

Acronym	Meaning	Definition
AAC	Augmentative or Alternative Communication includes all forms of communication, (other than oral speech) that are used to express thoughts, needs, wants, and ideas. People with severe speech or language problems rely on AAC to supplement existing speech or replace speech that is not functional. Special augmentative aids, such as picture and symbol communication boards and electronic devices, are available to help people express themselves.	
AACAP	American Academy of Children & Adolescent Psychiatry a national professional medical association dedicated to treating and improving the quality of life for children, adolescents and families affected by mental, behavioral and developmental disorders. http://www.aacap.org/	
AADA	Adjusted Average Daily Attendance refers to the total number of days of student attendance divided by the total number of days in the regular school year. A student attending every day would equal one AADA. AADA is not the same as enrollment, which is the number of students enrolled in each school and district.	
AAIDD	American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities formerly AAMR American Association on Intellectual disability is the oldest and largest interdisciplinary organization of professionals and citizens concerned about intellectual and developmental disabilities. http://www.aaidd.org/	
ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis (Behavior Analysis is the scientific study of behavior) Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is the application of the principles of learning and motivation from Behavior Analysis, and the procedures and technology derived from those principles, to the solution of problems of social significance. It is most often used in "treatment" of autism.	
ABA	Architectural Barriers Act is a measure by Congress to ensure access to the built environment for people with disabilities. The law requires that buildings or facilities that were designed, built, or altered with federal dollars or leased by federal agencies after August 12, 1968 be accessible.	
ABAS	Adaptive Behavior Assessment System refers to a screening tool that helps describe a person's general adaptive behavior as well as his or her functioning in 11 related adaptive skill areas: communication, community use, functional academics, school/home living, health and safety, leisure, self-care, self-direction, social, work (for older adolescents and adults), and motor.	
ABC	Antecedent, Behavior & Consequence sometimes referred to as ABC chart of behavior, is a direct observation tool that can be used to collect information about the events that are occurring within a student's environment. "A" refers to the antecedent, or the event or activity that immediately precedes a problem behavior. The "B" refers to the behavior, and "C" refers to the consequence, or what occurs because of the student's behavior.	
ABC	Activating event, Belief & Consequences developed by Albert Ellis is his theory that we experience Activating Events (A) every day that prompt us to look at, interpret, or otherwise think about what is occurring. Our interpretation of these events results in specific Beliefs (B) about the event, the world and our role in the event. Once we develop this belief, we experience emotional Consequences (C) based solely on our belief.	
ABCD	Agri-Business Child Development (in New York) is a program that provides services to children of migrant farm workers and other income eligible, agricultural workers across the state.	
ABE	Adult Basic Education refers to programs that serve students ages 16 and over who are not enrolled in school and who want to improve their basic skills in reading, writing, math, listening, and speaking.	

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ABI	Acquired Brain Injury	includes all types of traumatic brain injuries and also brain injuries caused after birth by cerebral vascular accidents, (commonly known as stroke), and loss of oxygen to the brain (hypoxic brain injury).
ACC	Agenesis of the Corpus Callosum	is a birth defect in which the structure that connects the two hemispheres of the brain (the corpus callosum) is partially or completely absent.
ACCES	Adult Career & Continuing Education Services – Vocational Rehabilitation	[in New York] offers access to a full range of services that may be needed by persons with disabilities through their lives. Through its administration of vocational rehabilitation and independent living programs, VR coordinates policy and services relating to: transition from school to adult services, independent living services and business programs. http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/
ACS	Advanced Clinical Systems	is a test designed to enhance the clinical utility and expand the construct coverage of these respected tests. This new tool provides a common and related sample linking WAIS-IV, WSM-IV, executive function, social cognition, and daily living.
ACT	American College Test	is a college entrance exam. http://www.actstudent.org/
ACTE	Association for Career and Technical Education	is the largest national education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for careers. http://www.acteonline.org
ACTFL	American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages	is an organization aiming to improve and expand the teaching and learning of all languages at all levels of instruction.
AD	Autistic Disorder	see ASD Autism Spectrum Disorder
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	was enacted in 1990 to provide civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities similar to those provided to individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, and religion. It guarantees equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in public accommodations, employment, transportation, State and local government services, and telecommunications. http://www.ada.gov/
ADA	Average Daily Attendance	refers to the aggregate number of days of attendance of all students during a school year divided by the number of days school is in session during that year.
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder	is a biologically based condition causing a persistent pattern of difficulties resulting in one or more of the following behaviors: inattention and impulsivity
ADDA	Attention Deficit Disorder Association	is one of the world's leading adult ADHD organizations. Their mission is to provide information, resources and networking opportunities to help adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder lead better lives. http://www.add.org/
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder	is a biologically based condition causing a persistent pattern of difficulties resulting in one or more of the following behaviors: inattention, hyperactivity and impulsivity
ADI-R	Autism Diagnosis Interview – Revised	is a clinical diagnostic instrument for assessing autism in children and adults appropriate for children and adults with mental ages about 18 months and above
ADL	Asynchronous Distance Learning:	This form of learning does not have specific meeting times (students will watch recorded videos at any time; this enables ALL families to complete work on their own time.)
ADLs	Activities of Daily Living	refers to the basic tasks of everyday life, such as eating, bathing, dressing, toileting, and transferring.
ADOS	Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule	is a semi-structured assessment that can be used to evaluate almost anyone suspected of having autism--from toddlers to adults, from children with no speech to adults who are verbally fluent.

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ADP	Average Daily Participation	is used in determining needs for school meals per day and can be calculated by dividing the number of meals served during the month by the operating days in the month. Typically, participation is determined separately for breakfast and for lunch.
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution	processes are alternative methods of helping people resolve legal problems before going to court. This involves an independent third person, called a "neutral," who tries to help resolve or narrow the areas of conflict.
AE	Adverse Effect	refers to a medical effect that is a harmful and undesired effect resulting from a medication or other intervention such as surgery. An adverse effect may be termed a "side effect", when judged to be secondary to a main or therapeutic effect.
AE	Age Equivalent	is the chronological age in a population for which a score is the median (middle) score. If children who are 10 years and 6 months old have a median score of 17 on a test, the score 17 has an age equivalent of 10-6.
AEA	Adult Education Act	governs the access to adult literacy and ESL programs
AED	Automated External Defibrillators	refers to equipment to use for people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.
AER	Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired	was formed in 1984 as the result of a consolidation between the American Association of Workers for the Blind and the Association for Education of the Visually Handicapped. http://www.aerbvi.org/
AFB	American Foundation for the Blind	removes barriers, creates solutions, and expands possibilities so that people with vision loss can achieve their full potential. http://www.afb.org
AFDC	Aid to Families with Dependent Children	is a grant program to enable states to provide cash welfare payments for needy children who had been deprived of parental support or care because their father or mother was absent from the home, incapacitated, deceased, or unemployed.
AFO	Ankle-Foot Orthotic	A brace (usually plastic) worn on the lower leg and foot to support the ankle, hold the foot and ankle in the correct position, and correct foot-drop.
AFT	American Federation of Teachers	a union of professionals that champions fairness; democracy; economic opportunity; and high-quality public education, healthcare and public services for our students, their families and our communities and are committed to advancing these principles through community engagement, organizing, collective bargaining and political activism, and especially through the work that members do. http://www.aft.org/
AHEAD	Association on Higher Education and Disability	is a professional membership organization for individuals involved in the development of policy and in the provision of quality services to meet the needs of person with disabilities involved in all areas of higher education. http://www.ahead.org/
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	supports research designed to improve the quality, safety, efficiency and effectiveness of health care for all Americans. The research sponsored, conducted and disseminated by AHRQ provides information that helps people make better decisions about health care. http://www.ahrq.gov/index.html
AHSEPP	Alternative High School Equivalency Preparation Program	refers to programs to prepare high school age students for the High School Equivalency test (TASC-Test Assessing Secondary Completion).
AHT	Abusive Head Trauma	also known as shaken baby syndrome, refers to child physical abuse that results in injury to the head or brain.
AI	Auditory Impairment	see D/HH Deafness/Hard of Hearing

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AI/DP	Attendance Improvement/Dropout Prevention refers to	
AIMS	Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale is a rating scale that was designed in the 1970s to measure involuntary movements known as tardive dyskinesia (see TD).	
AIP	Academic Improvement Plan is used in some districts for students in grades K-12 who have not met district and/or state proficiency levels in reading, writing, science and/or mathematics.	
AIP	Aging in Place refers to the ability to live in one's own home and community safely, independently, and comfortably, regardless of age, income, or ability level.	
AIS	Abbreviated Injury Scale provides standardized terminology to describe injuries and ranks injuries by severity. It's an anatomical-based coding system created by the Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine to classify and describe the severity of injuries.	
AIS	Academic Intervention Services or Additional Intervention Services help students who are struggling to achieve the learning standards in English language arts and mathematics in grades K-12 and social studies and science in grades 4-12.	
AIT	Auditory Integration Training is a specific type of music/auditory therapy based upon the work of French otolaryngologists Dr. Alfred Tomatis and Dr. Guy Berard. Berard's auditory integration training consists of twenty half-hour sessions spent listening to musical sounds via a stereophonic system. The music is random, with filtered frequencies, and the person listens through earphones. These sound waves vibrate and exercise structures in the middle ear. This is normally done in sessions twice a day for 10 days. http://www.aitinstitute.org/	
ALS	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis is a progressive nervous system disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, causing loss of muscle control. ALS is often called Lou Gehrig's disease, after the baseball player who was diagnosed with it. Doctors usually don't know why ALS occurs. Some cases are inherited.	
AMO	Annual Measurable Objective or Annual Measurable Goal is a statement of reasonable expectation for a student with a disability to accomplish in the next 12 months. These goals are included in the student's IEP and should help to direct the services and instruction the student will receive.	
AMS	Ablepharon-Macrostomia Syndrome is an extremely rare inherited disorder characterized by various physical abnormalities affecting the head and facial (craniofacial) area, the skin, the fingers, and the genitals. In addition, affected individuals may have malformations of the nipples and the abdominal wall. Infants and children with AMS may also experience delays in language development and, in some cases, intellectual disability.	
ANS	Autonomic Nervous System refers to system that controls things like blood flow to different organs, heart rate, body temperature, etc.	
AOC	Alteration of Consciousness refers to When someone feels dazed, experiences confusion, is uncertain while answering simple questions, has decreased clear thinking, and is not able to describe what happened prior to or after injury	
AOS	Apraxia of Speech also known as verbal apraxia or dyspraxia is a speech disorder in which a person has trouble saying what he or she wants to say correctly and consistently. It is not due to weakness or paralysis of the speech muscles (the muscles of the face, tongue, and lips) and can range from mild to severe.	
AOTA	American Occupational Therapy Association http://www.aota.org/	
APA	American Psychological Association http://www.apa.org/ or American Psychiatric Association http://www.psych.org/	
APD	Auditory Processing Disorder also CAPD Central Auditory Processing Disorder is a complex problem in which school aged children can't process the information they hear in the same way as others because their ears and brain don't fully coordinate. Something adversely affects the way the brain recognizes and interprets sounds, most notably the sounds composing speech.	

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APE	Adaptive Physical Education	is a specially designed program of developmental activities, games, sports and rhythms suited to the interests, capacities and limitations of students with disabilities who may not safely or successfully engage in unrestricted participation in the activities of the regular physical education program.
API	Alternate Performance Indicators	are used to ensure educational accountability for <i>all</i> students with disabilities; alternate assessment participants are those students with disabilities who are unable to participate in regular assessments even with accommodations.
APS	Adult Protective Services	refers to a mandated service provided by local social services districts. It involves intake, investigation and assessment of referrals of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of impaired vulnerable adults who live in the community. APS workers develop services plans for eligible clients to remedy physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or to address unmet, essential needs of adults.
AR	At Risk	refers to a student who is considered to be in danger of failing in their current educational setting due to any number of issues
ARD	Admission, Review, and Dismissal	Committee makes decisions concerning the educational program of a student referred or placed in special education.
ARFID	Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder	was added to the DSM in 2013 and refers to children older than 6 who associate food with stress and anxiety and have an extremely limited diet. The few foods that the person will eat drops off in their diet. ARFID is believed to have nothing to do with body image or a desire to lose weight; it is trauma-based and sensory in nature and can be treated with psychotherapy and nutritional counseling.
ART	Aggression Replacement Technique	is an evidence-based program that focuses on teaching positive behaviors, managing anger and choosing right from wrong created by Goldstein & Glick.
AS	Angelman Syndrome	is a genetic disorder resulting in severe developmental delays, speech impairments, seizures, and problems with movement and balance. Although there is no cure for Angelman Syndrome, therapies like OT and PT can help kids reach their full potential, and they usually do not regress once skills are learned.
AS	Asperger Syndrome	a no-longer used term for a neurodevelopmental disorder that was characterized by poor social interactions, obsessions and speech patterns present in individuals with ASD.
ASA	Autism Society of America	http://www.autism-society.org/
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder	(as defined by IDEA) means a developmental disability significantly affecting verbal and nonverbal communication and social interaction, generally evident before age three, that adversely affects educational performance. Characteristics often associated with autism are engaging in repetitive activities and stereotyped movements, resistance to changes in daily routines or the environment, and unusual responses to sensory experiences. The term autism does not apply if the child's educational performance is adversely affected primarily because the child has emotional disturbance. A child who shows the characteristics of autism after age 3 could be diagnosed as having autism if the criteria above are satisfied.
ASDC	American Society for Deaf Children	http://www.deafchildren.org/
ASHA	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association	http://www.asha.org/
ASL	American Sign Language	is a complete, complex language that employs signs made with the hands and other movements, including facial expressions and postures of the body.
ASQ	Ages and Stages Questionnaires	refers to a parent-completed screening tool that assesses communication, gross and fine motor, problem-solving and adaptive skills.

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ASRS	Autism Spectrum Rating Scales	is a norm-referenced assessment based on a nationally representative sample, designed to identify symptoms, behaviors, and associated features of the full range of Autism Spectrum Disorders.
AT	Assistive Technology	refers to equipment and services that are used to improve or maintain the abilities of a person to function in such activities as playing, communicating, or eating. This can be a customized eating spoon and bowl or an augmentative communication device.
ATR	Registered Art Therapist	is a professional trained in both art and therapy. Art therapy is the therapeutic use of art, within a professional relationship, by people who experience illness, trauma, or challenges in living, and by people who seek personal development. Through creating art and reflecting on the art products and processes, people can increase awareness of self and others cope with symptoms, stress, and traumatic experiences; enhance cognitive abilities; and enjoy the life-affirming pleasures of making art.
AUCD	Association of University Centers on Disabilities	is a membership organization that supports and promotes a national network of university-based interdisciplinary programs. www.aucd.org
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress	is the measure by which schools, districts, and states are held accountable for student performance under Title I of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.
B2H	Bridges to Health	is a local Home and Community Based Services Waiver Program which offers services to children up to 21 with Developmental Disabilities and serious emotional disturbances in Foster Care. This program provides opportunities for improving the health and well-being of the children and supports permanency planning. These services are provided in a 1:1 or small group setting. Family and caregiver support is also included in the service plan.
BAI	Beck Anxiety Inventory	is a 21-item assessment to measure a prolonged state of anxiety with subjective, somatic and panic subscales. Fifteen of the 21 items measure physiological symptoms, making it a useful tool in diagnosing panic disorders; however the cognitive, affective, and behavioral components of anxiety are deemphasized.
BASC	Behavior Assessment System for Children	is a coordinated system of instruments that evaluates the behaviors, thoughts, and emotions of children and adolescents. It focuses on assessing both adaptive and maladaptive behaviors.
BCABA	Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst	is an autism professional certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board to conduct descriptive behavioral assessments, interpret the results and design ethical and effective behavior analytic interventions for clients. They can design and oversee interventions in cases similar to those they encountered during their training but work under the technical direction of a BCBA.
BCBA	Board Certified Behavior Analyst	refers to a credential that began as a state certification in Florida in the 1990s and went national, and subsequently international, in 2000. It is an attempt to provide some minimum standard for what constitutes being qualified to practice behavior analysis.
BCM	Blended Case Management	refers to individual intensive or supportive case management for adults with a primary psychiatric diagnosis.
BD	Behavioral Disorder	also known as conduct disorder, refers to one of the most common forms of psycho pathology among children and young adults and is the most frequently cited reason for referral to mental health services. Behavioral disorders become apparent when the

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BDNF	Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor , also called abrineurin, is a protein that, in humans, is encoded by the BDNF gene. BDNF is a member of the neurotrophin family of growth factors, which are related to the canonical nerve growth factor. Neurotrophic factors are found in the brain and the periphery.	student displays a repetitive and persistent pattern of behavior that results in the significant disruption of other students. Such disturbances may cause significant impairments in academic, social, and or occupational functioning.
BDS	Behavior Dimension Scale is a personality trait inventory completed by teachers and support staff about a student that assists in assessing the special needs of a student with severe behavior problems.	
BDIS	Behavior Disorder Identification Scale is a student personality trait inventory completed by teachers and support staff that assists in assessing the student's special needs.	
BIA	Brief Intellectual Ability refers to part of the WJ-IV ; the BIA score is derived from three cognitive tests which include Verbal Comprehension, Concept Formation, and Visual Matching. These three cognitive tests measure three abilities; Comprehension-Knowledge (Gc), Fluid Reasoning (Gf), and Processing Speed (Gs), which best represents an individual's verbal ability, thinking ability, and efficiency in performing cognitive tasks.	
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan takes the observations made in an FBA Functional Behavioral Assessment and turns them into a concrete plan of action for managing a student's behavior.	
BMD	Becker Muscular Dystrophy is a genetic muscle-weakening disease in which the protein that keeps muscle fiber intact is lacking. It affects mostly boys, and begins in adolescence. It is similar to Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, but less severe.	
BNI	Barrow Neurological Institute Fatigue Scale is a 10-item scale measuring energy and alertness on a 7-point scale, from 0-1 (rarely a problem) to 6-7 (a problem most of the time), with a final item rating of overall fatigue on a 10-point scale.	
BPPV	Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo refers to a disorder of the inner ear resulting in positional vertigo, causing a spinning sensation; an episode of mild-to-extreme dizziness that is a result of a change in position of the head.	
BOCES	Board of Cooperative Educational Services created by the New York State legislature to provide shared educational programs and services to school districts within the state. BOCES partner with districts to provide a broad range of services that help meet the evolving educational needs of students.	
BOE	Board of Education is a group of people who have been elected to organize the management of the local school system of a particular area.	
BOG#	Beginning of Grade # refers to the beginning of a specific school year/grade, such as BOG3 – going into 3 rd grade.	
BOT	Bruininks-Oseretsky Test of motor proficiency is an individually administered, comprehensive measure of gross and fine motor skills.	
BOY	Beginning of Year refers to an assessment done at the start of the school year.	
BPD	Borderline Personality Disorder is a condition in which a person makes impulsive actions, and has an unstable mood and chaotic relationships.	
BRIEF	Behavior Rating Inventory of Executive Functioning is a questionnaire completed by parents and teachers of school-aged children that is designed to provide a better understanding of a child's self-control and problem-solving skills by measuring eight aspects of executive functioning.	
BSC	Behavior Specialist Consultant provides specialized behavioral assessments and treatment interventions in homes, schools and other community locations. A BSC assists families and others working with a child to understand the circumstances that may trigger a problem	

