Quality Improvement Practices process
ECSE—Early Childhood Special Education (ESS unit)
ECTA— Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
ED—emotional disability
ED-P—program for students with emotional disabilities in a private or intensive setting
EI—early intervention (provided through AZEIP)
EIPA—Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment
ELA—English language arts
EL—English learner
ESEA—Elementary and Secondary Education Act
ESL—English as a Second Language
ESSA—Every Student Succeeds Act of December 2015 (latest version of ESEA)
ESY—extended school year

FAPE—free appropriate public education
FBA—functional behavioral assessment
FERPA—Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FFY—federal fiscal year (October 1– September 30)
FIEP—facilitated individual education program (meeting)
FTE—full-time equivalent
FTF—First Things First
FY—state fiscal year (July 1–June 30)

GED—general educational development test (5-subject test to certify high school academic skills)
GEPA—General Education Provision Act (grants)
GETSET—General Education Teacher to Special Education Teacher tuition reimbursement program
GME—Grants Management Enterprise (grants)

HI—hearing impairment
HIPAA—Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HLS—home language survey (replacement for
PHLOTE—primary home language other than English)
HS—Head Start (Early Childhood Programs)
HSD—home school district (residential and institutional vouchers)

IAES—interim alternative educational setting
ICC—Interagency Coordinating Council (IDEA Part C, Birth to 3)
IDEA—Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004
IEE—independent educational evaluation
IEP—individualized education program
IFSP—individualized family service plan (AzEIP birth–3 family plan)
IHE—institute of higher education
IQ—intelligence quotient

LCSW—licensed clinical social worker
LEA—local education agency
LEP—limited English proficiency
LETRS—Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling
LRE—least restrictive environment

M & O—maintenance and operations (finance)
MD—multiple disabilities
MD-SSI—multiple disabilities with severe sensory impairment
MET—multidisciplinary evaluation team
MFS—Maintenance of Financial Support
MIID—mild intellectual disability
MOE—maintenance of effort (grants)
MOID—moderate intellectual disability
MOWR—Move On When Reading
MPG—measurable postsecondary goal
MSAA—Multi-State Alternate Assessment
MSBC—Medicaid School-Based Claiming (AHCCCS)
MTBS—Multi-Tiered Behavior Supports (professional learning opportunity offered by ESS)
MTSS—multi-tiered system of supports

NAEP—National Assessment of Educational Progress
NASDSE—National Association of State Directors of Special Education
NAU—Northern Arizona University
NCES—National Center for Educational Statistics
NIMAC—National Instructional Materials Access Center
NIMAS—National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard
NSE—not special education

OCR—Office for Civil Rights
OESE—Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
OHI—other health impairment
OI—orthopedic impairment
ORF—oral reading fluency
OSEP—Office of Special Education Programs (within OSERS)
OSERS—Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services
OSM—on-site monitoring
OT—occupational therapy
O & M—orientation and mobility

Part B—Special Education: 3 to 21 years old (IDEA)
Part C—Special Education: Birth to 3 years old (IDEA)
PBIS—positive behavioral interventions and supports
PD—professional development
PE—physical education
PEA—public education agency (similar to LEA but includes secure care schools and state institutions)
PLAAFP—present levels of academic achievement and functional performance
PLC—professional learning community
PLS—Professional Learning and Sustainability (ESS unit)
Pre-ETS—Pre-Employment Transition Services
Pre-K—prekindergarten
PPPSS—Parentally placed private school student
PSD—preschool severe delay
PSM—Program Support and Monitoring (ESS unit)
PSO—Post School Outcome(s)
PT—physical therapist
PTIC—parent training and information center (Raising Special Kids in Arizona)
PWN—prior written notice

RBHA—regional behavioral health authority
RDA—results-driven accountability
RECP—Regular Early Childhood Program
RSA/VR—Rehabilitation Services of Arizona/Vocational Rehabilitation
RSE—residential special education
RSK—Raising Special Kids
RTC—residential treatment center
RTI—response to intervention

SALT Center—Strategic Alternative Learning Techniques Center (academic support program at UA)
SC—Secure Care
SC —Service Coordinator
SD—standard deviation
SDI—specially designed instruction
SEA—state education agency (ADE)
SELECT—Special Education Learning Experiences for Competency in Teaching (online courses)
SEAP—Special Education Advisory Panel (IDEA Part B, 3 to 21)
Section 611—Special Education: 3 to 21 years old (IDEA)
Section 619—Special Education: 3 to 5 years old (IDEA)
SEI—structured English immersion
SETTA—Special Education Teacher Tuition Assistance program
SID—severe intellectual disability
SIMR—State-Identified Measurable Result, part of SSIP
SLD—specific learning disability
SLI—speech-language impairment
SLP—speech-language pathologist
SLPA—speech-language pathology assistant
SLT—speech-language technician
SOP—summary of performance
SPA—state placing agency
SPDG—state personnel development grant
SPP—state performance plan
SPP/APR—state performance plan/annual performance report
SSA—Social Security Administration
SID/SSID—State Student ID
SSIP—state systemic improvement plan
SSN—Social Security number
SIS—Student Information System
STAR—Strategies for Teaching Based on Autism Research
STEAM—science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics
STEM—science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
STO—short term objective

TA—technical assistance
TBI—traumatic brain injury
TDD—telecommunications device for the deaf
TOT—training of trainers
TSW—Transition from School to Work
TTY—Teletypewriters (phone device for people who are deaf; TDD)

UA—The University of Arizona
UDL—universal design for learning
UEI—unique entity identifier (number system for federal grants, replaced DUNS)
USC—United States Code
USFR—Uniform System of Financial Records (accounting and financial reporting manual for Arizona PEAs)

VI—visual impairment

WIOA—Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (July 22, 2014)

21st CCLC—21st Century Community Learning Centers