

General Military and Education Acronyms and Terms

This document contains a list of common terms and acronyms related to the military and education system. An asterisk (*) will follow an acronym when it is used more than once and has more than one meaning.

Military Acronyms and Terms

| Acronym or Term | Meaning or Definition | Acronym or Term | Meaning or Definition |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|
| AFB | Air Force Base | Garrison | Post or Community |
| AFRC | Air Force Reserve Command | GRADE | Corresponds to pay level of service members |
| AD | Active Duty | GUEST HOUSE | Temporary Living Quarters |
| AF | Air Force or Armed Forces | HOR | Home of Record |
| AFR | Air Force Reserves | HQ | Headquarters |
| AG | Adjutant General | Hardship Tour | Unaccompanied tour of duty |
| CDC | Child Development Center | HOMESTEADING | Remaining at one duty station for an extended tour or consecutive tours |
| CDR | Commander | HOUSING OFFICE | Where service members check in to be assigned housing on the installation |
| CDS | Child Development Services | IG | Inspector General |
| CG | Commanding General | JAG | Judge Advocate General |
| COLA | Cost of Living Allowance | KIA | Killed in Action |
| CONUS | Continental United States | LEAVE | Approved time away from duty |
| CYES | Child and Youth Education Services | LOCATION ALLOWANCE | Allowance received for PCS move |
| CYSS | Child, Youth, and School Services | MILPO | Military Personnel Office |
| Chain of Command | Leadership Structure | MOB/DEP | Mobilization and Deployment |
| DA | Dept. of the Army | NCO | Non-Commissioned Officer |
| DEERS | Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System | NCOIC | Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge |
| DO | Duty Officer | OCONUS | Outside the continental United States |
| DOD | Dept. of Defense | OHA | Overseas Housing Allowance |
| DoDDS | Dept. of Defense Dependent Schools | ORDERS | Spoken or written instructions |
| Deployment | A mission without family members | OSN | Office of Special Needs |
| Discharge | Release from Active Duty | PCS | Permanent Change of Station |
| Duty Assignment | Job or place of duty | POA | Power of Attorney |
| EFMP | Exceptional Family Member Program | QOL | Quality of Life |
| FAC | Family Assistance Center | QUARTERS | Government Housing |
| FAP | Family Advocacy Program | RE-UP | Reenlist |
| FCC | Family Child Care | SAC | School Age Care |
| FRG | Family Readiness Group | SL* | School Liaison |
| FRSA | Family Readiness Support | SNC | Special Needs Coordinator |
| Family Advocacy | Program that assists with child and spouse abuse issues | TDY | Temporary Duty |
| GO | General Officer | | |

Education Acronyms and Terms

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| 504 Plan | Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 protects qualified individuals from discrimination based on their disability | LD | Learning Disabled |
| 508 | Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 requires federal agencies to make their ICT such as technology, online training, and websites accessible for everyone | LEA | Local Education Agency |
| ABA | Applied Behavior Analysis | LLD | Language Learning Disabilities |
| ACT | Formerly American College Testing Program | LMS | Learning Management System |
| ADA* | Average Daily Attendance | LRE | Least-Restrictive Environment |
| ADA* | Americans with Disabilities Act | MD | Multiple Disabilities |
| ADR | Alternative Dispute Resolution | MEP | Migrant Education Program |
| ADD; ADHD | Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder | MH | Mildly Handicapped |
| AP | Advanced Placement | OCD | Obsessive Compulsive Disorder |
| ASL | American Sign Language | OI | Orthopedically Impaired |
| AT | Assistive Technology | OHI | Other Health Impairment |
| AUT | Autism | OT | Occupational Therapy |
| BIE | Bureau of Indian Education | OLE | Online Learning Exchange |
| BIP | Behavior Intervention Plan | PBIS | Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports |
| CBA | Curriculum-Based Assessment | PE | Physical Education |
| CEDS | Common Education Data Standards | PI | Physically Impaired |
| CWD | Children with Disabilities | PMH | Profound Mentally Handicapped |
| DD | Developmentally Disabled/Delayed | Pre-K | Pre-Kindergarten |
| DoDEA | Department of Defense Education Activity | PRF | Public Release File |
| ECDC | Early Childhood Development Center | | |
| ECE | Early Childhood Education | PSAT | Pre-Scholastic Assessment Test |
| ED* | Emotional Disturbance | PT | Physical Therapy |
| ED* | U.S. Department of Education | PY | Prior Year |
| EH | Emotionally Handicapped | RSP | Resource Specialist Program |
| ELL; EL | English Language Learner | RTI | Response-to-Intervention |
| EOC | End-of-Course Tests | SAT | Scholastic Assessment Test |
| EOG | End-of-Grade tests | SEA | State Education Agency |
| ESL | English as Second Language | SED | Severely Emotionally Disabled |
| ESSA | Every Student Succeeds Act | SEL | Social and Emotional Learning |
| ESY | Extended School Year Services | S&L; SL | Speech and Language |
| EU | Educational Unit, as in an SEA, LEA, or School | SLD | Specific Learning Disability |
| FAPE | Free Appropriate Public Education | SLI | Speech and Language Impaired |
| FERPA | Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act | SLP | Speech Language Pathologist |
| FRL | Free and Reduced Priced Lunch | SPED | Special Education |
| GATE; GT | Gifted and Talented Education | SRO | School Resource Officer |
| HI | Hearing Impaired | STEM | Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics |
| IDEA | Individuals with Disabilities Education Act | SY | School Year |
| IEP | Individualized Education Plan | VI | Visually Impaired |
| K-12 | Kindergarten through 12 th grade | | |