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		<p>behavior, as well as what motivates the child to continue the behavior, and then assist in the development of specific therapeutic interventions to manage or eliminate the behavior. The role of a BSC on a treatment team is to collaborate with all of the members of the team to assure that the team understands the child's unique needs and intervention strategies. A BSC can provide training, consultation and supervision of team members in any setting where a child may be experiencing emotional or behavioral problems.</p>
C-SSWS	Certified School Social Work Specialist	is a social worker who specializes within a school system.
CA	Chronological Age	is the number of years and months a person has lived, used especially in psychometrics as a standard against which certain variables, such as behavior and intelligence, are measured.
CABAS	Comprehensive Application of Behavior Analysis to Schooling	was originated to develop a science of teaching. First, they developed schools based entirely on the use of scientific procedures for classroom management, pedagogy, curriculum design, staff training and parent education. Then, they developed an educational model of learner-driven, measurement based, individualized education for entire classrooms and entire schools by what worked for each individual child. http://www.cabasschools.org/
CADC	Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor	helps treat clients for addiction to drugs and alcohol through a variety of counseling techniques.
CADRE	Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education	works to increase the nation's capacity to effectively resolve special education disputes, reducing the use of expensive adversarial processes. CADRE works with state and local education and early intervention systems, parent centers, families and educators to improve programs and results for children with disabilities. CADRE is funded by the Office of Special Education Programs at the US Department of Education to serve as the National Center on Dispute Resolution in Special Education. http://www.directionservice.org/cadre/
CAP	Client Assistance Program	see DRNY http://www.disabilityrightsny.org/
CAP	Corrective Action Plan	is a formal design to ensure systemic change that will create significant improvement in results for students with disabilities and their families.
CAPD	Central Auditory Processing Disorder	is a physical hearing impairment, but one which does not show up as a hearing loss on routine screenings or an audiogram. Instead, it affects the hearing system beyond the ear, whose job it is to separate a meaningful message from non-essential background sound and deliver that information with good clarity to the intellectual centers of the brain (the central nervous system).
CAPIS	Crisis Assessment and Prevention Intervention Services	refers to information, linkage and crisis intervention prevention services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, which provides parent support groups, advocacy, life planning, benefits counseling, newsletter and educational seminars.
CARI	Content Area Reading Indicators	is a formative assessment for 7th to 9th grade students which is directly aligned with the Common Core Standards in Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. CARI includes a Daze comprehension measure, a Silent Reading comprehension measure, and an Oral Reading Fluency measure. Each measure is arranged in triads which include one science passage, one social studies passage, and one prose passage.
CARS	Childhood Autism Rating Scale	is a brief assessment suitable for use with any child over 2 years of age that includes systems for diagnosing autism.

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CAS	Childhood Apraxia of Speech also AOS Apraxia of Speech	is a communication disorder in which a child can understand language and formulate words to say, but the brain is unable to move or coordinate the muscles of the mouth to speak those words. It is not a problem with the muscles but with the brain's ability to control them.
CASE	Council of Administrators of Special Education	an international professional educational organization which is affiliated with the Council for Exceptional Children whose members are dedicated to the enhancement of the worth, dignity, potential, and uniqueness of each individual in society. http://www.casecec.org/
CASL	Comprehensive Assessment of Spoken Language	is an individually and orally administered, research-based, theory-driven oral language assessment battery for ages 3 through 21.
CAST	Center for Applied Science Technology	is a multifaceted organization with a singular ambition: Bust the barriers to learning that millions of people experience every day. We do this by helping educators and organizations apply insights from the learning sciences and leading-edge practices to educational design and implementation. www.cast.org
CBA	Curriculum Based Assessment	refers to a measurement that uses direct observation and recording of a student's performance in the local curriculum as a basis for gathering information to make instructional decisions.
CBC	Criminal Background Check	is the process of looking up and compiling criminal records, commercial records and financial records of an individual or an organization.
CBCL	Child Behavior Check List	is a test designed to address the problem of defining child behavior problems empirically based on a careful review of the literature and carefully conducted empirical studies and designed to assess in a standardized format the behavioral problems and social competencies of children as reported by parents.
CBE	Community Based Education or CBI Community Based Instruction	refers to a school working together with community businesses, to provide special needs student's hands-on opportunities to acquire knowledge, develop skills for real jobs and learn appropriate social behaviors through interaction with co-workers that occurs naturally in a work setting. The student is not paid nor does he/she provide benefit or advantage to the employer. Students will earn high school credits towards graduation.
CBM	Curriculum-Based Measurement	is a method teachers use to find out how students are progressing in basic academic areas such as math, reading, writing, and spelling. It can be helpful to parents because it provides current, week-by-week information on the progress their children are making.
CBT	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy	is a treatment that focuses on patterns of thinking that are maladaptive and the beliefs that underlie such thinking. For example, a person who is depressed may have the belief, "I'm worthless," and a person with a phobia may have the belief, "I am in danger." While the person in distress likely holds such beliefs with great conviction, with a therapist's help, the individual is encouraged to view such beliefs as hypotheses rather than facts and to test out such beliefs by running experiments. Furthermore, those in distress are encouraged to monitor and log thoughts that pop into their minds (called "automatic thoughts") in order to enable them to determine what patterns of biases in thinking may exist and to develop more adaptive alternatives to their thoughts. People who seek CBT can expect their therapist to be active, problem-focused, and goal-directed.
CBVH	Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped	see NYSCB
CC	Common Core	refers to a set of high-quality academic standards in mathematics and English language arts/literacy (ELA). The Common Core is informed by the highest, most effective standards from states across the United States and countries around the world.

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CCD	Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities	is a coalition of approximately 100 national disability organizations working together to advocate for national public policy that ensures the self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society. http://www.c-c-d.org/
CCD	Childhood Disintegrative Disorder	is a condition in which children develop normally through age 3 or 4. Then, over a few months, children lose language, motor, social, and other skills that they already learned.
CCLC	21st Century Community Learning Center	refers to a federally funded program which supports the creation of community learning centers that operate programs for students, particularly those who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools, and their families. http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/21stCCLC/
CCO	Care Coordination Organization	refers to OPWDD certified and regulated non-profit agencies that assist qualified consumers with the coordination of their services.
CCRSL	College & Career Standards of Readiness in Literacy	is used by DoDEA and drew on the most important international models as well as research and input from numerous sources, including state departments of education, scholars, assessment developers, professional organizations, educators from kindergarten through college, and parents, students, and other members of the public. In their design and content, refined through successive drafts and numerous rounds of feedback, the Standards represent a synthesis of the best elements of standards-related work to date and an important advance over that previous work.
CCRSM	College & Career Standards of Readiness in Math	is used by DoDEA and drew on the most important international models as well as research and input from numerous sources, including state departments of education, scholars, assessment developers, professional organizations, educators from kindergarten through college, and parents, students, and other members of the public. In their design and content, refined through successive drafts and numerous rounds of feedback, the Standards represent a synthesis of the best elements of standards-related work to date and an important advance over that previous work.
CCSS	Common Core State Standards	is an effort that established a single set of clear educational standards for kindergarten through 12th grade in English language arts and mathematics that states voluntarily adopted. The standards are designed to ensure that students graduating from high school are prepared to enter credit bearing courses in two or four year college programs or enter the workforce. The standards are clear and concise to ensure that parents, teachers, and students have a clear understanding of the expectations in reading, writing, speaking and listening, language and mathematics in school.
CD	Celiac Disease	is a genetic condition in which damage to the small intestine prevents the absorption of certain nutrients.
CD	Cognitive Delay	refers to DD Developmental Delay or ID Intellectual Disability/Delay
CDA	Child Development Associate	credential is the most widely recognized credential in early childhood education (ECE) and is a key stepping stone on the path of career advancement in ECE.
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant	refers to a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs.
CDD	Childhood Disintegrative Disorder	refers to one of the five developmental disorders formerly under the diagnostic category of autism. It displays itself at 3-4 years of age in children appearing to have typical developmental until age 2. The child will begin to regress academically, socially and linguistically.
CdLS	Cornelia de Lange Syndrome	is a congenital condition that causes developmental delays, mild to severe intellectual disabilities, limb abnormalities, excessive hair growth, and distinctive facial features. The syndrome is the result of a gene mutation, but is not generally hereditary.

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CDOS	Career Development and Occupational Studies Commencement Credential (in New York) is designed to recognize students who have met the requirements for a nationally-recognized work-readiness credential, including study in career and technical education as well as work-based learning.	
CDPAS	Consumer Directed (Self-Directed) Personal Assistance Service program is a program for people who require personal care assistance to assume a number of the responsibilities generally handled by traditional home health agencies.	
CEC	Center for Exceptional Children is an international professional organization dedicated to improving the educational success of individuals with disabilities and/or gifts and talents. CEC advocates for appropriate governmental policies, sets professional standards, provides professional development, advocates for individuals with exceptionalities, and helps professionals obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice. http://www.cec.sped.org/	
CELF-4	Clinical Evaluation of Language Fundamentals 4th Edition is an individually administered language test that evaluates a student's general language ability and determines if a language disorder is present. If a language disorder is identified, further in-depth testing provides information about the nature of the disorder, language strengths and weaknesses, language content, and language modalities.	
CELL	Center for Early Literacy Learning promotes the adoption and sustained use of evidence-based early literacy learning practices. http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/	
CEU	Continuing Education Unit is a measure used in continuing education programs, particularly those required in a licensed profession, in order for the professional to maintain their license.	
CF	Cystic Fibrosis is an inherited disease that affects the lungs, digestive system, sweat glands, and male fertility. Its name derives from the fibrous scar tissue that develops in the pancreas, one of the principal organs affected by the disease.	
CHADD	Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders is a support group founded in 1987 in response to the frustration and sense of isolation experienced by parents and their children with ADHD. http://www.chadd.org/	
CHARGE	Coloboma of the eye, Heart defects, Atresia (blockage or narrowing) of the nasal choanae (passages), Retarded growth & or development, Genital abnormalities, Ear abnormalities is a recognizable (genetic) pattern of birth defects which occurs in about one in every 9000 -10,000 births worldwide. It is an extremely complex syndrome, involving extensive medical and physical difficulties that differ from child to child. http://www.chargesyndrome.org/about-charge.asp	
CHAT	Childhood Autism Test or Checklist for Autism in Toddlers is a brief screening instrument that is intended to detect possible autism in toddlers.	
CHD	Congenital Heart Defects are problems with the structure of the heart that are present at birth. They occur early in the pregnancy as the heart is being formed. The defects may involve heart valves, blood vessels, the walls between the chambers of the heart, or the development of the heart.	
CHP	Child Health Plus (in New York) is a health insurance plan for kids that, depending on a family's income, provide eligibility to join either Children's Medicaid or Child Health Plus. Both Children's Medicaid and Child Health Plus are available through dozens of providers throughout the state. http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/chplus/	
CIDP	Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy is a rare type of autoimmune disorder. In an autoimmune disease, the body attacks its own tissues. In CIDP, the body attacks the myelin sheaths. These are the fatty coverings on the fibers that insulate and protect the nerves.	

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CLP	Cleft Lip and Palate	are congenital conditions in which the top lip and the roof of the mouth do not fully close. A child can have one or the other, or both. Orofacial clefts, especially cleft lip with or without cleft palate, can be diagnosed during pregnancy by a routine ultrasound. They can also be diagnosed after the baby is born, especially cleft palate. However, sometimes certain types of cleft palate (for example, submucous cleft palate and bifid uvula) might not be diagnosed until later in life.
CMC	Content Mastery Classroom	refers to instructional support services for identified special education/504 students who receive their primary instruction in the general education setting. The Content Mastery model is a problem-solving model, constantly analyzing student performance in the mainstream.
CMD	Congenital Muscular Dystrophy	refers to cases of the genetic muscle-weakening disease that are diagnosed at birth or shortly thereafter.
CML	Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia	is a slow-moving cancer that affects the myeloid white blood cells. It is more common in adults than children.
CMS	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services	http://www.cms.gov/
CMT	Charcot–Marie–Tooth disease (CMT) , known also as Morbus Charcot-Marie-Tooth , Charcot-Marie-Tooth neuropathy , hereditary motor and sensory neuropathy (HMSN) , hereditary sensorimotor neuropathy (HSMN) , or peroneal muscular atrophy	is an inherited disorder of nerves that takes different forms. It is characterized by loss of muscle tissue and touch sensation, predominantly in the feet and legs but also in the hands and arms in the advanced stages of disease.
CMV	CytoMegalovirus	is a virus found around the world. It is related to the viruses that cause chickenpox and infectious mononucleosis (mono).
COD	Co-Occurring Disorders	replaces the terms dual disorder or dual diagnosis. These latter terms, though used commonly to refer to the combination of substance use and mental disorders, are confusing in that they also refer to other combinations of disorders (such as mental disorders and intellectual disabilities).
COPPA	Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates	COPAA's mission is to protect and enforce the legal and civil rights of students with disabilities and their families. Our primary goal is to secure high quality educational services and to promote excellence in advocacy. https://www.copaa.org
COPS	Capitalization Organization Punctuation Spelling	is a mnemonic for proofreading
COTA	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant	works under the direction of an OTR to provide rehabilitative services to persons with mental, physical, emotional, or developmental impairments. The ultimate goal is to improve clients' quality of life and ability to perform daily activities.
COVID	COrona Vlrus Disease	refers to a virus linked to the same family of viruses as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and some types of common cold.
CP	Cerebral Palsy	is the term used to describe any one of a number of neurological disorders that appear in infancy or early childhood, and permanently affect body movement and muscle coordination.
CPI	Crisis Prevention and Intervention	is an international training organization committed to best practices and safe behavior management methods that focus on prevention.
CPS	Child Protective Services	is a state or county program responsible for responding to allegations of child abuse and neglect and for enforcing state and county child protection laws and statutes. Programs vary by location but many offer prevention and family preservation programs.

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CPSE	Committee on Preschool Special Education	is a decision-making committee that determines eligibility and the appropriate level of services for children aged three to five years old with disabilities.
CQC	Commission on Quality of Care	see DRNY http://www.disabilityrightsny.org/
CRA	Concrete, Representational, Abstract	refers to a multi-sensory method of teaching math; it is an evidence based intervention for mathematics instruction that research suggests can enhance the mathematics performance of students with learning disabilities. Students manipulate the hands on concrete objects to model the math concept/skill. Then the teacher transforms the concrete model into a representational (semi-concrete) level, which may involve drawing pictures; using circles, dots, and tallies; or using stamps to imprint pictures for counting. Finally, the teacher models the mathematics concept at a symbolic level, using only numbers, notation, and mathematical symbols to represent the number of circles or groups of circles.
CRISS	Creating Independence through Student-owned Strategies	is an educational initiative designed to help students of all abilities learn content information across the curriculum and throughout the grade levels. http://www.projectcriss.com/
CSBS	Communication and Symbolic Behavior Scales	is a standardized tool for screening of communication and symbolic abilities up to the age of 24 months.
CSE	Committee on Special Education	is a decision-making committee that determines eligibility and the appropriate level of services for children aged five to 21 years old with disabilities. The CSE is a multidisciplinary team established to conduct meetings to develop, review, or revise the individual education program (IEP) of a student with a disability.
CSIDD	Crisis Services for Individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (CSIDD)	offers crisis prevention and response services to people in New York State, who have both developmental disabilities and complex behavioral needs, as well as to their families and those who provide supports. The goal of CSIDD is to build relationships and supports across service systems to help people remain in their homes and communities and enhance the ability of the community to support them.
CSPD	Comprehensive System of Personnel Development	is a unified personnel development system that ensures quality educational programs and services for all children and youth.
CST	Child Study Team	is made up of a school psychologist, learning disabilities teacher/consultant, and sometimes school social worker, all of whom are employees of the school district. The CST may also include professionals from other disciplines if the child is thought to have or diagnosed with problems in those disciplines (e.g. speech and language, occupational therapy, physical therapy, audiology). The CST is responsible for evaluating a child to determine whether s/he is eligible for special education and related services.
CTB	Competency Testing Battery	refers to a series of tests to determine proficiency in particular subjects.
CTS	Consultant Teacher Services	is another version of ICT where the special education teacher is not in the classroom for all instruction but uses instruction time to perform other indirect consultant activities, such as modifying presentation of work.
CTOPP	Comprehensive Test Of Phonological Processing	assesses phonological awareness, phonological memory, and rapid naming.
CVC	Consonant Vowel Consonant	refers to simple words that are used to teach reading.
CWC	Class Within a Class	see ICT Integrated Co-Teaching
CYBG	Caught You Being Good	is a student incentive program for exemplary citizenship.

