Wisconsin
Frequently Used Education Acronyms/Terms in Special Education

ADD/ADHD - Attention Deficit Disorder /Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

AODA - Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse

APR - Annual Performance Report

AT - Assistive Technology

AYP - Adequate Yearly Progress

BIP - Behavior Intervention Plan

CASS - Council of Administrators of Special Services Formerly CAPS & CASE; A professional organization for Special Education and Pupil Services Personnel

CCDEB - County Children with Disabilities Education Board Formerly known as CHCEB-County Handicapped Children's Education Board

CD - Cognitive Disability

CEC - Council for Exceptional Children. A national organization focusing on issues related to children with disabilities. There is also a state chapter.

CEIS - Coordinated Early Intervening Services

CESA - Cooperative Educational Service Agency

CFR - Code of Federal Regulations

CSHHCN - Children with Special Health Care Needs, DHS

CSPD - Comprehensive System of Personnel Development. This has been replaced by the Wisconsin Personnel Development System.

DCS - Division of Community Services, DHFS

DCTF - Division of Care and Treatment Facilities, DHFS

DDC - Developmental Disabilities Council

DHFS - Department of Health and Family Services. Formerly the Department of Health and Social Services; as of July 2008, split into the Department of Health Services and the Department of Children and Families.

DLS - Division for Learning Support.

DOC - Department of Corrections
**DPI** - Department of Public Instruction

**DTAN** - Disproportionality Technical Assistant Network

**DVR** - Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Workforce Development

**EBD** - Emotional Behavioral Disability (formerly ED)

**EC** - Early Childhood

**EDGAR** - Education Department General Administrative Regulations

**ESY** - Extended School Year

**FACETS** - Family Assistance Center for Education, Training and Support. The Statewide Parent Training and Information Center, funded by the U.S. Department of Education

**FAPE** - Free Appropriate Public Education

**FBA** - Functional Behavioral Assessment

**FERPA** - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

**GLARRC** - Great Lakes Area Regional Resource Center. Now known as the NCRRC. This is now the North Central Regional Resource Center.

**GPR** - General Program Revenue

**IDEA** - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the current federal special education law.

**IEP** - Individualized Education Program

**LEA** - Local Educational Agency. In Wisconsin, school districts, DHFS, DOC, and non-district charter schools.

**LEP** - Limited English Proficient

**LPP** - Local Performance Plan

**LRE** - Least Restrictive Environment

**NCLB** - No Child Left Behind. This national legislation reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and has broad implications for the education of all children.

**NCRRC** - North Central Regional Resource Center. Formerly known as the GLARRC.


**OHI** - Other Health Impairment

**OI** - Orthopedic Impairment
OSEP - Office of Special Education Programs, U. S. Department of Education.

OSERS - Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

OT - Occupational Therapy

PBIS - Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports

PLOEP - Present Level of Educational Performances

PPS - Program Participation System. The electronic data system used to manage referrals of children from county Birth to 3 agencies to local educational agencies.

PT - Physical Therapy

RCC - Residential Care Center (formerly known as CCI)

RSN - Regional Service Network

RtI - Response to Intervention

SAP - School Age Parents

SBS - School Based Services (A WMA Service)

SDD - Significant Developmental Delay

SEA - State Educational Agency. In Wisconsin, the Department of Public Instruction.

SEP - Special Education Plan. The SEP was a district’s written plan for the provision of special education and related services, available for the public to read. See Wisconsin Statutes, section 115.77 (4). Discontinued as of July 1, 2006; replaced by the local performance plan.

SIP - State Improvement Plan. The SIP was a statewide plan to improve educational outcomes of children with disabilities by focusing on collaborative partnerships, supports for learning, and quality staff. See Section 653 of the IDEA. Replaced in 2005-2006 by the SPP.

SLD - Specific Learning Disability (formerly just LD)

SPDG - State Personnel Development Grant. The SPDG replaced the State Improvement Grant (SIG).


TBI - Traumatic Brain Injury

WAA-SwD - Wisconsin Alternate Assessment for Students with Disabilities

WACL-D - Wisconsin Association for Children with Learning Disabilities.

WASDA - Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators
**WCBVI** - Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

**WEAC** - Wisconsin Education Association Council

**WESPDHH** - Wisconsin Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

**WMA** - Wisconsin Medical Assistance, DHS

**WPDM** - Wisconsin Personnel Development Model

**WSD** - Wisconsin School for the Deaf, Delavan

**WSEMS** - Wisconsin Special Education Mediation System

**WSPEI** - Wisconsin Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative

**WSVH** - Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped, Janesville