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AB	Assembly Bill (California State Assembly)
ABIC	Adaptive Behavior Inventory for Children
ABS	Adaptive Behavior Scales
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder
CAC	Community Advisory Committee/Council on Special Education
C.C.R.	California Code of Regulations
CASE	Community Alliance for Special Education
CCS	California Children Services
CDE	California Department of Education
Cal. Ed. Code	California Education Code
C.F.R.	Code of Federal Regulations
CAHSEE	California High School Exit Exam
CMH	Community Mental Health
DHS	Department of Health Services
DIS	Designated Instruction and Services
DR	Department of Rehabilitation
e.g.	exempli gratia, for example
EHLR	Education for the Handicapped Law Reporter
EMR	Educable Mentally Retarded
etc.	et cetera, and others, and so forth
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
<i>Id.</i>	idem, the same
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IDELR	Individuals with Disabilities Education Law Report
IEP	Individualized Education Program (School District)
IFSP	Individual Family Service Plan

IPP	Individual Program Plan (Regional Center)
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
OAH	Office of Administrative Hearings
OCR	Office for Civil Rights – Federal
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs – Federal
OT/PT	Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy
PEERS	Providing Education for Everyone in Regular Schools
PIAT	Peabody Individual Achievement Test
PL	Public Law (Federal)
RSP	Resource Specialist Program
SDC	State Developmental Center
SELPA	Special Education Local Plan Area
SIB – R	Scales of Independent Behavior – Revised
U.S.C.	United States Code
v., vs.	versus, against
WISC	Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children – III
WJPEB – R	Woodcock-Johnson Psycho educational Battery – Revised
WPPSI – R	Wechsler Pre-School and Primary Scale of Intelligence – Revised
WRAT 3	Wide Range Achievement Test – Revision 3