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DAMP	Deficits in Attention, Motor control and Perception	refers to a medical concept of a developmental disorder defined as the combination of ADHD (attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder) and DCD (developmental coordination disorder). Defined in this way, DAMP constitutes a sub-type of the diagnostic category of ADHD , accompanied by DCD .
DAP	Developmentally Appropriate Practice	is a framework of principles and guidelines for best practice in the care and education of young children, birth through age 8. It is grounded both in the research on how young children develop and learn and in what is known about education effectiveness. The principles and guidelines outline practice that promotes young children's <i>optimal</i> learning and development.
DARE	Drug Abuse Resistance Education	is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children from kindergarten through 12th grade how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives.
DART	Data, Assess, Review and Target	is a data analysis system used to study student standardized test scores in order, assess the school needs based on that analysis, review and align the school's standards and target instruction to meet demonstrated areas of need.
DB	Deaf Blind	(as defined by IDEA) means concomitant [simultaneous] hearing and visual impairments, the combination of which causes such severe communication and other developmental and educational needs that they cannot be accommodated in special education programs solely for children with deafness or children with blindness.
DBT	Dialectical Behavior Therapy	is founded on the belief that environmental and biological factors that remain undetermined cause some people to respond to emotional states more quickly, and sustain a heightened emotional affect for an extended period of time before they return to baseline. This discovery gives credence to the symptoms of BPD (Borderline Personality Disorder) which include lives fraught with crisis and severely shifting emotional peaks and valleys. DBT helps these people learn coping techniques that they did not receive in their invalidated childhoods.
DCD	Developmental Coordination Disorder	is diagnosed when children do not develop normal motor coordination (coordination of movements involving the voluntary muscles). Also call Dyspraxia.
DD	Developmental Delay	occurs when a child's development progresses at a slower rate than most children. This is often seen as a delayed achievement of one or more of a child's milestones. A developmental delay can affect a child's physical development, cognitive development, communication development, social or emotional development, or adaptive development. If your child is temporarily lagging behind, that is not called developmental delay.
DD Act	Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act	ensures that individuals with developmental disabilities participate fully in their communities through full integration and inclusion in the economic, political, social, cultural, religious and educational sectors of our society
DDRO	Developmental Disabilities Regional Offices	provide services to persons with developmental disabilities. With an eye to enhanced oversight and quality improvement, the OPWDD Office for People With Developmental Disabilities has established regions ("catchment areas") that allow for better coordination of services with the State Office of Mental Health, State Department of Health and other agencies with whom we often partner in providing services.
D/HH	Deafness/Hard of Hearing	(as defined by IDEA) means a hearing impairment so severe that a child is impaired in processing linguistic information through hearing, with or without amplification, that adversely affects a child's educational performance.
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services.	

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DIBELS	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills	are a set of procedures and measures for assessing the acquisition of early literacy skills from kindergarten through sixth grade. They are designed to be short (one minute) fluency measures used to regularly monitor the development of early literacy and early reading skills. See also: CARI, DORF, IDEL and PELI
DIR	Developmental, Individual-difference, Relationship-based model or Floortime	is a framework that helps clinicians, parents and educators conduct a comprehensive assessment and develop an intervention program tailored to the unique challenges and strengths of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and other developmental challenges. The objectives are to build healthy foundations for social, emotional, and intellectual capacities rather than focusing on skills and isolated behaviors.
D-KFES	Delis-Kaplan Executive Functioning System	consists of tests to evaluate higher level cognitive functions in both children and adults.
DMD	Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy	is a genetic muscle-weakening disease in which the protein that keeps muscle fiber intact is lacking. It affects mostly boys, begins in early childhood, and progresses quickly.
DME	Durable Medical Equipment	refers to any medical equipment used in the home to aid in a better quality of living. It is a benefit included in most insurances. It includes but is not limited to wheelchairs, oxygen equipment, crutches or blood testing strips for people with diabetes.
DMH	Department of Mental Health	is the state agency responsible for overseeing mental health.
DOB	Date of Birth	refers to the actual date the subject was born
DoD	Department of Defense	http://www.defenselink.mil
DoDDE	Department of Defense Dependent Education or DoDDS Department of Defense Dependent Schools	is a network of schools, both primary and secondary, that serve dependents of United States military - and other non-US - personnel outside the United States.
DoDEA	Department of Defense Education Activity	is a civilian agency of the United States Department of Defense that manages all schools for military children and teenagers in the United States and also overseas at American military bases worldwide.
DOE	Date of Evaluation	refers to the date or dates that the testing being reported on was done
DoH	Department of Health	is a division of a local or larger government responsible for the oversight and care of matters relating to public health.
DOP	Drop-Out Prevention	is a program where remedial courses are taught to students who are at risk of dropping out of school
DORF	DIBELS Oral Reading Fluency	see DIBELS
DPC	Due Process Claim	refers to the initial request for a due process hearing.
DPH	Due Process Hearing or IH Impartial Hearing	is a court-like review process governed by administrative laws. A due process hearing is one of the administrative remedies available to parents and school districts to resolve special education disputes. Hearings can be held on behalf of one student or may involve others, as in a class action.
DPS	Diagnostic Predictive Scale	a screener for adolescents at risk for suicide and other common mental health disorders
DR	Differential Reinforcement	is an application of reinforcement designed to reduce the occurrence of interfering behaviors. Reinforcement is provided for desired behaviors while inappropriate behaviors are ignored.
DR	Dispute Resolution	refers to methods used by trained neutrals to help people to communicate more clearly, negotiate effectively, develop and evaluate solutions, or resolve conflicts.
DRA2	Developmental Reading Assessment 2nd Edition	is a set of individually administered criterion-referenced reading assessments for students in kindergarten through Grade 8. Modeled after an informal reading inventory, the DRA is intended to be administered, scored, and interpreted by classroom teachers.

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DRNY	Disability Rights New York	formally the Protection and Advocacy (P&A) System and Client Assistance Program (CAP), authorized under federal law, whose services were previously provided by the Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (CQCAPD). Effective June 1, 2013, Disability Rights New York was designated by the Governor to administer the P&A and CAP programs. http://www.disabilityrightsny.org/
DS	Down Syndrome	is a condition in which extra genetic material causes delays in the way a child develops, and can lead to intellectual disability, heart problems, vision and hearing problems.
DSM	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders ,	from the American Psychiatric Association, is the standard classification of mental disorders used by mental health professionals in the United States.
DSP	Direct Support Professional	refers to someone who works directly with people who have intellectual or developmental disabilities. DSPs aim to assist people in realizing their full potential. They help people become integrated and engaged in their community.
DSS	Department of Social Services	refers to the department responsible for administration of the social services and programs of public assistance in a county. They support the basic needs of children, families, older and other adults, including persons with disabilities.
DSW	Direct Sheltered Workshop	is a community rehabilitation facility that is part of the overall community vocational rehabilitation program for people with disabilities.
DTR	Double Trouble in Recovery	is a Twelve Step fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other so that they may solve their common problems and help others to recover from their particular addiction(s) and manage their mental disorder(s).
DTSDE	Diagnostic Tool for School and District Effectiveness	is a protocol from the NY State Education Department that intends to develop systems and structures so that schools and districts can receive consistent feedback that's aligned with the Regents Reform Agenda.
DTT	Discrete Trial Teaching	is a method of behavioral teaching that consists of a single cycle of a behaviorally-based instruction routine that is repeated until it is mastered.
DWS	Dandy-Walker Syndrome	is a congenital condition affecting the cerebellum, an area in the lower back of the brain. Excess fluid in the areas surrounding the cerebellum impairs the brain's ability to control movement, and can also cause hydrocephalus and intracranial pressure. Other common features of the syndrome include an absence of the area between the hemispheres of the cerebellum, and a cyst at the base of the skull. It may be diagnosed at birth due to enlarged head size, or later in infancy or childhood when motor-skill problems appear.
Dx	Diagnosis	is the act or process of identifying or determining the nature and cause of a disease or injury through evaluation of patient history, examination, and review of laboratory data
EBP	Emotional & Behavioral Disorders	refers to an emotional disability characterized by the following: An inability to build or maintain satisfactory interpersonal relationships with peers and/or teachers. For preschool-age children, this would include other care providers.
EBP	Evidence Based Practice	is a thoughtful integration of the best available evidence, coupled with clinical expertise.
ECDC	Early Childhood Direction Center	was a NY agency to help parents and professionals locate and use community services that were designed for children (age five and under) with special needs.

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ECE	Early Childhood Education	ensures all children ages birth through age 8 have equal access to comprehensive, high quality program options, and support on a developmental continuum.
ECS	Early Childhood Specialist	teaches a great deal of content, from pre-literacy and pre-math skills to science and civics, but they are also expected to help children learn to care for themselves and act appropriately in social and academic situations.
ECT	Electroconvulsive Therapy	is a procedure in which electric currents are passed through the brain, deliberately triggering a brief seizure. Electroconvulsive therapy seems to cause changes in brain chemistry that can immediately reverse symptoms of certain mental illnesses. It often works when other treatments are unsuccessful.
ECTA	Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center	see https://ectacenter.org/
ED	Emotionally Disabled (previously Emotionally Disturbed)	<p>(as defined by IDEA) means a condition exhibiting one or more of the following characteristics over a long period of time and to a marked degree that adversely affects a child's educational performance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An inability to learn that cannot be explained by intellectual, sensory, or health factors. • An inability to build or maintain satisfactory interpersonal relationships with peers and teachers. • Inappropriate types of behavior or feelings under normal circumstances. • A general pervasive mood of unhappiness or depression. • A tendency to develop physical symptoms or fears associated with personal or school problems. <p>The term includes schizophrenia. The term does not apply to children who are socially maladjusted, unless it is determined that they have an emotional disturbance.</p>
EDGAR	Education Department General Administrative Regulations	http://www2.ed.gov/policy/fund/reg/edgarReg/edgar.html
EDIS	Educational and Developmental Intervention Services	was established to implement specific portions of IDEA. It delivers early intervention services to eligible infants and toddlers in domestic and overseas areas, and medically related services to school age children in special education programs in DoD schools overseas.
EDMD	Emery-Dreifuss Muscular Dystrophy	is a genetic muscle-weakening disease that begins in childhood and sometimes involves heart problems.
EDP	Educational Development Plan	refers to a document showing a student's current interests, abilities, and career pathways. It is more comprehensive than a schedule of classes because it includes information a student can use to make wise choices about post-secondary options.
EDS	Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome	is a hereditary disorder affecting the body's connective tissue. Symptoms may include loose joints, velvety skin, scoliosis and low muscle tone.
EEG	Electroencephalography	is an instrument that measures electrical potentials on the scalp and generates a record of the electrical activity of the brain. It is a painless procedure that uses small, flat metal discs (electrodes) attached to the scalp to detect electrical activity in the brain. Brain cells communicate via electrical impulses and are active all the time, even during sleep. This activity shows up as wavy lines on an EEG recording. An EEG is one of the main diagnostic tests for epilepsy.
EFD	Executive Function Disorder	refers to a disorder disrupting higher level cognitive activities such as awareness of time, abstract thinking, self-regulation, flexibility and planning.
EFM	Exceptional Family Member	refers to a family member of a military person with a physical, developmental, emotional or mental disorder requiring specialized services

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EFMP	Exceptional Family Member Program	is a mandatory enrollment program for all active duty service members that identifies family members with special medical and/or educational needs.
EI	Early Intervention or EIS Early Intervention Services	refers to a variety of services provided by public and private agencies and designed by law to support eligible children and families in enhancing a child's potential for growth and development from birth to age three.
EI	Emotional Impaired	refers to a condition exhibiting characteristics over a long period of time and to a marked degree that adversely affects a child's educational performance, including an inability to learn that cannot be explained by intellectual, sensory, or health factors.
EIP	Early Intervention Program	refers to a variety of services provided by public and private agencies and designed by law to support eligible children and families in enhancing a child's potential for growth and development from birth to age three.
ELLs	English Language Learners	are people who are learning the English language in addition to their native language. See ENL
E-MODs	Environmental Modifications	are internal and external physical adaptations to the home, which are necessary to ensure the health, welfare and safety of the person with special needs.
ENL	English as a New Language	was formerly referred to as ESL to apply to students whose native language was not English.
ENT	Ear, Nose and Throat (Otolaryngology)	refers to doctors who specialize in disorders of the head and neck, especially those related to the ear, nose, and throat, including otology, neurotology (the study of the nerves within the ear), surgery of the head and neck, nasal and sinus disorders, voice and swallowing problems, audiology, and upper airway obstruction.
EOY	End of Year	refers to an assessment done before the conclusion of the school year.
EPS	ExtraPyramidal Signs & Symptoms	also known as extrapyramidal side effects (EPSE) , are drug-induced movement disorders that include acute and tardive symptoms (see TD).
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment	refers to the child health component of Medicaid. It's required in every state and is designed to improve the health of low-income children, by financing appropriate and necessary pediatric services.
EPV	Epstein-Barr virus , also called HHV-4 Human Herpesvirus 4 ,	is a virus of the herpes family, and is one of the most common viruses in humans. Infants become susceptible to EBV as soon as maternal antibody protection (present at birth) disappears. Many children become infected with EBV, and these infections usually cause no symptoms or are indistinguishable from the other mild, brief illnesses of childhood.
EQUIP	Educational Quality Improvement Profile	is a presentation of school and district performance scores used for analysis and comparison.
ERIC	Education Resources Information Center	is an online digital library of education research and information. ERIC is sponsored by the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) of the U.S. Department of Education. ERIC provides ready access to education literature to support the use of educational research and information to improve practice in learning, teaching, educational decision-making, and research.
ESD	Extended School Day	refers to an individualized instructional program for eligible students that is provided beyond the regular school day
ESDM	Early Start Denver Model	refers to a type of behavioral therapy based on methods used in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). Founded on the Denver Model, which is used to assist older children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), ESDM is an early intervention program for children ranging from 12 months to 4 years.
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act	is now known as "Improving America's Schools Act" and is directed at improving education for America's poor and disadvantaged students.
ESL	English as a Second Language	see ENL refers to a curriculum designed for a student whose native language is not English.

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ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act	was signed in December of 2015 as a bipartisan measure which reauthorizes the 50-year-old Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the nation's national education law and longstanding commitment to equal opportunity for all students.
ESY	Extended School Year or EYS Extended Year Services	refers to the continued services that a student with disabilities might qualify for during the summer vacation. These services are provided at no charge to the family or student and are based on the possibility of significant regression, usually because of a history of regression throughout the school year.
EVT	Expressive Vocabulary Test	is a measure of expressive vocabulary and word retrieval for Standard American English
FAAP	Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics	is a pediatrician's credential that means they have obtained board certification in pediatrics and made an ongoing commitment to lifelong learning and advocacy for children.
FACE	Family and Community Engagement	
FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Aid	refers to the college tuition assistance application http://www.studentaid.gov/
FAM-III	Family assessment Measure	is an assessment of family functioning. It is unique in its ability to provide a multi-rater and multigenerational (within the family) assessment of functioning across six universal clinical parameters and two validity scales. Based on the Process Model of Family Functioning, which emphasizes family dynamics, use of the FAM-III should lead to improvements in the assessment, treatment, and understanding of problematic families.
FAPE	Free and Appropriate Public Education	Every child with a disability has a right to a public education at no cost to the parent. The child's educational program must be provided in accordance with his/her IEP and appropriate to the child's needs.
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions	refers to a document, in question and answer format that introduces newcomers to a topic.
FAR	Family Assessment Response	is New York State's alternative Child Protective response to some reports of child maltreatment. FAR does not require an investigation and determination of allegations and individual culpability for families reported to the SCR. It is an alternative approach to providing protection to children by engaging families in an assessment of child safety and of family needs, in finding solutions to family problems and in identifying informal and formal supports to meet their needs and increase their ability to care for their children.
FAS	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	is a lifelong condition caused by maternal ingestion of alcohol during pregnancy, which results in many physical and mental disabilities.
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment	looks beyond the obvious interpretation of behavior as "bad" and determines what function it may be serving for a child. Truly understanding why a child behaves the way he or she does is the first and best step to developing strategies to stop the behavior.
FBT	Family-Based Treatment	is an innovative alternative for children who might otherwise be placed in more restrictive settings, such as residential treatment facilities.
FC	Facilitated Communication	is a technique in which a facilitator supports the hand, wrist or arm of a non-verbal person to aid them in typing and communicating responses.
FCT	Functional Communication Training	is a differential reinforcement (DR) procedure in which an individual is taught an alternative response that results in the same class of reinforcement identified as maintaining problem behavior. Problem behavior is typically placed on

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FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	extinction (i.e., reinforcement no longer follows problem behavior). Functional communication training differs from other function-based DR procedures in that the alternative response is a recognizable form of communication (e.g., a vocalization, manual sign). is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html
FFCMH	Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health	is a national family-run organization linking chapters and state organizations focused on the issues of children and youth with emotional, behavioral, or mental health needs and their families. http://www.ffcmh.org/
FI	Fiscal Intermediary	is an organization that assists in implementing Individual Support Agreements and manages financial accountability and employer responsibilities. Fiscal Intermediaries are not service providers.
FLES	Foreign Language in Elementary School	is an approach to language learning that allows students to develop basic communicative skills in a language while reinforcing and enriching content in other disciplines.
FM	Focus Monitoring	is a data-driven approach to monitoring that focuses on a small number of carefully chosen priorities that have demonstrated the greatest impact on improving results for students with disabilities. This process purposefully selects priority areas to examine for compliance/results to maximize resources, emphasize important variables and increase the probability of improved results.
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act or FOIL Freedom of Information Law	is a law that gives you the right to access information from the federal government. http://www.foia.gov/
FSHD	Facio-Scapulo-Humeral muscular Dystrophy	is a genetic muscle-weakening disease that begins in the face, upper arms and lower legs. It is generally diagnosed by late adolescence, and progresses slowly.
FS IQ	Full Scale Intelligence Quotient	evaluates multiple intellectual abilities. The IQ tests assess a student's ability to reason abstractly given both verbal and visual prompts. The two final aforementioned sections of the IQ tests track a student's short-term auditory and visual memory, along with the time that a student needs to arrive at an answer.
FTT	Failure To Thrive	refers to children whose current weight or rate of weight gain is significantly lower than that of other children of similar age and gender.
FXS	Fragile X Syndrome	is a family of genetic conditions, which can impact individuals and families in various ways. These genetic conditions are related in that they are all caused by gene changes in the same gene, called the FMR1 gene. Support group:
GAF	Global Assessment of Functioning	is a hypothetical continuum of mental health/illness based on psychological, social and occupational functioning not due to physical or environmental limitations.
GAPS	Grammar And Phonology Screening	is a quick screening test to assess whether pre- and early school entry children have the necessary grammar and pre-reading phonological skills needed for education and social development.
GARD	Genetic and Rare Disorders information center	is a resource to help people find useful information about genetic and rare diseases. The GARD Information Center provides timely access to experienced specialists who provide current and accurate information about genetic and rare diseases in both English and Spanish. http://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/gard
GARS	Gilliam Autism Rating Scale	is a tool to identify and diagnose autism and to estimate the severity of autism in an individual ages 3 through 22

