



Exceptional Student Services

Educational Acronyms in AZ

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A — autism
A.A.C. — 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)
AltELPA — 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
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
Az-Tech — Assistive Technology (ESS unit)
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
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
CC — certificate of clinical competence in speech-language pathology (also CCC-SLP)
CCC's — 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
CP — cerebral palsy
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 & 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 assistance 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: 3–21 years old
Part C — Special Education: Birth to 3 years old
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 (*also used for 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: 3–21 years old
Section 619 — Special Education: 3–5 years old
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 (accessed through ESS PLS)
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