

Like all professions, education and special education have their own “language.” Sometimes, in the interest of efficiency, we use abbreviations or acronyms, which we realize can be confusing. To help you, we offer this partial list of frequently used acronyms.

AB 3632 – Mental Health Services provided by CMH

ABA – Applied Behavior Analysis

ADA – Average Daily Attendance

ADD – Attention Deficit Disorder

ADHD – Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

ADI – Autism Diagnostic Interview Revised

ADOS – Autism Diagnostic Observation Scale

APE – Adapted Physical Education

ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder

AT – Assistive Technology

AUT – Autism

BA – Behavioral Aide

BD – Behavioral Disorder

BICM – Behavior Intervention Case Manager

BIP – Behavior Intervention Plan

BSP – Behavior Support Plan

CAC – Community Advisory Committee

CAHSEE – California High School Exit Examination

CARS – Childhood Autism Rating Scale

CASP – California Association of School Psychologists

CCS – California Children's Services

CDE – California Department of Education

CEC – Council for Exceptional Children

CHAT – Checklist for Autism in Toddlers

CMH – County Mental Health

DHH – Deaf & Hard of Hearing

DIS – Designated Instruction & Services

DMH – Department of Mental Health

DSM-IV – Diagnostic & Statistical Manual

ED – Emotionally Disturbed

EHA – Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 (Public Law 94-142)