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GATE	Gifted And Talented Education	refers to the practices, procedures, and theories used to educate children who have significantly higher than average intellectual ability. While there is no standard definition for a GATE program, normally about 5% of a student population qualifies for the accelerated education, which advances students through the standard curriculum faster than normal.
GBS	Guillain-Barre Syndrome	is a neurological disorder characterized by muscle weakness, paralysis and trouble breathing. It occurs when the immune system attacks the nervous system, often following an infection, surgery or trauma.
GE	General Education	includes subjects comprising the shared intellectual heritage of our diverse culture. It teaches critical thinking and encourages accurate and effective communication. General Education supports the integration, synthesis, and application of knowledge, and includes proficiency in information literacy
GED	General Education Developmental tests	provide adults who did not complete a formal high school program the opportunity to certify their attainment of high school-level academic knowledge and skills.
GFCF	Gluten Free Casein Free	refers to a diet that removes two proteins: casein, which is found in all milk and dairy products, and gluten, which is contained in wheat, barley, rye, and some brands of oats [that may have been cross-contaminated with gluten].
GORT	Gray Oral Reading Test	is one of the most widely used measures of oral reading fluency and comprehension in the United States, the GORT series has been updated and improved. Two equivalent forms (Form A and Form B) each contain 16 developmentally sequenced reading passages with five comprehension questions each. An optional miscue analysis system allows reading specialists to analyze reading errors and tailor interventions to specific students' needs.
GPA	Grade Point Average	is calculated by dividing the total amount of grade points earned by the total amount of credit hours attempted.
GREAT	Gang Resistance Education And Training	is a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum. With prevention as its primary objective, the program is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. http://www.great-online.org/
GT	Gifted and Talented	are students, children, or youth who give evidence of high achievement capability in areas such as intellectual, creative, artistic, or leadership capacity, or in specific academic fields, and who need services and activities not ordinarily provided by the school in order to fully develop those capabilities
HFA	High Functioning Autism	is at one end of the ASD spectrum. Signs and symptoms are less severe than with other forms of autism. In fact, a person with high-functioning autism usually has average or above average intelligence.
HHV-4	Human Herpesvirus 4 ,	is a virus of the herpes family, and is one of the most common viruses in humans. Infants become susceptible to EBV as soon as maternal antibody protection (present at birth) disappears. Many children become infected with EBV, and these infections usually cause no symptoms or are indistinguishable from the other mild, brief illnesses of childhood.
HI	Hearing Impairment	(as defined by IDEA) means impairment in hearing, whether permanent or fluctuating, that adversely affects a child's educational performance but is not included under the definition of "deafness." Now referred to as HOH <u>Hard of Hearing</u> , it includes those with deafness in one ear or limited hearing in one or both years.
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act	protects the privacy of individually identifiable health information http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/

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HLQ	Home Language Questionnaire	refers to a document created for parents to determine a student's mastery of English based on the language(s) used in the home.
HMPV	Hunan MetaPneumoVirus	refers to a virus that can cause upper and lower respiratory disease in people of all ages, especially among young children, older adults, and people with weakened immune systems.
HNPP	Hereditary Neuropathy with Pressure Palsies	is an inherited condition that causes numbness, tingling and muscle weakness in the limbs. It affects the peripheral nerves, which connect your brain and spinal cord to your muscles and cells that detect touch, pain and temperature.
HO	Hearing Officer or IHO Impartial Hearing Officer	is an expert in administrative law who presides over special education due process hearings.
HOH	Hard of Hearing	formerly HI Hearing Impairment (as defined by IDEA) means impairment in hearing, whether permanent or fluctuating, that adversely affects a child's educational performance but is not included under the definition of "deafness."
HPE	HoloProsEncephaly	is a birth defect in which the brain fails to form properly. The most severe form is <i>Alobar Holoprosencephaly</i> , in which the brain does not divide into two hemispheres. These children often have significant facial malformations as well. In <i>Semilobar Holoprosencephaly</i> , the brain is divided in the back but not in the front; in <i>Lobar Holoprosencephaly</i> , the hemispheres are divided but are fused in some areas; and in cases with Middle Interhemispheric Variant, the brain is not well divided in the middle. Intellectual disability, epilepsy, microcephaly, hydrocephaly, and malformations in other organs are all associated with holoprosencephaly.
HS	Home or Hospital Schooling	occurs when a student with a disability receives education services in their home or while hospitalized.
HUD	Housing and Urban Development	refers to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development which administers Federal aid to local housing agencies (HAs) that manage the housing for low-income residents at rents they can afford. HUD furnishes technical and professional assistance in planning, developing, and managing these developments.
HYA	Hybrid with Asynchronous:	Students will attend some school in person and then, when at home, they will watch pre-recorded videos on their own time.
HYS	Hybrid with Synchronous:	Students will attend school in person and participate in live online instruction that is set at specific times through remote/online environments such as Zoom, Google Meet, or another online tool.
I & R	Information and Referral	connects people with resources in a community that provide help to those in need and accept help from volunteers.
IA	Instructional Assistant	see TA Teaching Assistant
IAES	Interim Alternative Educational Setting	is a term for an educational setting and program other than the student's current placement that enables the student to continue to receive educational services according to his or her Individualized Education Program, usually during suspension or disciplinary action.
IAP	Individual Accommodation Plan	contains the same quality components of an Intervention Plan for Student Success with some additional requirements to align the process with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The IAP more specifically identifies a student's

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IBI	disability and the student's access to the regular educational program. An IAP should address the student's access to the regular educational program as independently and naturally as possible.	Intensive Behavioral Intervention is an intervention based on ABA that uses behavioral teaching methods, has clearly defined strategies and goals, is individualized to the needs of each child, incorporates changes based upon direct measurement of each child's learning but is done one-on-one or in small groups.
I-CAP	Individual Corrective Action Plan is developed when an evaluated teacher or student receives a "does not meet" rating(s) on the evaluation tool or when an immediate change is required in teacher behavior. It is an identification and elimination of the causes of a problem, thus preventing their recurrence.	
ICF	International Classification of Functioning Disability and Health (ICF) is a framework for describing and organizing information on functioning and disability. It provides a standard language and a conceptual basis for the definition and measurement of health and disability that is not strength or deficit based.	
ICT	Integrated Co-Teaching is an inclusion model of service delivery for students with mild to moderate disabilities. It is generally a collaborative teaching model which pairs a special educator and a general educator. These two professionals co-plan and co-teach.	
ID	Intellectual Disability/Delay is characterized by significant limitations in both intellectual functioning and in adaptive behavior, which covers many everyday social and practical skills. This disability originates before the age of 18.	
IDA	International Dyslexia Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals with dyslexia, their families and the communities that support them. http://www.interdys.org/	
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act was first enacted in 1975 as the Education for all Handicapped Children Act. It is a comprehensive law that governs the education of students with disabilities.	
IDEL	Indicadores Dinámicos del Éxito en la Lectura is a research-based formative assessment series designed to measure the basic early literacy skills of children learning to read in Spanish. The IDEL measures are not a translation of DIBELS, although they are based on the same research-based evidence of how children learn to read in alphabetic languages. IDEL, however, also carefully takes into account the linguistic structure of the Spanish language including the phonology, orthography, and syntax. The measures are standardized, short, individually administered, and can be used to regularly monitor the development of early Spanish literacy skills.	
IDP	Individualized Development Plan refers to a tool to assist employees in career and personal development. Its primary purpose is to help employees reach short and long-term career goals, as well as improve current job performance. An IDP is not a performance evaluation tool or a one-time activity.	
IDT	Intensive Day Treatment is an outpatient program for children and adolescents with serious emotional and psychiatric difficulties. The program generally allows a maximum stay of 30 days per episode of treatment and allows students to transition back to their home school with support.	
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation means an assessment conducted by a qualified examiner who is not employed by the public agency responsible for the education of the child in question and the public agency either pays for the full cost of the evaluation or ensures that the evaluation is otherwise provided at no cost to the parent.	
IEP	Individual Education Program is an individualized plan that is written for a child to provide the appropriate educational services and modifications to his/her program that are necessary in the least restrictive environment.	
IESP	Individual Education Services Program see ISP	

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IFD	Instructional focus statements	provide guidance to clarify the types of instruction that will help a student progress along a continuum of learning. These statements are written to provide strong guidance around Tier I, on-grade level instruction.
IFSP	Individual Family Service Plan (for EI)	is a plan that contains information about the services necessary to facilitate a child's development and enhance the family's capacity to facilitate the child's development.
IH	Impartial Hearing	is a court-like review process governed by administrative laws. An impartial hearing is one of the administrative remedies available to parents and school districts to resolve special education disputes. Hearings can be held on behalf of one student or may involve others, as in a class action.
IHE	Institution of Higher Learning	refers to a college or university
IHIP	Individualized Home Instruction Plan	is a document required by a school district after a parent files intent to provide home instruction that includes specific curriculum materials, textbooks, etc. that will be used to meeting the compulsory educational requirements.
IHO	Impartial Hearing Officer or Hearing Officer HO	is an expert in administrative law who presides over special education due process hearings.
IHP	Individual Habilitation Plan	is an essential document for agencies providing habilitation services (e.g. group day habilitation, supported employment services, etc.) to people with developmental disabilities.
ILI	Independent Living, Inc.	is a consumer-directed, cross-disability advocacy and service organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for individuals with disabilities living in Dutchess, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan and Ulster Counties in NY.
INSAR	Inter-National Society for Autism Research	is a scientific and professional organization devoted to advancing knowledge about autism. https://www.autism-insar.org/
IPE	Individual Plan for Employment	is a plan for the services that a person needs to help them reach their work goals.
IQ	Intelligence Quotient	is an intelligence test score that is obtained by dividing mental age, which reflects the age-graded level of performance as derived from population norms, by chronological age and multiplying by 100: a score of 100 thus indicates a performance at exactly the normal level for that age group.
IRMA	Incident Report Management Application	refers to a program/agency that monitors abuse and neglect complaints via standardized forms.
ISC	Initial Service Coordinator	see SC Service Coordinator
ISP	Individual Service Plan	is a comprehensive document that gives a thorough overview of the consumer and the care and training that he or she was receiving. The document allowed information to be presented by each member of the interdisciplinary team. It provided for a history of previous care and treatment, the prioritization of goals in the planning process, and the establishment of methods and timelines for implementation.
ISS	In-School Suspension	occurs when the student is isolated to complete schoolwork for violation of the school discipline code
IST	Instructional Support Team	always includes the building principal, the student's classroom teacher, and the support teacher. The parents are encouraged to participate and the school psychologist, guidance counselor, teacher, speech pathologist, school nurse and representatives from community agencies may also serve on the IST , depending on the needs of the student. The group determines what strategies should be implemented to help the student achieve success in the regular classroom.
ITP	Individualized Transition Plan	is created in conjunction with students who are 14 – 16 years and above. This plan assists in the student's transition from school to adulthood.

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JC	Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs in NY works hand in hand with providers to prevent individuals with troublesome histories from working with vulnerable populations. Staff Exclusion List (SEL) and Criminal Background checks of prospective employees and volunteers who will work directly with individuals with special needs are required by law, with the intention of stopping abuse or neglect before it happens.	
JD	Juvenile Diabetes also known as <i>Type 1 Diabetes</i> , is a medical condition in which the pancreas does not make any insulin, a hormone which moves sugar from the bloodstream to the cells after digestion, so that it can be used as energy. Since individuals with JD produce no insulin at all, they need to receive injections of it to keep their blood sugar at appropriate levels.	
JRA	Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis is an autoimmune disease of unknown cause acquired at or before the age of 16. The immune system's attack on the body causes swelling and pain in the joints, and possibly in internal organs as well.	
JROTC	Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps prepares high school students for leadership roles while making them aware of their rights, responsibilities, and privileges as American citizens. JROTC teaches young men and women the kind of self-discipline, self-confidence, and leadership skills that can help them successfully meet the challenges of adulthood. This program is conducted at accredited secondary schools throughout the nation, by instructors who are retired Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard officers and enlisted personnel.	
K-12	Kindegarten through 12th grade is a shortening of kindergarten (K) for 5- 6 year olds through twelfth grade (12) for 17- 18 year-olds, as the first and last grades of education in the United States.	
KD	Kawasaki Disease is an illness found most commonly among children under five, particularly those of Japanese and Korean descent. It involves inflammation of the arteries, and symptoms include high fever; peeling skin; swelling of hands, feet, and lymph nodes; and red eyes.	
KD	Krabbe Disease is a rare disorder in which the myelin coating on the nerves breaks down, causing brain cells to be destroyed. The inherited disorder is caused by a lack of the enzyme galactocerebrosidase, which is needed for myelin metabolism. Mental and motor development are affected, and muscle weakness, deafness and blindness can also occur. There is currently no cure for the disease, which is most commonly found in infants. These children often die before age 2, but infusions of umbilical cord blood stem cells before onset or bone marrow transplant early in the disease can prolong life.	
KTEA-II	Kaufmann Test Educational Achievement 2nd Edition provides composite scores for Grade 1 students and older in reading, math, written language, and oral language covering all IDEA, Reading First, and NCTM achievement areas.	
KWL	Know, Wonder, Learn refers to a type of graphic organizers that help students organize information before, during, and after a unit or a lesson. They can be used to engage students in a new topic, activate prior knowledge, share unit objectives, and monitor students' learning.	

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LA	Language Arts	is the name for literature, grammar and reading classes formerly called “English” classes.
LATCH	Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children	is a system which, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 'is designed to make installation of child safety seats easier by requiring child safety seats to be installed without using the vehicle's seat belt system.'
LBLP	Lindamood Bell Language Program	is a learning approach that can help students who struggle with reading and other learning differences. Like Orton–Gillingham, O-G , Lindamood–Bell breaks down learning to read into concrete skills. These include connecting letters to sounds and blending sounds into words. Students master one skill before moving on to the next. But along with teaching students to read the words, the program also focuses on understanding content. It does that by using imagery.
LCAT	Licensed Creative Arts Therapist	is a counselor trained in nonverbal mental health therapy based on a person’s natural expression in art, dance, drama, music, poetry, and other arts, which reflects internal conflicts and emotional imbalances
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	is a social worker trained in psychotherapy that helps individuals deal with a variety of mental health and daily living problems to improve overall functioning.
LCT-2	Listening Comprehension Test 2	assesses listening through natural classroom situations rather than evaluating listening through simple repetition or discrimination subtests. The tasks reveal students' strengths and weaknesses in integrated language problem solving, reasoning, and comprehension of material presented auditorally.
LD	Learning Disability or Learning Difference	(as currently defined by IDEA) the term refers to a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself in an imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematical calculations, including conditions such as perceptual disabilities, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia. The term does not include learning problems that are primarily the result of visual, hearing, or motor disabilities, of intellectual disability, of emotional disturbance or of environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage.
LDA	Learning Disabilities Association	is the largest non-profit volunteer organization advocating for individuals with learning disabilities.
LEA	Local Education Agency	refers to a commonly used synonym for a school district, an entity which operates local public primary and secondary schools in the United States.
LEP	Limited English Proficiency	refers to individuals who do not speak English as their primary language and who have a limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English.
LGMD	Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy	is a genetic muscle-weakening disease that starts around the hips and shoulders.
LGS	Lennox-Gastaut syndrome	is a type of epilepsy. Patients with LGS experience many different types of seizures including: Tonic - stiffening of the body. Atonic - temporary loss of muscle tone and consciousness, causing the patient to fall. And Atypical absence - staring episodes.
LICSW	Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker	is a social worker who helps individuals deal with a variety of mental health and daily living problems to improve overall functioning.
LIMM	Learning Impaired – Mild to Moderate	is a term to describe a teacher or class for a student with minimal to somewhat significant academic needs.
LIMS	Learning Impaired – Moderate to Severe	is a term to describe a teacher or a class for a student with extensive academic needs.

