Special Education Abbreviations & Acronyms

Frequently Used Abbreviations / Acronyms (Current Terminology)

Abbreviations / Acronyms	Original/Former Term	New Term
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	
Autism / Al	Autism	Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
СР	Cerebral Palsy	
DB		Deaf – Blindness
EI	Emotionally Impaired	
EMI – MCI	Educable Mentally Impaired	Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI)
HI - D/HH	Hearing Impaired	Deaf / Hard of Hearing
LD	Learning Disabled	Specific Learning Disabled (SLD)
MI – CI	Mentally Impaired	Cognitive Impairment (CI)
POHI – PI, OHI	Physically/Otherwise Health Impaired	*Physical Impairment (PI) *Otherwise Health Impairment (OHI)
PPI – ECDD	Pre-Primary Impaired	Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)
SLI	Speech and Language Impaired	
SMI – SCI	Severely Mentally Impaired	Severe Cognitive Impairment (SCI)
SXI	Severely Multiply Impaired	
ТВІ		Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
TMI – MoCI	Trainable Mentally Impaired	Moderate Cognitive Impairment (MoCI)
VI	Visually Impaired	

Special Education Services:

Abbreviation	Service
OT	Occupational Therapy
PT	Physical Therapy
SSW	School Social Worker
TC	Teacher Consultant

State / Community Agencies:

Abbreviation Meaning CMH Community Mental Health DCD Department of Career Development DCH Department of Community Health DHS Department of Human Services DRC Disability Resource Center/Center for Independent Living (Disability Network) FIA Family Independence Agency ISD Intermediate School District LEA Local Education Agency		
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DRC Disability Resource Center/Center for Independent Living (Disability Network) FIA Family Independence Agency ISD Intermediate School District	DCH	Department of Community Health
for Independent Living (Disability Network) FIA Family Independence Agency ISD Intermediate School District	DHS	Department of Human Services
Network) FIA Family Independence Agency ISD Intermediate School District	DRC	Disability Resource Center/Center
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ISD Intermediate School District		Network)
	FIA	Family Independence Agency
LEA Local Education Agency	ISD	Intermediate School District
	LEA	Local Education Agency
MRS Michigan Rehabilitation Services	MRS	Michigan Rehabilitation Services

Terms:

Abbreviation	Term	
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	
BIP	Behavioral Intervention Plan	
СВІ	Community Based Instruction	
FAPE	Free and Appropriate Public	
	Education	
FBAP	Functional Behavior Assessment	
	Plan	
IEP	Individualized Educational Plan	
IEPT	Individualized Educational	
	Programming Team	
ESY	Extended School Year	
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities	
	Education Act	
IEE	Independent Educational	
	Evaluation	
IFSP	Individual Family Service Plan	
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment	
MET	Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team	
SSI	Supplemental Security Income	