

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.

– Mental Health Services provided
by CMH

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Average Daily Attendance
- Attention Deficit Disorder
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity

Disorder

- Autism Diagnostic Interview Revised
 - Autism Diagnostic Observation Scale
- Adapted Physical Education
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Assistive Technology
- Autism
- Behavioral Aide
- Behavioral Disorder
 - Behavior Intervention Case

Manager

- Behavior Intervention Plan
- Behavior Support Plan
- Community Advisory Committee
 - California High School Exit

Examination

- Childhood Autism Rating Scale
- California Association of School

Psychologists

- California Children's Services
- California Department of Education
- Council for Exceptional Children
 - Checklist for Autism in Toddlers
- County Mental Health
- Deaf & Hard of Hearing
- Designated Instruction & Services
- Department of Mental Health
 - Diagnostic & Statistical Manual

– Emotionally Disturbed

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