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LKS	Landau-Kleffner Syndrome	is a neurological disorder in which normally developing children lose the ability to speak or understand speech, often suddenly. The syndrome is usually accompanied by epileptic seizures. Children may also have behavior problems, or appear to be autistic.
LLI	Leveled Literacy Intervention	is small group, supplementary intervention designed for children who find reading and writing difficult. The goal of the intervention is to bring the children to grade level achievement.
LMFT	Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist	is a counselor with a Masters in Psychology and/or Marriage and family Therapy plus supervised experience that helps families and couples with a variety of mental health and daily living problems to improve overall functioning.
LMHC	Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LPC or LCMHC	in some states) is a counselor who generally has a Masters in Counseling and/or Psychology plus supervised experience and who helps individuals deal with a variety of mental health and daily living problems to improve overall functioning.
LPE	Language Proficiency Team	refers to school teams set up to regulate ENL , formerly known as ESL , in NY school districts.
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment	means that placement of students with disabilities in special classes, separate schools, or other removal from the regular educational environment occurs only when the nature or severity of the disability is such that even with the use of supplementary aids and services, education cannot be satisfactorily achieved.
LSD	Local School District	is an independent special-purpose government, or dependent school system, which is under the control of state or local government.
LSSP	Licensed Specialist in School Psychology	conducts evaluations (and often reevaluations) to determine if students are eligible for, or can continue in, special education services, academic and behavior intervention plans, and counseling as a related service. They also help assess disabilities that are listed under IDEA's 13 categories, with the exception of visual impairment, hearing impairment, and speech or language impairment.
LTC	Long Term Care	refers to the services that people will need, such as ADL's , which insurance does not cover after a predetermined amount of time.
LTEL	Long Term English Learner	refers to students who have been enrolled in American schools for more than six years, who are not progressing toward English proficiency, and who are struggling academically due to their limited English skills.
MA	Mental Age	is the level of intellectual development as measured by an intelligence test.
MAP	Measure of Academic Progress	is a computerized academic program to assess instructional level and measure academic growth.
MBD	Minimal Brain Dysfunction	refers to an impairment of brain functions that affects the area of the brain associated with perception, behavior, and academic ability.
MC	Managed Care	is a health care delivery system organized to manage cost, utilization, and quality. Medicaid managed care provides for the delivery of Medicaid health benefits and additional services through contracted arrangements between state Medicaid agencies and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) that accept a set per member per month (capitation) payment for these services.
M-CHAT	Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers	is designed to screen children aged 16 months to 30 months-old for an autism spectrum disorder with parents answering questions and an evaluator assessing whether the child should be referred to a specialist.

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MD	Multiple Disabilities or MH Multiply Handicapped (as defined by IDEA) means concomitant [simultaneous] impairments (such as intellectual disability-blindness, intellectual disability-orthopedic impairment, etc.), the combination of which causes such severe educational needs that they cannot be accommodated in a special education program solely for one of the impairments. The term does not include deaf-blindness.	
MD	Muscular Dystrophy is a group of disorders that involve muscle weakness and loss of muscle tissue that gets worse over time.	
MDS	Mosaic Down Syndrome is a developmental disability caused by an extra chromosome. The difference is the same as in Down syndrome, except that individuals with Mosaic Down syndrome do not have the extra chromosome on every cell. They have a "mosaic" of affected and unaffected cells. Children with Mosaic Down syndrome may have higher IQs than those with Down syndrome, but many of the health and development issues are the same.	
MDT	Multi-Disciplinary Team is a team of professionals meeting the needs of a specific child.	
MET	Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team means a group is made up of qualified people who have different areas of training and experience. Together, they know about children's speech and language skills, physical abilities, hearing and vision, and other important areas of development. They know how to work with children, even very young ones, to discover if a child has a problem or is developing within normal ranges. Group members may evaluate your child together or individually.	
MH	Mental Health is a term used to describe either a level of cognitive or emotional well-being or an absence of a mental disorder.	
MH	Multiply Handicapped see MD Multiple Disabilities	
MHTA	Mental Health Therapy Aide works with emotionally disturbed or mentally impaired individuals, usually in psychiatric hospitals or mental health clinics.	
MLD	Metachromatic LeukoDystrophy is a genetic disorder in which the lack of an enzyme - arylsulfatase A - causes a build-up of harmful chemicals in the white matter of the nervous system, damaging the myelin sheaths of nerve cells. This leads to communication failures along the nervous system and, in turn, problems with muscles and organs.	
MLU	Mean Length of Utterance refers to the average number of morphemes per utterance. It is an index of expressive language development used beyond the stage of single words, when a child uses two or more words together in an utterance.	
MMD	Myotonic Muscular Dystrophy is a genetic muscle-weakening disease that can cause muscle spasms, cataracts, heart problems and learning disabilities. It may be diagnosed in adolescence or adulthood, or a more severe form may be diagnosed at birth. The disease progresses slowly, and can be mild or severe in its disabling effects.	
MOD	Modification is an adjustment to the instructional content or performance expectations of students with disabilities from what is expected or taught to students in general education.	
MOY	Middle of Year refers to an assessment done halfway through the school year.	
MODY	Maturity Onset Diabetes of the Young is a rare form of diabetes that is different from both type 1 and type 2 diabetes, and runs strongly in families. MODY is caused by a mutation (or change) in a single gene. If a parent has this gene mutation, any child they have, has a 50% chance of inheriting it from them.	
MS	Multiple Sclerosis is a potentially debilitating disease in which one's body's immune system eats away at the protective sheath that covers the nerves. This interferes with the communication between the brain and the rest of your body. Ultimately, this may result in deterioration of the nerves themselves, a process that's not reversible.	

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MSC	Medicaid Service Coordinator	former term for care coordinator who assists people with developmental disabilities/intellectual disability throughout their lifetime by providing advocacy and links to services in the community.
MSSW	Master of Science in Social Work or MSW Master of Social Work	interviews clients and their families and coordinates and plans programs and activities to meet their social and emotional needs. Provides crisis intervention and assists families in understanding the implications and complexities of the medical situation and its impact on lifestyle.
MTF	Military Treatment Facility	is a medical center administered by the Department of Defense (DoD).
MTSS	Multi-Tier Systems of Supports	see RTI
NABE	National Association for Bilingual Education	is a professional organization devoted to representing both English language learners and bilingual educational professionals. http://www.nabe.org/
NAD	National Association for the Deaf	is a civil rights organization of, by and for deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the United States of America. http://www.nad.org/
NAEA	National Art Education Association	is a professional membership organization exclusively for visual art educators. http://www.arteducators.org/
NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children	is an organization dedicated to improving the well-being of young children, with particular focus on the quality of educational and developmental services for all children from birth through age 8. http://www.naeyc.org/
NAfME	National Association for Music Education	is an association that addresses all aspects of music education. NAFME advocates at the local, state, and national levels; provides resources for teachers, parents, and administrators; hosts professional development events; and offers a variety of opportunities for students and teachers. The Association orchestrates success for millions of students nationwide and has supported music educators at all teaching levels for more than a century. https://nafme.org/
NAME	National Association of Multicultural Education	is a non-profit organization that advances and advocates for equity and social justice through multicultural education. http://nameorg.org/
NAMI	National Alliance on Mental Illness	is a nonprofit, grassroots, self-help, support and advocacy organization of consumers, families, and friends of people whose lives have been affected by serious mental illness. http://www.nami.org/
NAS	Neonatal abstinence syndrome	is a group of conditions caused when a baby withdraws from certain drugs he's exposed to in the womb before birth. NAS is most often caused when a woman takes drugs called opioids during pregnancy.
NCBDDD	National Center for Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities	is a division of the CDC that strives to identify the causes of birth defects and developmental disabilities. http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd
NCCBH	National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare	is a non-profit organization that provides the unifying voice of America's community mental health and addictions treatment organizations. http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/
NCELA	National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition & Language Instruction Educational Programs	supports the U.S. Department of Education's Office of English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement for Limited English Proficient Students (OELA) in its mission to respond to Title III educational needs, and implement NCLB as it applies to English language learners (ELLs).

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NCLS	Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinoses	refers to a group of rare, inherited disorders of the nerve cells. NCLS involves the buildup of an abnormal material called lipofuscin in the brain. NCLS is thought to be caused by problems with the brain's ability to remove and recycle proteins.
NCLB	No Child Left Behind	http://www2.ed.gov/nclb/landing.jhtml
NCLD	National Center for Learning Disabilities	connects parents and others with essential resources, provides educators with evidence-based tools, and engages advocates in public policy initiatives. http://www.ncld.org/
NCRC	National Career Readiness Certificate	is a portable credential that demonstrates achievement and a certain level of workplace employability skills in Applied Mathematics, Locating Information and Reading for Information.
NCSET	National Center for Secondary Education and Transition	coordinates national resources, offers technical assistance, and disseminates information related to secondary education and transition for youth with disabilities in order to create opportunities for youth to achieve successful futures. http://www.ncset.org/
NDSC	National Down Syndrome Congress	is an organization for people with Down syndrome, their families, and the professionals who work with them that provides information, advocacy and support concerning all aspects of life for individuals with Down syndrome. It also works to create a national climate in which all people will recognize and embrace the value and dignity of people with Down syndrome. http://ndsccenter.org/
NDT	Neuro-Developmental Treatment	is a hands-on treatment approach used by physical therapists, occupational therapists and speech-language pathologists. The approach was developed to enhance the function of adults and children who have difficulties in controlling movement resulting from neurological challenges such as stroke and head injury.
NEA	National Education Association	refers to a nonprofit and nonpartisan professional organization made up of elementary and secondary school teachers, higher education faculty, education support professionals, school administrators, and others interested in public education.
NF	Neurofibromatosis	is a genetic disorder in which tumors grow on nerve cells, affecting their growth and development. The skin and bones can also be affected. About half of those with NF inherit the disorder, while other cases are the result of a spontaneous genetic mutation.
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	combines advanced technology and trained healthcare professionals to provide specialized care for the infants. NICUs may also have intermediate or continuing care areas for babies who are not as sick but do need specialized nursing care.
NICHD	National Institute for Child Health and Human Development	was founded in 1962 to investigate human development throughout the entire life process, with a focus on understanding disabilities and important events that occur during pregnancy. NICHD's mission is to lead research and training to understand human development, improve reproductive health, enhance the lives of children and adolescents, and optimize abilities for all. https://www.nichd.nih.gov/
NIMAC	National Instructional Materials Access Center	makes it easy for school districts to obtain materials for students with disabilities, and to do so in a timely manner. Once a NIMAS (see below) file is downloaded from NIMAC by an authorized user, it must be transformed into the required accessible format for the student. NIMAC houses files for printed textbooks and related core instructional materials published primarily for use in elementary and secondary school instruction.
NIMAS	National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard	is a technical specification, endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education, which publishers must use in preparing files.
NKDA	No Known Drug Allergies	a notation used for medical information

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NLD	Nonverbal Learning Disability	is almost the opposite of what it seems to mean: people with this disability are actually highly verbal but are challenged when it comes to processing non-verbal information.
NMS	Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome	is a life-threatening neurological disorder most often caused by an adverse reaction to neuroleptic or antipsychotic drugs. Symptoms include high fever, confusion, rigid muscles, variable blood pressure, sweating, and fast heart rate. Complications may include rhabdomyolysis, high blood potassium, kidney failure, or seizures.
NORD	National Organization for Rare Disorders	is a non-profit federation of voluntary health organizations dedicated to helping people with rare "orphan" diseases and assisting the organizations that serve them. NORD is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders through programs of education, advocacy, research, and service. http://www.rarediseases.org/
NOS	Not Otherwise Specified	is a term used when a diagnosis appears to fall within the larger category but does not meet the criteria of any specific disorder within that category.
NPD	Narcissistic Personality Disorder	is a personality disorder in which an individual has an unrealistic sense of his own self-importance, expecting special treatment and taking offense when it is not given.
NPP	Notice of Privacy Practices	refers to what health plans and covered health care providers are required to develop and distribute; a notice that provides a clear explanation of these rights and practices. The notice is intended to focus individuals on privacy issues and concerns, and to prompt them to have discussions with their health plans and health care providers and exercise their rights.
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rule Making	is a public notice issued by law when one of the independent agencies of the United States government wishes to add, remove, or change a rule or regulation as part of the rulemaking process.
NT	Neurotypical	is a term popularly used by people who have been diagnosed with or are believed to fit the criteria for Asperger's Syndrome or Autism. The term refers to society's ideal that some people are considered "normal" and some people are not. A person whom some Autistic or "Aspie" considers "normal" is a Neurotypical.
NYSAA	New York State Alternate Assessment	is a part of the New York State Testing Program; a data folio-style assessment in which students with severe cognitive disabilities demonstrate their performance toward achieving the New York State learning standards. Eligibility for participation in NYSAA is determined by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) according to criteria described in the Administrators' Manual. Student performance is recorded through direct observation and documentation and may include other information such as student work products, photographs, audio and videotapes.
NYSCB	New York State Commission for the Blind	provides vocational rehabilitation and other direct services to legally blind New York State residents, including children, adults, and elderly persons. Formerly CBVH.
NYSED	New York State Education Department	http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/
NVLD	Non-Verbal Learning Disability	is a learning disability that causes difficulty with motor, visual-spatial, and social skills. People with NVLD are often well-spoken and can write well, but struggle with subtle social cues and comprehension of abstract concepts.
O & M	Orientation and Mobility	is the educational process that prepares an individual to travel safely and independently in his or her surrounding environment. Orientation uses the remaining senses to establish one's position and relationship to other significant objects in the

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		environment. Mobility is the ability to move from a present position to a desired location or position in another part of the environment in a safe and efficient manner.
OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder	is currently classified as an anxiety disorder marked by the recurrence of intrusive or disturbing thoughts, impulses, images or ideas (obsessions) accompanied by repeated attempts to suppress these thoughts through the performance of certain irrational and ritualistic behaviors or mental acts (compulsions). The obsessions and compulsions take up large amounts of the patient's time (an hour or longer every day) and usually cause significant emotional distress for the patient and difficulties in his or her relationships with others.
OCFS	Office of Children and Family Services	in NY, offers numerous services in a wide variety of programs, including child care and child welfare, prevention, residential programs for youth, and services for adolescents, older adults, and New Yorkers who are legally blind.
OCR	Office of Civil Rights	promotes and ensures that people have equal access to and opportunity to participate in certain health care and human services programs without facing unlawful discrimination. CRD Civil Rights Division carries out this mission by enforcing Federal laws and regulations that prohibit discrimination, including health care provider conscience rights, on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age and, in certain circumstances, sex and religion, in programs and activities that receive financial assistance from HHS Health and Human Services . CRD also enforces a Federal law and regulation that prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in health care and social service programs of state and local governments.
OCTAE	Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE)	administers, coordinates programs that are related to adult education and literacy, career and technical education, and community colleges.
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder	is a psychiatric disorder that is characterized by two different sets of problems; aggressiveness and a tendency to purposefully bother and irritate others.
OELA	Office of English Language Acquisition	identifies major issues affecting the education of English language learners, assists and supports state and local systemic reform efforts that emphasize high academic standards, school accountability, professional development and parent involvement.
OHI	Other Health Impairment	(as defined by IDEA) means having limited strength, vitality, or alertness, including a heightened alertness to environmental stimuli, that results in limited alertness with respect to the educational environment, that (a) is due to chronic or acute health problems such as asthma, attention deficit disorder or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, diabetes, epilepsy, a heart condition, hemophilia, lead poisoning, leukemia, nephritis, rheumatic fever, and sickle cell anemia; and (b) adversely affects a child's educational performance.
OI	Orthopedic Impairment	(as defined by IDEA) means a severe orthopedic impairment that adversely affects a child's educational performance. The term includes impairments caused by a congenital anomaly (e.g. clubfoot, absence of some member, etc.), impairments caused by disease (e.g. poliomyelitis, bone tuberculosis, etc.), and impairments from other causes (e.g., cerebral palsy, amputations, and fractures or burns that cause contractures).
OI	Osteogenesis Imperfecta	is a genetic disorder in which the body either does not make enough collagen or makes defective collagen. Since collagen provides structure for the bones, children with OI have bones that are less dense than normal and easily broken. OI can be passed on by a parent or can be the result of a spontaneous genetic mutation.
OMH	Office of Mental Health	refers to the agency that operates psychiatric centers across the State. OMH also regulates, certifies and oversees more than 4,500 programs, operated by local governments and nonprofit agencies.

