

## Acronyms - A through D

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An acronym is a word that is formed from the first letters of multiple words. The use of acronyms is common in many fields, including special education. Acronyms change often and families should feel comfortable asking for explanation of terms they are not familiar with.

504 – Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

AAR – Academic Achievement Record

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

**AEIS- Academic Excellence Indicator System**

AEP – Alternative Education Program

AFDR – Annual Federal Data Report

**AGC – Access to the General Curriculum**

**AI – Auditory Impairment**

**APR – Annual Performance Report**

ARD – Admission, Review, and Dismissal

AskTED – Texas Education Directory – <http://askted.tea.state.tx.us/>

AT – [Assistive Technology](#)

AU – Autism

**AYP – Adequate Yearly Progress**

**BIP - Behavior Intervention Plan**

**CAC – Texas Special Education Continuing Advisory Committee**

**CADRE – Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education**

CARS – Center for Academic & Reading Skills

**CATE – Career and Technology Education**

CBM – Curriculum Based Measurement

CCSSO – Council of Chief State School Officers

**CFR – Code of Federal Regulations**

**CF – Child Find**

**CIFMS – Continuous Improvement Focused Monitoring System**

CIMP – Continuous Improvement Monitoring Process

CIP – Continuous Improvement Plan

CoP – Community of Practice

CPRC – Community Parent Resource Center

CRCG – Community Resource Coordination Group

**CSPD – Comprehensive System of Personnel Development**

DADS – Texas Dept. of Aging & Disability Services

**DAEP – Disciplinary Alternative Education Program**

DARS – Texas Department of Assistive & Rehabilitative Services

***DAS – Data Analysis System***

DB – Deaf-Blind

DD Council – Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities

DPH – Due Process Hearing

**DSHS – Texas Department of State Health Services**

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