

## **Glossary of Abbreviations and Terms**

<b>ADA</b>	Americans with Disabilities Act, federal law which bars discrimination based on disability
<b>ADD</b>	Attention Deficit Disorder, a disability which may qualify a student for special education services
<b>ADHD</b>	Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder, disability which may affect educational performance, may qualify a student for special education services
<b>AI or ASD</b>	Autism Impairment or Autism Spectrum Disorder, disability which may affect educational performance, may qualify a student for special education services
<b>ALJ</b>	Administrative Law Judge
<b>AT</b>	Assistive Technology, devices or supports to help a student with a disability learn more effectively
<b>BIP</b>	Behavior Intervention Plan, plan to address inappropriate behavior
<b>BSP</b>	Behavior Support Plan, plan to prevent inappropriate behavior by addressing its underlying causes and replacing them with appropriate behaviors
<b>CFR</b>	Code of Federal Regulations, rules that explain and implement Federal statutes and have the force of law
<b>CI</b>	Cognitive Impairment, disability which may affect educational performance, may qualify a student for special education service

<b>CMH</b>	Community Mental Health, public agency which provides mental health services to eligible children and adults in Michigan
<b>DB</b>	Deaf-Blind, a disability which may qualify a student for special education services
<b>DHS</b>	Department of Human Services, state agency which provides social services, child protective services and health care services
<b>DOE</b>	U.S. Department of Education, state agency responsible for implementing Federal and state special education laws
<b>ECDD</b>	Early Childhood Developmental Delay, a disability which may qualify a young child for special education
<b>EI</b>	Emotional Impairment, a disability which may affect educational performance, may qualify a student for special education services
<b>ESEA</b>	Elementary and Secondary Education Act, formerly known as "No Child Left Behind"
<b>ESY</b>	Extended School Year, educational program that extends beyond the regular school year (such as summer school)
<b>FAPE</b>	Free Appropriate Public Education, the standard for special education services set by Federal law which all schools must meet
<b>FBA</b>	Functional Behavior Assessment
<b>FERPA</b>	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, Federal law governing access to school records and privacy protections

<b>HH</b>	Homebound and Hospitalized, educational services to students who cannot attend school because of health limitations
<b>HI</b>	Hearing Impairment, disability which may affect educational performance, may qualify a student for special education services
<b>IDEA</b>	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Federal law which requires states to provide special education and related services to students with specified disabilities
<b>IEE</b>	Independent Educational Evaluation, evaluation by an expert chosen by a student or parent, sometimes paid for by a school district
<b>IEP</b>	Individualized Education Program, written plan which sets forth a student's present level of performance, goals and objectives, and services and timelines to meet the goals and objectives
<b>IEPT</b>	Individualized Education Program Team, a team including parents, teachers, administrators and service providers which writes and implements the Individualized Education Program
<b>IFSP</b>	Individualized Family Service Plan, written plan which sets forth a young child's present level of performance, goals and objectives, and services (including family support services) and timelines to meet the goals and objectives
<b>ISD</b>	Intermediate School District, regional body which provides support and oversight to school districts and investigates compliance complaints

<b>LD</b>	Learning Disability, disability which may qualify a student for special education services
<b>LEA</b>	Local Education Agency
<b>LRE</b>	Least Restrictive Environment, concept requiring schools to educate students with disabilities in the same setting with other students when possible
<b>MARSE</b>	Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education
<b>MiCI</b>	Mild Cognitive Impairment, a disability which may qualify a student for special education services
<b>MoCI</b>	Moderate Cognitive Impairment, a disability which may qualify a student for special education services
<b>MCL</b>	Michigan Compiled Laws, state statutes
<b>MDOE or MDE</b>	Michigan Department of Education, state agency responsible for implementing Federal and state special education laws
<b>MEAP</b>	Michigan Educational Assessment Program, statewide educational achievement test offered to all students
<b>MET</b>	Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team, team including parents and experts that writes an assessment plan and conducts assessments
<b>MME</b>	Michigan Merit Exam
<b>MMSEA</b>	Michigan Mandatory Special Education Act, state law which requires school districts to serve students with disabilities

<b>MPAS</b>	Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service, Inc, private nonprofit corporation mandated by federal and state law to provide information and advocacy to people with disabilities
<b>MPDCRA</b>	Michigan Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act
<b>MRS</b>	Michigan Rehabilitation Services, state agency which provides vocational rehabilitation services, including transition services, to people with disabilities
<b>ESEA</b>	Elementary and Secondary Education Act
<b>OHI</b>	Other Health Impairment, a disability which may qualify a student for special education services
<b>OCR</b>	Office for Civil Rights, federal agency that enforces Section 504
<b>OSEP</b>	Office of Special Education Programs, federal agency that oversees IDEA
<b>OSERS</b>	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services, federal agency that oversees special education and vocational rehabilitation services
<b>PA</b>	Public Act, new state law as passed by the Legislature
<b>PL</b>	Public Law, new federal law as passed by Congress
<b>PLAAFP</b>	Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance
<b>PAC</b>	Parent Advisory Committee, district-wide advisory committee made up of parents who give input to school districts on special education

<b>PBS</b>	Positive Behavior Supports, a behaviorally based approach that works to address challenging behaviors by using an ongoing assessment and intervention process to develop supportive environments for student learning
<b>PI</b>	Physical Impairment, disability which may affect educational performance, may qualify a student for special education services
<b>RTI</b>	Response to Intervention
<b>SEA</b>	State Education Agency, Michigan Department of Education
<b>SLI</b>	Speech and Language Impairment, disability which may affect educational performance, may qualify a student for special education services
<b>SCI</b>	Severe Cognitive Impairment, disability which may affect educational performance, may qualify a student for special education services
<b>SXI</b>	Severe Multiple Impairments, combinations of disability which may affect educational performance, may qualify a student for special education services
<b>TBI</b>	Traumatic Brain Injury, disability which may affect educational performance, may qualify a student for special education services
<b>Title II</b>	Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act
<b>USC</b>	United States Code, federal statutes
<b>VI</b>	Visual Impairment, disability which may affect educational performance, may qualify a student for special education services
<b>504</b>	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act