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OPWDD	Office of People With Developmental Disabilities (formerly OMRDD – Office of Intellectual disability and Developmental Disabilities) [in New York] is responsible for coordinating services for New Yorkers with developmental disabilities, including intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism spectrum disorders, and other disabilities. http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/	
OSC	Ongoing Service Coordinator see SC Service Coordinator	
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs is a federal agency which looks to improving results for infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities ages birth through 21 by providing leadership and financial support to assist states and local districts.	
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services is a federal agency committed to the broad values of Inclusion, Equity and Opportunity for infants, toddlers, children, youth and adults with disabilities to actively participate in all aspects of life. OSERS promotes inclusion, ensures equity and creates opportunity as we strive to improve results and outcomes for children and adults with disabilities.	
OSS	Out of School Suspension bans the student from being on school grounds for the duration of the suspension.	
OT	Occupational Therapy helps children perform all types of activities, from using a computer to caring for daily needs such as dressing, cooking, and eating. Physical exercises may be used to increase strength and dexterity, while other activities may be chosen to improve visual acuity or the ability to discern patterns.	
OTR	Occupational Therapist Registered helps children perform all types of activities, from using a computer to caring for daily needs such as dressing, cooking, and eating. Physical exercises may be used to increase strength and dexterity, while other activities may be chosen to improve visual acuity or the ability to discern patterns.	
OWLS	Oral and Written Language Scales is a comprehensive sampling of language tasks over a wide age range with three scales: written expression, oral expression, and listening comprehension.	
P & A	Protection and Advocacy system see DRNY	
PAAT	Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology provides protection and advocacy services to assist individuals of all ages with disabilities in the acquisition, utilization or maintenance of assistive technology services or devices.	
PAC	Parent Advisory Council is the legislated parent representation at the school level advising on any matter relevant to the school. The PAC is intended to represent the collective view of parents of children in the school.	
PACER	Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights was created by parents of children and youth with disabilities to help other parents and families facing similar challenges. PACER is staffed primarily by parents of children with disabilities and works in coalition with 18 disability organizations. http://www.pacer.org/	
PAF	Preventing Academic Failure is an early intervention program for teaching reading, spelling, and handwriting in grades K-3. It prevents or addresses reading failure in learning disabled and struggling readers. PAF is the most effective classroom adaptation of Orton-Gillingham instruction and the only one coordinated with a comprehensive reading series.	
PALS	Peer-Assisted Learning System refers to the acquisition of knowledge and skill through active helping and supporting among status equals or matched companions	
PARCC	Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers is a consortium of states, working together to develop a common set of K-12 assessments in English and math anchored in what it takes to be ready for college and careers. These new K-12 assessments	

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PASS		will build a pathway to college and career readiness by the end of high school, mark students' progress towards this goal from 3 rd grade up, and provide teachers with timely information to inform instruction and provide student support. Plan for Achieving Self-Support is a written plan of action for getting a particular kind of job or starting a business. In it you identify the job or business, the steps you will take and the things you will need in order to achieve your work goal, the money you will use to pay for these things and a timetable for achieving your goal. http://www.ssa.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/pass.htm
PBS		Positive Behavioral Supports is a general term that refers to the application of interventions and systems to achieve socially important behavior change. Positive behavioral support is not a new intervention package, nor a new theory of behavior, but an application of a behaviorally-based systems approach to enhancing the capacity of schools, families, and communities to design effective environments that improve the fit or link between research-based practices and the environments in which teaching and learning occurs.
PBIS		Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports see PBS
PCA		Personal Care Assistant is an individual trained to help persons with basic daily routines. A PCA may be able to help you if you have a physical, emotional or mental disability, a chronic illness or an injury.
PCP		Person Centered Plan is an ongoing problem-solving process used to help people with disabilities plan for their future. In person centered planning, groups of people focus on an individual and that person's vision of what they would like to do in the future.
PCP		Primary Care Provider is the health care provider who oversees a person's care.
PCS		Permanent Change of Station is the official relocation of an active duty military service member, along with any family members living with him or her, to a different duty location such as a military base.
PD		Physical Disability or PI Physical Impairment refers to a broad range of disabilities which include orthopedic, neuromuscular, cardiovascular and pulmonary disorders. People with these disabilities often must rely upon assistive devices such as wheelchairs, crutches, canes, and artificial limbs to obtain mobility. The physical disability may either be congenital or a result of injury, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, amputation, heart disease, pulmonary disease or more. Some persons may have hidden (invisible) disabilities which include pulmonary disease, respiratory disorders, epilepsy and other limiting conditions.
PDA		Patent Ductus Arteriosus is a congenital heart defect in which the <i>ductus arteriosus</i> , a passage between the pulmonary artery and the aorta that normally closes shortly after birth, remains open.
PDD		Pervasive Developmental Disorder refers to a group of disorders characterized by delays in the development of socialization and communication skills.
PDD-NOS		Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not Otherwise Specified is a condition on the spectrum that has those with it exhibiting some, but not all, of the symptoms associated with classic autism. That can include difficulty socializing with others, repetitive behaviors, and heightened sensitivities to certain stimuli.
PDMS-II		Peabody Developmental Motor Scales – 2nd Edition assesses both qualitative and quantitative aspects of gross and fine motor development in young children; recommends specific interventions
PECS		Picture Exchange Communication System is an augmentative communication system that uses pictures instead of words to help children communicate.
PELI		Preschool Early Literacy Indicator is a storybook-embedded assessment of essential pre-literacy and oral language skills needed for kindergarten. The assessment is designed to identify children who are experiencing difficulties acquiring these skills with intent to provide the instructional support needed to improve future reading outcomes. The assessment is designed for preschool and pre-kindergarten

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		students (ages 3-5). PELI measures alphabet knowledge, vocabulary and oral language, phonemic awareness, and listening comprehension.
PEMDAS	Parenthesis, Exponents, Multiplication, Division, Addition, Subtraction	is a mnemonic for the order of operations in math; which is turned into the phrase "Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally".
Perkins	Carl Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act	authorizes federal funds to support vocational education programs.
PICU	Pediatric Intensive Care Unit	is an area of the hospital where a patient, in this case a child, will be monitored closely for a critical medical condition.
PIDD	Primary Immune Deficiency Disease	is a genetic disorder in which some part of the immune system does not function properly. There are many different types of PIDD, depending on the particular part of the immune system affected. Primary Immune Deficiency Disease differs from Acquired Immune Deficiency (AIDS) in that the condition is present from birth and involves a part of the immune system being broken. It is not contagious.
PINS	Person In Need of Supervision	[in New York] is determined by Family Court to be a child under the age of 18 who does not attend school, or behaves in a way that is dangerous or out of control, or often disobeys his or her parents, guardians or other authorities.
PKD	Polycystic Kidney Disease	is an inherited disorder in which fluid-filled cysts form in the kidneys, crowding out actual kidney tissue and making the organs unable to function properly. The eventual result is kidney failure.
PKU	Phenyl Keton Uria	is an inherited disorder in which the body is unable to process phenylalanine, an amino acid found in proteins. Instead of being eliminated from the body, unused phenylalanine builds up in the blood, eventually damaging the brain and causing intellectual disability and seizures among other effects.
PLEP	Present Level of Educational Performance or PLP Present Level of Performance	is a summary describing the student's current achievement in the areas of need as determined by an evaluation. It specifically addresses the student's strengths, effective teaching approaches, and interventions to enable student success. It explains the needs of the student and states how the student's disability affects his or her involvement and progress in the general curriculum. The PLEP contains current specific, measurable, objective baseline information for each area of need affected by the disability. In addition, it links the evaluation results, the expectations of the general curriculum, and the goals for the student. For preschool children, the PLEP describes how the disability affects the child's participation in age appropriate activities. The PLEP also addresses the student's transition needs in the areas of instruction, employment and post-school adult living,
PLR	Prescriptive Learning Resource or RR Resource Room	is a part time placement of students with a special education teacher who provides direct teaching services to no more than five special education students at one time. The curriculum is geared at the level of the students in the class.
POTS	Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome	is a form of dysautonomia, an umbrella term for conditions that effect the autonomic nervous system which controls things like blood flow to different organs, heart rate, body temperature, etc. The condition is more common in women than in men and can be triggered by pregnancy, surgery, trauma or a viral illness. It affects the flow of blood through the body, thereby causing dizziness when standing. Technically, someone has POTS if their heart rate increases by 30 beats per minute or their heart rate is greater than 120 beats per minute within 10 minutes of standing up.
PP	Para Professional or TA Teaching Assistant or Teacher's Assistant or IA Instructional Assistant	provide instructional and clerical support for classroom teachers, allowing teachers more time for lesson planning and teaching. They support and assist children in learning

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		class material using the teacher's lesson plans, providing students with individualized attention. Teacher assistants also supervise students in the cafeteria, schoolyard, and hallways, or on field trips; they record grades, set up equipment, and help prepare materials for instruction. Teacher assistants also are called teacher aides or instructional aides.
PPS	Pupil Personnel Services	usually include school guidance counselors, social workers, nurses, psychologists and mental health services.
PPVT	Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test	is a norm-referenced and individually administered measure of receptive vocabulary based on words in Standard American English. It is an untimed test of receptive vocabulary for Standard American English and is intended to provide a quick estimate of the examinee's receptive vocabulary ability.
PQRST	Preview, Question, Read, Self-recite, Test	is a mnemonic to use for learning new materials.
PRT	Pivotal Response Training	is a naturalistic behavioral intervention developed to facilitate stimulus and response generalization, increase spontaneity, reduce prompt dependency, and increase motivation while still relying on the principles of applied behavior analysis.
PS	Preschool	is for children who are not old enough to attend kindergarten
PS	Pulmonary Stenosis	is a congenital heart defect in which the valve between the right ventricle of the heart and the pulmonary artery is malformed and doesn't open the way it should.
PSAT	Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test	see SAT
PT	Physical Therapy	is a health care profession that provides treatment to individuals to develop, maintain and restore maximum movement and function throughout life.
PT	Physical Therapist	works with patients who have impairments, limitations, disabilities or changes in physical function and health status resulting from injury, disease or other causes.
PTA	Parent Teacher Association	is a national, regional and local group whose overall purpose is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. http://www.pta.org/
PTA	Physical Therapy Assistant	performs components of physical therapy procedures and related tasks, as directed by a supervising physical therapist (PT).
PTSD	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	is a type of anxiety disorder that can occur after a person has seen or experienced a traumatic event that involved the threat of injury or death.
PWN	Prior Written Notice	, when properly written, eliminates all doubts, misunderstandings, and the need for most written minutes. PWN is written following the CSE meeting and must list all recommendations made by any member of the team, and the disposition of those recommendations.
PWS	Prader-Willi Syndrome	is a complex genetic disorder that typically causes low muscle tone, short stature, incomplete sexual development, cognitive disabilities, problem behaviors, and a chronic feeling of hunger that can lead to excessive eating and life-threatening obesity.
QOL	Quality Of Life	is used in healthcare to refer to an individual's emotional, social and physical wellbeing, including their ability to function in the ordinary tasks of living. Also called QOLI Quality of Life Inventory

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QRI	Qualitative Reading Inventory	is a test of a child's ability to read aloud and retell what has been read. Readers are evaluated for accuracy (reading the correct words in the passage), phrasing (reading groups of words together in phrases or sentences), retelling (briefly telling someone what the passage was about) and rate (the time it takes to read the complete passage)
RAD	Reactive Airway Disease	is term often used to describe younger children, especially infants and toddlers, who have recurrent episodes of coughing and wheezing. These children typically need breathing treatments and are often given the same treatments that are used for children with asthma. Since some younger children simply wheeze when they get a cold and don't go on to have asthma when they get older, RAD may be a better term for them. On the other hand, some of these children do wheeze often enough that they likely do deserve a formal diagnosis of asthma, but parents or pediatricians don't like the idea of labeling these children so young.
RAD	Reactive Attachment Disorder	is a mental health disorder in which a child is unable to form healthy social relationships, particularly with a primary caregiver. Often children with RAD will seem charming and helpless to outsiders, while waging a campaign of terror within the family. RAD is frequently seen in children who have had inconsistent or abusive care in early childhood, including children adopted from orphanages or foster care.
RCAL	Resource Center for Accessible Living	is a non-profit, community based service and advocacy organization run by and for people with any type of disability.
RCT	Regents Competency Test	<u>were</u> exit exams given to identified special education students with Individualized Education Programs or students with a 504 plan who were seeking a high school diploma but could not pass the difficult Regents exams. This was given through the New York State Education Department, designed and administered under the authority of the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York until the end of the 2013 school year.
RDA	Results-Driven Accountability	refers to a framework intended to balance better the focus on improving educational results and functional outcomes for students with disabilities with the need for States and school districts to comply with the requirements of the special education law, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
RDI	Relationship Development Intervention	is a system of behavior modification through positive reinforcement. RDI was developed by Dr. Steven Gutstein as a parent-based treatment using dynamic intelligence.
REBT	Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy	focuses on uncovering irrational beliefs which may lead to unhealthy negative emotions and replacing them with more productive rational alternatives.
REED	Review of Existing Evaluation Data	is the process of looking at a student's existing data to determine if additional data are needed as part of an initial evaluation (if appropriate) or as part of a reevaluation.
RFBD	Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic	became Learning Ally in 1995, and serves more than 300,000 K-12, college and graduate students, veterans and lifelong learners – all of whom cannot read standard print due to blindness, visual impairment, dyslexia, or other learning disabilities.
RISE	Responsibility Increases Self Esteem	was the basis of the Maplebrook, NY school's program which recognizes the fact that students who experience ongoing difficulty in learning frequently develop a chronic problem of poor self-concept.

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ROTC	Reserve Officers Training Corps	is a college-based program for training commissioned officers of the United States armed forces. ROTC officers serve in all branches of the U.S. armed forces (although the U.S. Coast Guard does not have its own ROTC program, graduates of ROTC programs do currently serve as Coast Guard officers).
RR	Resource Room or PLR Prescriptive Learning Resource	is a part time placement of students with a special education teacher who provides direct teaching services to no more than five special education students at one time. The curriculum is geared at the level of the students in the class.
RS	Related Services	means support services such as speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, psychological services, and counseling services. These services can be delivered in an individual or small group setting.
RS	Rett Syndrome	is a neuro-developmental disorder that affects girls almost exclusively. It is characterized by normal early growth and development followed by a slowing of development, loss of purposeful use of the hands, distinctive hand movements, slowed brain and head growth, problems with walking, seizures, and intellectual disability.
RTI	Response Thru Intervention	is a process that uses testing and intervention within a multi-level prevention system to maximize student achievement. It also identifies students who may need special education services.
Rx	Prescription	is a written order, especially by a physician, for the preparation and administration of a medicine or other treatment.
SACC	New York State Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential	is awarded to a student who has attended school for at least 12 years and is issued in conjunction with a SES (Student Exit Summary)
SANE	Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners	perform forensic evidence collection and treatment for adult survivors of rape, sexual assault and incest.
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome	refers to a viral respiratory illness caused by a coronavirus that is rare.
SAS	Supplementary Aids and Services	means aids, services, and other supports that are provided in regular education classes, other education-related settings, and in extracurricular and nonacademic settings, to enable children with disabilities to be educated with nondisabled children to the maximum extent appropriate.
SAT	Scholastic Achievement (or Assessment) Test	is a college entrance exam. http://www.collegeboard.org/
SAT	Student Assistance Team	see CST (Child Study Team)
SB	Spina Bifida	is a neural tube defect; a disorder involving incomplete development of the brain, spinal cord, and/or their protective coverings.
SBS	Shaken Baby Syndrome	also known as abusive head trauma, shaken impact syndrome, inflicted head injury or infant whiplash syndrome, is a serious brain injury that occurs when an infant or toddler is forcefully shaken. Shaken baby syndrome destroys a child's brain cells and prevents his or her brain from getting enough oxygen. Shaken baby syndrome is a form of child abuse that can result in permanent brain damage or death.
SC	Service Coordinator	also known as a case manager, works for the person with a developmental disability in need of services and is key to accessing services. In Early Intervention, the process begins with an ISC (Initial Service Coordinator) and is then passed to an OSC (Ongoing Service Coordinator) .

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SCANS	The Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills	a commission to determine the skills our young people need to succeed in the world of work.
SCIS	Special Class Integrated Setting	is a preschool class populated with typical students as well as those with special needs.
SCR	Statewide Central Register	of Child Abuse and Maltreatment, also known as the "Hotline," receives telephone calls alleging child abuse or maltreatment within New York State. The SCR relays information from the calls to the local CPS Child Protective Service for investigation, monitors their prompt response, and identifies if there are prior child abuse or maltreatment reports.
SCT	Sluggish Cognitive Tempo	is a sub-category of the Inattentive type of ADHD. The diagnosis of Sluggish Cognitive Tempo is made in individuals who process information slowly.
SD	Standard Deviation	is a measure of the significance of differences between scores in IQ testing.
SDL	Synchronous Distance Learning	This is more like a traditional classroom experience, meeting virtually during specific times through remote/online environments such as Zoom, Google Meet, or another online tool.
SDMC	Surrogate Decision Making	refers to a program run by NY State for Persons with mental disabilities who reside or once resided in facilities or programs licensed, operated, or funded by the New York State Office of Mental Health and who require major medical and dental treatment. In some instances, they lack the capacity to make an informed decision for the proposed major medical treatment. http://www.justicecenter.ny.gov/services-supports/sdmc
SE	Special Education or SPED	is <i>specially designed individualized or group instruction</i> or special services or programs and special transportation, provided at no cost to the parent, to meet the unique needs of students with disabilities. This includes, but is not limited to; instruction in classrooms, homes, hospitals, institutions and in other settings and includes specialized physical education.
SEAC	Special Education Advisory Committee	is a committee of parents, educators, and community members who are interested in the education of students with disabilities. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to assist parents, school districts and administrators in developing quality education programs for students with disabilities, in conjunction with current trends in special education and applicable state and federal law.
SED	Serious or Severe Emotional Disturbance or Disability	is diagnosed by a psychiatrist, psychologist or other mental health professional. Some common childhood SEDs might include anxiety and mood disorders (depression), attention deficit and disruptive disorders, elimination disorders or eating disorders.
SED	Special Education Department or SE (Special Education)	
SEIT	Special Education Itinerant Teacher	provides services to a preschooler with a disability in a natural setting such as a daycare, summer camp or the child's home.
SEL	Social Emotional Learning	refers to the process through which children understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. In schools, SEL is a systematic, academic approach to teaching social and emotional intelligence, in which students acquire the knowledge and practice developing these skills.
SEL	Staff Exclusion List	is a registry which contains the names of individuals found responsible for serious or repeated acts of abuse or neglect.
SEPTA	Special Education Parent Teacher Association	is a part of the national PTA especially for parents who have children with special needs.

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SEQA	Special Education Quality Assurance [in New York] an agency that oversees preschool and school-age special education services through a quality assurance review process that emphasizes attainment of positive results for student with disabilities.	
SES	SocioEconomic Status refers to not just income, but also educational attainment, financial security, and subjective perceptions of status and class. SES can also relate to student quality of life as well as the opportunities and privileges afforded to people within society. When thinking about bridging "the achievement gap" and providing equity in schools, SES is one major factor educators must consider.	
SES	Student Exit Summary [in New York] a document that includes documentation of CDOS (Career Development and Occupational Studies) achievement, levels of academic achievement and independence as measured by NYSAA New York State Alternate Assessment , skills, strengths, interests and other achievements and accomplishments.	
SETRC	Special Education Teacher's Resource Center [in New York] is an instructional support system organized to train educators and distribute information to persons involved in the education of students with disabilities.	
SHAC	School Health Advisory Council refers to an on-going advisory group composed primarily of individuals selected from segments of the community. The group acts collectively in providing advice to the school district about aspects of the school health program.	
SHARS	School Health And Related Services see SHAC	
SI	Sensory Integration or SP Sensory Processing is the ability to process sensory information. An SI deficit is the result of insufficient neurological processing. It can take many forms, including an over or under sensitivity to sensory cues such as taste, smell, touch, sound and sight. Some children may have problems with motor coordination.	
SI	Speech Impairment or SLI Speech Language Impairment (as defined by IDEA) means a communication disorder such as stuttering, impaired articulation, language impairment, or a voice impairment that adversely affects a child's educational performance.	
SIB	Self-Injurious Behavior is the act of deliberately harming your own body, such as cutting or burning yourself. It's not meant as a suicide attempt. Rather, self-injury is an unhealthy way to cope with emotional pain, intense anger and frustration.	
SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome is the abrupt, unexplained death of a child under one year of age.	
SIFE	Student with Interrupted Formal Education refers to students who have had limited formal schooling because of political or social conditions in their native countries or extreme medical issues.	
SIG	State Improvement Grant refers to any competitive grant offered by the U.S. Department of Education to States to improve special education services in the State.	
SIP	State Implementation Plan includes improvement strategies to correct areas needing improvement and/or noncompliance issues discovered in the State self-assessment.	
SIPT	Sensory Integration and Praxis Test measures the sensory integration processes that underlie learning and behavior. By showing how children organize and respond to sensory input, SIPT helps pinpoint specific organic problems associated with learning disabilities, emotional disorders, and minimal brain dysfunction.	
SIS	Supplemental Instructional Support or SI Supplemental Instruction see TA	
SJS	Stevens-Johnson Syndrome is a severe allergic reaction to a medication or infection that can result in skin blistering, fever, and eye damage. It is potentially fatal, and can also cause blindness and disfigurement.	
SkillsUSA	Skills USA is a United States career and technical student organization serving high school and college students and professional members enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled, and service occupations, including health occupations.	

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SLD	Specific Learning Disability	means a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or using language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself in an imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell or perform mathematical calculations, including conditions such as perceptual disabilities, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia and developmental aphasia The term does not include learning problems that are primarily the result of visual, hearing motor disabilities, cognitive disabilities, emotional disturbance, cultural factors, environmental, or economic disadvantage
SLE	Supportive Learning Environment	refers to a safe, nurturing environment, with high challenge and low threat, where all learners can thrive.
SLI	Speech Language Impairment or SI Speech Impairment	(as defined by IDEA) means a communication disorder such as stuttering, impaired articulation, language impairment, or a voice impairment that adversely affects a child's educational performance.
SLO	Student Learning Objective	refers to an evaluation method created to incorporate student growth measures in the evaluation process, and also an important method for improving instructional practice. The SLO is a targeted, long-term goal for advancing student learning. This data-informed process involves diagnosing and improving specific student learning needs.
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist	assesses, diagnoses, treats, and helps to prevent disorders related to speech, language, cognitive-communication, voice, swallowing, and fluency.
SM	Selective Mutism	is an anxiety disorder in which a child who otherwise has no speech impairments is unable to speak in certain settings, frequently school or other social environments. The child generally has no problem speaking at home, and has no developmental or learning disabilities, but in stressful situations is unable to speak.
SMART	Specific, Measurable, Achievable (or Active), Realistic and Time-sensitive	is a mnemonic to use for creating goals and objectives.
SMI	Scholastic Math Inventory	is a computer-adaptive assessment that monitors growth through Algebra I. Fast and easy to use, SMI provides immediate data for effective instruction.
SNT	Supplemental Needs Trust or Special Needs Trust	is a specialized legal document designed to benefit an individual who has a disability.
SOA	State Oversight Agency	is an entity that is responsible for providing an impartial venue for individuals who wish to appeal the decisions of certain state or municipal agencies.
SOC	System Of Care	is a program that serves youth with social, emotional or behavioral challenges and their families, bringing together community agencies, public and private organizations, in order to improve access to services and supports
SODAS	S-Situation, O-Options, D-Disadvantages, A-Advantages, S-Solution	is a mnemonic for problem solving.
SPAM	Social, Physical, Academic & Management	describes the four areas of the IEP where the student's needs and abilities are described.
SPD	Sensory Processing Disorder	formerly known as "sensory integration dysfunction" is a condition that exists when sensory signals <i>don't</i> get organized into appropriate responses. Pioneering occupational therapist and neuroscientist A. Jean Ayres, PhD, likened SPD to a neurological "traffic jam" that prevents certain parts of the brain from receiving the information needed to interpret sensory information correctly. A person with SPD finds it difficult to process and act upon information received through the senses, which creates challenges in performing countless everyday tasks. Motor clumsiness, behavioral problems, anxiety, depression, school failure, and other impacts may result if the disorder is not treated effectively.
SPED	Special Education	is <i>pecially designed individualized or group instruction</i> or special services or programs and special transportation, provided at no cost to the parent, to meet the unique needs of students with disabilities. This includes, but is not limited to; instruction in classrooms, homes, hospitals, institutions and in other settings and includes specialized physical education.

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SPOA	Single Point of Access	refers to a program that helps providers connect people who have serious mental illness to mental health services that can connect them to treatment communicate with providers and get help finding benefits.
SPOA	Specific Power of Attorney	allows you to authorize someone to act on your behalf under specified circumstances.
SPP	State Performance Plan	refers to documents that establish accountability for special education in NY State. It currently includes 17 indicators.
SSA	Social Security Administration	is a program of old age, unemployment, health, disability, and survivors insurance maintained by the U.S. Federal government through compulsory payments by specific employer and employee groups. http://www.ssa.gov/
SSAN	Statewide Systems Advocacy Network	(in New York) is a group of individual advocates from various Independent Living Centers throughout the State of New York, determined to bring about positive systemic change.
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income	is a federal assistance program for disabled people who have paid Social Security taxes or are dependents of people who have paid. http://www.ssa.gov/disability/
SSI	Social Security Income	is a Federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues http://www.ssa.gov/ssi/
SSRI	Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors	is one of the commonly prescribed drugs for treating depression. They slow the process by which serotonin (a substance that nerves use to send messages to one another) is reused by nerve cells that make it. This increases the amount of serotonin available for stimulating other nerves.
SST	Student Study Team	is a school site team, which reviews individual student strengths and problem areas. The SST plans strategies and organizes resources for addressing problems and concerns.
SSWAA	School Social Worker Association of America	empowers school social workers and promotes the profession of school social work to enhance the social and emotional growth and academic outcomes of all students. http://www.sswaa.org/
STAR	Student Test of Achievement in Reading	is a software program that determines a student's reading skill
START	Systemic, Therapeutic, Assessment, Resources & Treatment	refers to mental health treatment that should begin during crisis intervention services.
STAT	Screening Tool for Autism in Toddlers and Young Children	is an interactive screening tool designed for children when developmental concerns are suspected.
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease	refers to a disease that may pass from person to person in blood, semen, or vaginal and other bodily fluids
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection	because many STDs cause no symptoms in some people, the term "sexually transmitted infections" is used instead of "sexually transmitted diseases."
STIC	Stop, Take a breath, Imagine the future consequences, and Choose	is a slogan for youth who are struggling.
STOMP	Specialized Training Of Military Parents	is the National Parent Training and Information Center for military families providing support and advice to military parents without regard of the type of medical condition their child has.
SW	Social Worker	is a professional who helps individuals, groups, or communities enhance or restore their capacity for social functioning and creating societal conditions favorable to this goal.
TA	Teaching Assistant or Teacher's Assistant or Teacher's Aide or IA Instructional Assistant	provide instructional and clerical support for classroom teachers, allowing teachers more time for lesson planning and teaching. They support and assist children in learning class

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		material using the teacher's lesson plans, providing students with individualized attention. Teacher assistants also supervise students in the cafeteria, schoolyard, and hallways, or on field trips; they record grades, set up equipment, and help prepare materials for instruction. Teacher assistants also are called teacher aides or instructional aides. Some assistants refer to themselves as paraprofessionals or para-educators
TA	Technical Assistance	is the providing of advice, support, and training pertaining to the installation, operation, and maintenance of equipment or instructional techniques.
TA&D	Technical Assistance & Dissemination	is a network funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs that offers support on special education and disability topics.
TAPS-3	Test of Auditory Processing Skills 3rd Edition	for ages 4 through 18 years. The TAPS-3 measures what a person does with what is heard, and is intended to be used along with other tests as part of a battery.
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	is a program designed to help needy families achieve self-sufficiency. States receive block grants to design and operate programs that accomplish one of the purposes of the program.
TAR	Thrombocytopenia and Absent Radius (TAR syndrome)	is a rare disorder that is present at birth (congenital). It is characterized by low levels of platelets in the blood (thrombocytopenia) and absence (aplasia) of the long, thin bones of the forearms (radii).
TASC	Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC™)	replaced the General Educational Development (GED®) as the primary pathway to a New York State High School Equivalency Diploma effective January 2, 2014.
TASH	formerly The Association for persons with Severe Handicaps	is an organization that advocates for human rights and inclusion for people with significant disabilities and support needs – those most vulnerable to segregation, abuse, neglect and institutionalization. TASH works to advance inclusive communities through advocacy, research, professional development, policy, and information and resources for parents, families and self-advocates. http://tash.org
TAT	Thematic Apperception Test	is a type of projective test that involves describing ambiguous scenes. It was developed by psychologist Henry A. Murray and artist and lay psychoanalyst Christina D. Morgan during the 1930s. The test is one of the most widely researched and utilized psychological tests in use today. The purpose of the test is to learn more about the respondents' thoughts, concerns, and motives based on the stories they create to explain the vague and often provocative scenes depicted in the pictures.
TB	Tuberculosis	is a contagious bacterial infection that mainly involves the lungs, but may spread to other organs.
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury	(as defined by IDEA) means an acquired injury to the brain caused by an external physical force, resulting in total or partial functional disability or psychosocial impairment, or both, that adversely affects a child's educational performance. The term applies to open or closed head injuries resulting in impairments in one or more areas, such as cognition; language; memory; attention; reasoning; abstract thinking; judgment; problem-solving; sensory, perceptual, and motor abilities; psychosocial behavior; physical functions; information processing; and speech. The term does not include brain injuries that are congenital or degenerative, or brain injuries induced by birth trauma.
TBVI	Teacher of the Blind and Visually Impaired or Teacher of the Visually Impaired TVI	provides direct instruction and consultative special education services within a student's assigned school; from direct instruction and consultative special education services within a student's assigned school to Braille skills.
TCS	Tethered spinal Cord Syndrome or occult spinal dysraphism sequence	refers to a group of neurological disorders related to malformations of the spinal cord

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TD	Tardive Dyskinesia is a disorder that sometimes develops as a side effect of long-term treatment with neuroleptic (antipsychotic) medications; it is a neurological syndrome characterized by repetitive, involuntary, purposeless movements mostly of the face and jaw.	
TDD	Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf means a teletypewriter or other instrument for telecommunication in which speaking or hearing is not required for communication.	
TDHH	Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing formerly THI Teacher of the Hearing Impaired provides direct instruction and consultative special education services within a student's assigned school or facilitates the translation of information into ASL American Sign Language .	
TEACCH	Treatment and Education of Autistic Children and other Communication Handicaps is an evidence-based service, training, and research program for individuals of all ages and skill levels diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders.	
TENS	Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis Syndrome is a severe allergic reaction to a medication or infection.	
THI	Teacher of the Hearing Impaired now Teacher of the Deaf TDHH provides direct instruction and consultative special education services within a student's assigned school or facilitates the translation of information into American Sign Language ASL .	
THS-R	Test of Handwriting Skills – Revised assesses a child's neuro-sensory integration skills in both manuscript and cursive writing -- skills that are often disrupted in students with learning difficulties.	
TI	Therapeutic Index is a comparison of the amount of a therapeutic agent that causes the therapeutic effect to the amount that causes death or toxicity. Quantitatively, it is the ratio given by the lethal or toxic dose divided by the therapeutic dose. The lower the TI; the higher the risk to the patient.	
TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack is often labeled a "mini-stroke," but it is more accurately characterized as a "warning stroke," a warning you should take very seriously. TIA is caused by a clot; the only difference between a stroke and TIA is that with TIA the blockage is transient (temporary). TIA symptoms occur rapidly and last a relatively short time. Most TIAs last less than five minutes; the average is about a minute. When a TIA is over, it usually causes no permanent injury to the brain.	
TLSO	Thoracic Lumbar Sacral Orthosis refers to a custom, fabricated brace used to treat flexible curves in adolescents with scoliosis.	
TOBI's	True Object Based Icons can be a line drawing, scanned photograph, etc., which is cut out in the actual shape or outline of the item it represents. Symbol shape, which the child can both see and feel, appear to assist the child in more readily understanding a 2-dimensional representation system (1). T.O.B.I.s tend to be somewhat larger than typical 2-dimensional visual representation systems and when initially introduced, may be 3 inches in size or larger (1).	
TOD	Teacher of the Deaf or TDHH Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing formerly Teacher of the Hearing Impaired THI provides direct instruction and consultative special education services within a student's assigned school or facilitates the translation of information into ASL American Sign Language .	
TONI-4	Test of Nonverbal Intelligence 4th Edition offers an assessment of intelligence, aptitude, abstract reasoning, and problem solving. This language-free test is ideal for evaluating those with questionable or limited language ability.	
TOPS	Test Of Problem Solving is a diagnostic test of problem solving and critical thinking that assesses the student's language-based thinking abilities and strategies using logic and experience.	
TORC	Time Out of Regular Class refers to related services for students that remove them from academic settings	
TOSA	Teacher on Special Assignment refers to a teacher who is assigned for a period of at least one year to an administrative or program position	

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TRAID	Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities	a program whose mission is to coordinate statewide activities to increase access to and acquisition of assistive technology in the areas of education, employment, community living and information technology/telecommunications.
TS	Tourette Syndrome	is a neurological disorder characterized by repetitive, stereotyped, involuntary movements and vocalizations called tics.
TSC	Tubular Sclerosis Complex	is a rare, multi-system genetic disease that causes benign tumors to grow in the brain and on other vital organs. It usually effects the central nervous system and results in a combination of symptoms including seizures, developmental delay, behavior problems, skin abnormalities and kidney disease.
T-TA	Training and Technical Assistance	involves the transfer of knowledge. The most important difference between the terms is that technical assistance often takes place through two colleagues exchanging experience and advice, whereas training and education are planned activities (including the use of teaching materials, exercises, textbooks, timetables, teachers etc.).
TTY	Teletypewriter (phone system for the deaf)	is a special device that lets people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech-impaired use the telephone to communicate, by allowing them to type messages back and forth to one another instead of talking and listening. A TTY is required at both ends of the conversation in order to communicate.
TVI	Teacher of the Visually Impaired or Teacher of the Blind and Visually Impaired	TBVI provides direct instruction and consultative special education services within a student's assigned school; from direct instruction and consultative special education services within a student's assigned school to Braille skills.
TVPS-3	Test of Visual-Perceptual Skills 3rd Edition	is an assessment to determine an age 4–18 year-old child's visual perceptual strengths and weaknesses.
TWWIIA	Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act	provided for two landmark measures that enabled Americans with disabilities to join the workforce. The first was the creation of the Ticket to Work Program administered by the SSA Social Security Administration . This program modernizes employment-related services offered to Americans with disabilities. Through the Ticket Program, individuals with disabilities were able to get job-related training and placement assistance from an approved provider of their choice. This provision enabled individuals to go to providers whose resources best meet their needs, including going directly to employers. The second measure expands health care coverage so that individuals with disabilities will be able to become employed without fear of losing their health insurance.
Tx	Treatment	is care provided to improve a situation.
T21	Trisomy 21	see DS Down Syndrome

UCLA-PTSD Inventory

UCLA Child/Adolescent PTSD Reaction Index for *DSM-5* is the revision of the UCLA Child/Adolescent PTSD Reaction Index for *DSM-IV*. The new *DSM-5* version is a semi-structured interview that assesses a child's trauma history and the full range of *DSM-5* PTSD diagnostic criteria among school-age children and adolescents. PTSD is a mental health problem that some people develop after experiencing or witnessing a life-threatening event, like combat, a natural disaster, a car accident, or sexual assault. While it's normal to have upsetting memories, feel on edge, or have trouble sleeping after this type of event. If symptoms last more than a few months, it may be PTSD.

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UPK	Universal Pre-Kindergarten	is a program that provides quality preschool to all 4 year olds, regardless of income. It is a state funded program as opposed to a federally funded program like Head Start. Each state has individual legislation that sets its mandates for the program.
URL	Uniform Resource Location	is the technical term for a website.
VABS	Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales	were designed to assess handicapped and non-handicapped persons from birth to adulthood in their personal and social functioning. Following Edgar Doll's original conceptualization of adaptive behavior as multidimensional in structure and his measurement of the behaviors by areas, the VABS is organized around four behavior domains: Communication, Daily Living Skills, Socialization, and Motor Skills.
VB	Verbal Behavior	relies on an intensive teaching setting, fast tempo, and a rapid secession of questions from the adult and later the child. In order to reinforce correct answers and decrease frustration, verbal behavior methodology urges interspersing easy and hard demands. The therapists will challenge the child in areas of weakness while cutting down frustration by allowing the child to respond to simple tasks.
VESID	Vocational & Education Services for Individuals with Disabilities	– now ACCES Adult Career & Continuing Education Services – Vocational Rehabilitation http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/
VI	Visual Impairment	(as defined by IDEA) means impairment in vision that, even with correction, adversely affects a child's educational performance. The term includes both partial sight and blindness.
VMI	Visual Motor Integration	is the ability of the eyes & hands to work together in smooth, efficient patterns. It involves visual perception and eye-hand co-ordination.
VMPAC	Verbal Motor Production Assessment for Children	is a test that assesses motor issues that have negative effects on the development of normal speech motor control in three main areas: Global Motor Control, Focal Oromotor Control, and Sequencing—and two supplemental areas—Connected Speech and Language Control and Speech Characteristics.
VNS	Vagus Nerve Stimulator	is a pacemaker-like device, implanted in the upper chest that stimulates a nerve in the left neck and can reduce seizure activity.
Voc Ed	Vocational Education	provides career and technical education to interested students. These students are prepared as trainees for jobs that are based upon manual or practical fields. Jobs are related to specific trades, occupations, and vocations.
VPCR	Vulnerable Persons Central Registry	was established by NYS for persons who are mandated reporters under the Protection of People with Special Needs Act to be responsible for reporting abuse, neglect and significant incidents involving vulnerable persons to a central registry.
VQ	Verbal IQ	measures the capacity to use language in order to express oneself, comprehend stories and understand other people. Verbal abilities include reading, writing and communicating with words.
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation	is a set of services offered to individuals with mental or physical disabilities. These services are designed to enable participants to attain skills, resources, attitudes, and expectations needed to compete in the interview process, get a job, and keep a job.
VSD	Ventricular Septal Defect	is a congenital heart defect in which there is an opening between the lower chambers of the heart

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V/V	Verbalization/Visualization	refers to a program that develops concept imagery - the ability to create an imagined gestalt from language - as a basis for comprehension and higher order thinking. The development of concept imagery improves reading and listening comprehension, memory, oral vocabulary, critical thinking, and writing. https://ganderpublishing.com/pages/visualizing-and-verbalizing-overview
WAIS-IV	Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale – 4th Edition	is an IQ test for ages 16 – 90 with measures of working memory, processing speed, and fluid reasoning
WASI	Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence	is a measure of intelligence in children in clinical, educational, and research settings.
WIAT-III	Wechsler Individual Achievement Test – 3rd Edition	is a comprehensive measurement tool useful for achievement skills assessment, learning disability diagnosis, special education placement, curriculum planning, and clinical appraisal for preschool children through adults.
WIC	Women, Infants and Children	provides Federal grants to States for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk. http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/
WIPA	Work Incentives Planning & Assistance	are programs authorized to serve all SSA Social Security Administration beneficiaries with disabilities, including transition-to-work aged youth, providing benefits planning and assistance services on request and as resources permit.
WISC-III	Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children – 3rd Edition	is an individual test that does not require reading or writing. Verbal subtests are oral questions without time limits except for Arithmetic. Performance subtests are nonverbal problems, all of which are timed and some of which allow bonus points for extra fast work. As with any test, influences such as anxiety, motivation, fatigue, rapport, and experience may invalidate test scores.
WIST	Word Identification and Spelling Test	– The Word Identification and Spelling Test (WIST) evolved from the Wilson Assessment of Decoding and Encoding Test (WADE). The WIST provides a nationally standardized, diagnostic instrument designed specifically for students having difficulty with reading, spelling or both.
WJ-IV	Woodcock-Johnson IV Test of Achievement	is a standardized method of testing general intellectual ability as well as specific achievement and cognitive skills.
WNL	Within Normal Limits	is a concept that frames a subset of a population that conforms to the central range of tendency along a distribution of a given parameter. WNL is dependent upon the extent of the range to be included (frequently 68% of the total population). Confidence in WNL relates directly to confidence in the validity of the parameter being used to capture the phenomenon in question. WNL is often used to identify what is "typical".
WPPSI-III	Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale in Intelligence – 3rd Edition	is a measure of intelligence in young children (from 2.5 – 7 years) that is age-appropriate and considered user-friendly
WRAP	Wellness Recovery Action Plan	shifts the focus in mental health care from 'symptom control' to prevention and recovery. http://www.mentalhealthrecovery.com/index.php

Acronym	Meaning	Definition
WRAT4	Wide Range Achievement Test 4th Edition	– testing for ages 5 – 94 that allows educators to examine students' development of reading, spelling, and arithmetic.
YAG	Year At a Glance	is a snapshot, by content and grade level, of the scope and sequence of the concepts taught throughout the academic year. Each YAG is divided into 4 "learning cycles". A learning cycle is a guide for the teacher for pacing of the instruction and assessment of the curriculum.
YAP	Youth Advocacy Program	is one of the largest non-profit Youth and Family Support agencies working with high-risk youth and their families in the United States.
ZAP	Zeroes Aren't Permitted	refers to a program designed to increase expectations of students who habitually, or occasionally, fail to complete and turn in assignments on time. Students who have zeros are likely to continue not handing in assignments, and therefore are at greater risk of failure and dropping out.
ZPD	Zone of Proximal Development	is the gap between what a learner has already mastered (the actual level of development) and what he or she can achieve when provided with educational support (potential development).
504	Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act	is a federal law designed to protect the rights of individuals with disabilities in programs and activities that receive Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education.
504 Plan		A formal document created when a student with a disability does not qualify for an IEP but still needs modifications and accommodations.
504 Retaliation		The ADA protects individuals with disabilities and their families from being harassed or punished for having advocated for protection.

Un-Acronymed Disabilities:

Auditory Dyslexia or **Dysphonetic Dyslexia** refers to a difficulty connecting sounds to symbols. The child might have a hard time sounding out words, and spelling mistakes would show a very poor grasp of phonics.

Cluttering refers to excessive breaks in the normal flow of speech that seem to result from disorganized speech planning, talking too fast or in spurts, or simply being unsure of what one wants to say. By contrast, the person who stutters typically knows exactly what he or she wants to say but is temporarily unable to say it and cluttering often occurs along with stuttering.

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	Disfluency	is an interruption in the smooth flow of speech, as by a pause or the repetition of a word or syllable; an extreme of that being stuttering
	Dyscalculia	is a severe difficulty in understanding and using symbols or functions needed for success in mathematics.
	Dysgraphia	is defined as a difficulty in automatically remembering and mastering the sequence of muscle motor movements needed in writing letters or numbers. This difficulty is out of harmony with the person's intelligence, regular teaching instruction, and (in most cases) the use of the pencil in non-learning tasks.
	Dyslexia	is a neurologically-based disorder which interferes with the acquisition and processing of language. Varying in degrees of severity, it is manifested by difficulties in receptive and expressive language, including phonological processing, in reading, writing, spelling, handwriting, and sometimes in arithmetic.
	Dysnomia	is a marked difficulty in remembering names or recalling words needed for oral or written language.
	Dyspraxia	is a disorder that impairs a child's ability to plan and carry out sensory and motor tasks. Generally, children with the disorder appear clumsy and uncoordinated.
	Visual Dyslexia or Dyseidetic Dyslexia	is the inability to revisualize the gestalt of the word. These children have difficulty remembering letter sounds, analyzing the individual sounds in words, and sequencing/blending these into words.

Un-Acronymed Special Education Terms:

Accommodations are services or supports used to help a student to fully access the subject matter and instruction. An accommodation does not change the content of the work or the expectations on the student; instead it is a change in instructional methods.

Accommodations should be specified in a student's IEP. Examples include books on tape, lessening the amount of work on a page, and allowing additional time to take a test.

Adaptation or Modification involves a change in the instructional content or performance expectations of students with disabilities from what is expected or taught to students in general education. Adaptations are usually included as part of a student's IEP. Adaptations can include decreasing the number of exercises the student is expected to complete, assignment of different reading materials, or use of a calculator instead of working out problems by hand.

Classification is not based only on diagnosis; once all evaluations have been completed and the CSE determines that special education intervention is needed, the team chooses an "appropriate" classification.

Magnet School Program is a specialized school program that focuses on a particular area of study in combination with the basic curriculum

Placement refers to where your child's special education services will be provided.

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Program refers to the specific special education services your child is receiving or expected to receive.

Psychological Evaluation is a process by which a State-certified school psychologist or licensed psychologist uses a variety of psychological and educational techniques and examinations in the student's dominant language, to study and describe a student's developmental, learning, behavioral, and other personality characteristics.

Rubric is a descriptive evaluation tool that's used to assess student performance based on a perceived level of mastery

Special transportation means services and supports necessary for the student to travel to and from school and between schools; in and around school buildings; and includes specialized equipment (such as special or adapted buses, lifts, and ramps), if required to provide special transportation to a student with a disability. Examples of special transportation include: special seating; vehicle and/or equipment needs; adult supervision; type of transportation; and other accommodations.

Transition is the set of activities and services that assist students with disabilities to successfully move from the school environment to the post-school environment, such as employment, post-secondary education, or vocational training. These services can include adult education, independent living, and community participation.

Vocal Fry is the lowest register (tone) of your voice characterized by its deep, creaky, breathy sound. ... When you use vocal fry, you relax your vocal cords but do not increase the amount of air you're pushing past your vocal cords, which produces slower vibrations and ultimately results in the lower creaky sound.

Rare Syndromes:

1q21.1 deletion

Some people with this deletion have no observable features while others have variable findings that can include a small head (microcephaly), developmental delay (speech and motor delays), mild intellectual disability, distinctive facial features, and eye abnormalities. Other findings can include seizures as well as abnormalities of the heart, skeleton, and urinary system. Psychiatric and behavioral features can include autism spectrum disorders, anxiety and mood disorders, schizophrenia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and sleep disorders.

10p deletion

Features may affect many parts of the body and may include low birth weight, growth delay, developmental delay, low muscle tone (hypotonia), and communication difficulties. Birth defects, various medical problems, and/or distinctive facial features may also be present.

10p duplication

Signs and symptoms that can be present in a person with a 10p duplication may include delay of development, motor skills, or growth; short stature; low muscle tone (hypotonia); abnormalities of the foot (such as clubfoot); cleft lip and/or cleft palate; and distinctive facial features. Other signs and symptoms may include seizures, a heart defect, or other birth defects

10q deletion

Features that often occur in people with chromosome 10q deletion include developmental delay, intellectual disability, behavioral problems, and distinctive facial features.

Acronym	Meaning	Definition
10q duplication		Signs and symptoms that can be present in a person with a 10q duplication may include growth delay, short stature, a small head size, low muscle tone (hypotonia), developmental delay, and intellectual disability. Other signs and symptoms may include problems with the eyes, heart defects, unusual features of the hands and feet, distinctive facial features, cleft palate, and/or other birth defects.
11q deletion	Jacobsen syndrome	Signs and symptoms vary among affected people but often include Paris-Trousseau syndrome (a bleeding disorder); distinctive facial features; delayed development of motor skills and speech; and cognitive impairment. Other features may include compulsive behavior; attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder (ADHD); congenital heart defects; short stature; and/or skeletal abnormalities.
15q13.3 syndrome		Features of the condition may include mild to moderate intellectual disabilities, learning delays, or normal intelligence; autism spectrum disorders; epilepsy (recurring seizures); and mental illness (such as schizophrenia or bipolar disorder).
16p11.2 syndrome		People usually have developmental delay and intellectual disability. Most also have at least some features of autism spectrum disorder. Some affected people have minor physical abnormalities; however, signs and symptoms vary. Some affected people appear to have no physical, intellectual, or behavioral abnormalities. Affected people are at increased risk for obesity, and may be at increased risk for seizures and relatively minor heart defects.
17q21.31 deletion	Koolen de Vries syndrome	Disorder characterized by developmental delay, mild to moderate intellectual disability, congenital malformations, and behavioral features.[1][2] Developmental delay is noted from an early age. Other problems include weak muscle tone (hypotonia) in childhood, recurrent seizures (epilepsy), and distinctive facial features. Males with Koolen de Vries syndrome often have undescended testes (cryptorchidism). Other symptoms may include defects in the walls between the chambers of the heart (septal defects) or other heart defects, kidney problems, and skeletal anomalies such as foot deformities
17q23.1q23.2 microdeletion syndrome		People with 17q23.1q23.2 microdeletion syndrome may have developmental delay, microcephaly, short stature, heart defects and limb abnormalities. Most cases are approximately 2.2 Mb in size and include the transcription factor genes TBX2 and TBX4 which have been implicated in a number of developmental pathways, including those of the heart and limbs.
18p deletion	de Grouchy syndrome	Most common features include moderate-to-severe mental retardation, postnatal growth retardation, a round face, drooped corners of mouth, and dysplastic ears. However, microcephaly, epicanthic folds, ptosis, hypertelorism, micrognathia, dental anomalies, short neck, and pterygium colli are found less frequently.
2q23.1 microdeletion	Pseudo-Angelman syndrome	Symptoms may include seizures, moderate to severe learning problems, speech delays, behavior problems, trouble sleeping, and developmental delays (learn to crawl, sit or walk later than other babies). Children affected by 2q23.1 microdeletion syndrome may also have low muscle tone (hypotonia), slow weight gain, and may be shorter than family members.

Acronym	Meaning	Definition
2q37 deletion	Albright hereditary osteodystrophy	Characterized by short stature, weak muscle tone (hypotonia) in infancy, mild to severe intellectual disability and developmental delay, autistic behavior, obesity, characteristic facial features, and other physical abnormalities, such as short bones of the hand and of 3-5 fingers, and abnormal lateral curvature of the spine (scoliosis). Other findings include seizures (20%-35%), congenital heart disease, brain abnormalities (hydrocephalus, dilated ventricles), umbilical/inguinal hernia, tracheomalacia, gastrointestinal abnormalities, and kidney malformations.
22q11.2 deletion	Di George syndrome	Signs and symptoms may include: cleft palate, heart defects, recurrent infections, unique facial characteristics, feeding problems, kidney abnormalities, hypoparathyroidism, thrombocytopenia, scoliosis, hearing loss, developmental delay, and learning disabilities. People with this condition are also more likely to develop certain autoimmune disorders and personality disorders.
4p- syndrome	Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome	Results in variable intellectual disability; individuals with larger deletions are usually more severely affected. Manifestations also may include epilepsy, a broad or beaked nose, midline scalp defects, ptosis and colobomas , cleft palate , delayed bone development, and, in boys, hypospadias and cryptorchidism . Some patients with Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome also have immune deficiency. Many affected children die during infancy; those who survive into their 20s often have severe disability.
47xyy syndrome	Jacob's syndrome	Associated with an increased risk of learning disabilities and delayed development of speech and language skills, affected boys can have delayed development of motor skills (such as sitting and walking) or weak muscle tone (hypotonia). Other signs and symptoms of this condition include hand tremors or other involuntary movements (motor tics), seizures, and asthma. Males with 47,XYY syndrome have an increased risk of behavioral, social, and emotional difficulties compared with their unaffected peers.
5p- syndrome	Cri-du-chat syndrome	Affected neonates are hypotonic and have low birth weight, microcephaly, a round face with wide-set eyes, downward slanting of the palpebral fissures (with or without epicanthal folds), strabismus , and a broad-based nose. The ears are low-set, abnormally shaped, and frequently have narrow external auditory canals and preauricular tags. Syndactyly, hypertelorism , and cardiac anomalies occur often. Mental and physical development is markedly retarded. Many affected children survive into adulthood but have significant disability.
9q34.3 microdeletion	Kleefstra syndrome	Characterized by intellectual disability, childhood hypotonia, severe expressive speech delay and a distinctive facial appearance with a spectrum of additional clinical features.
	Cat Eye syndrome	A chromosome abnormality that affects many different parts of the body. The signs and symptoms of the condition vary widely but may include abnormalities of the eyes, ears, anal region, heart and/or kidney.

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	Cornelia de Lange syndrome	Often characterized by delays in physical development before and after birth (prenatal and postnatal growth retardation), abnormalities of the head and facial (craniofacial) area, resulting in a distinctive facial appearance; generalized excessive hair growth (hirsutism); malformations of the hands and arms (upper limbs); and mild to severe mental retardation. Many affected infants and children have an unusually small, short head (microbrachycephaly), an abnormally long vertical groove between the upper lip and nose (philtrum); a depressed nasal bridge, upturned nostrils (anteverted nares), and a protruding upper jaw (maxillary prognathism).
	Diploid-triploid Mosaicism	Symptoms of this condition may include decreased muscle tone (hypotonia), slow growth, characteristic facial features, fusion or webbing between the fingers and/or toes (syndactyly), and unusual skin pigmentation. Intellectual disabilities may be present.
	Emanuel syndrome	Chromosomal disorder that is characterized by learning problems and stunted growth and development. The signs and symptoms are varied and may include decreased muscle tone (hypotonia) and developmental delay in The major features of this condition include mild to moderate intellectual disability, delayed speech and language skills, distinctive facial features, sleep disturbances, and behavioral problems. childhood, intellectual disability severe, extremely small head (microcephaly), distinctive facial features, small jaw, ear anomalies, arched palate (roof of the mouth), cleft palate, heart defects, kidney malformations, and genital abnormalities (in males).
	Potocki-Shaffer syndrome	Disorder that affects development of the bones, nerve cells in the brain, and other tissues. Most people with this condition have multiple noncancerous (benign) bone tumors called osteochondromas. In rare instances, these tumors become cancerous.
	Smith-Magenis syndrome	The major features of this condition include mild to moderate intellectual disability, delayed speech and language skills, distinctive facial features, sleep disturbances, and behavioral problems. Most people with Smith-Magenis syndrome have a broad, square-shaped face with deep-set eyes, full cheeks, and a prominent lower jaw. The middle of the face and the bridge of the nose often appear flattened. The mouth tends to turn downward with a full, outward-curving upper lip. These facial differences can be subtle in early childhood, but they usually become more distinctive in later childhood and adulthood. Dental abnormalities are also common in affected individuals. Disrupted sleep patterns are characteristic of Smith-Magenis syndrome, typically beginning early in life. Affected people may be very sleepy during the day, but they have trouble falling asleep at night and awaken several times during the night and early morning.
	Trisomy 3Q2	Affected infants and children have developmental delays, mental retardation, and characteristic abnormalities of the head and facial (craniofacial) area, resulting in a distinctive facial appearance. Such craniofacial abnormalities may include a relatively short head (brachycephaly), widely spaced eyes (ocular hypertelorism), upwardly slanting eyelid folds (palpebral fissures), and a small nose with upturned nostrils (anteverted nares).
	Turner syndrome	Condition that affects only females, results when one of the X chromosomes (sex chromosomes) is missing or partially missing. Turner syndrome can cause a variety of medical and developmental problems, including short height, failure of the ovaries to develop and heart defects.

Acronym Meaning

Definition

Pediatric Prescription Acronyms:

ac: before meals
bid: twice a day
ad: right ear
au: both ears
as: left ear
gts: drops
hs: at bedtime
IN: intranasal or **NAS**
OD: once daily or overdose
od: right eye
os: left eye
OTC: over the counter
ou: both eyes
pc: after meals
po: by mouth
pr: per rectum
PRN: as needed
q8h: every 8 hours
qac: before meals
qd: once a day
qh: every hour
qhs: at bedtime
qid: four times a day
qod: every other day
tid: three times a day