Alphabet Soup (AS)
Below is a list* of the most commonly-used acronyms that you may find in 'Assessment Reports'.

Also provided are definitions for the terms that are not self-explanatory -

**ADA** Americans with Disabilities Act
**ADD** Attention Deficit Disorder
**AD/HD** Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
**ADL** Activities of Daily Living (daily tasks required for self-care; eating, dressing)
**APE** Adapted Physical Education
**ARD** Admission, Review and Dismissal Meeting (in some states)
**AT** Assistive Technology (any device or product that improves the functioning ability of a child)
**CA** Chronological Age
**CF** Cystic Fibrosis
**CHI** Closed Head Injury
**CP** Cerebral Palsy
**DD** Developmental Delay
**ED** Emotional Disorder
**EI** Early Intervention
**ESY** Extended School Year (extension of special services beyond the 180 day school year)
**FAPE** Free, appropriate public education (guaranteed by IDEA)
**HI** Hearing Impaired
**HH** Hard-of-Hearing
**IDEA** Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
**IEP** Individualized Educational Plan
**IFSP** Individual Family Service Plan (for children 0 - 3 years)
**ISP** Individual Service Plan
**IPE** Individual Plan for Employment
**IL** Intellectual Limitation
**IQ** Intelligence Quotient
**LD** Learning Disabled
**LSS** Local School System (formerly called LEA, Local Educational Agency)
**MA** Mental Age
**MD** Muscular Dystrophy
**MR** Mental Retardation
**OCD** Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
**OH** Orthopedic Handicap
**OHI** Other Health Impaired
**OT** Occupational Therapy
**PDD** Pervasive Developmental Disorder
**PS** Partially Sighted
**PT** Physical Therapy
**SEA** State Educational Agency
**SPD** Sensory Processing Disorder or
SIPD Sensory Integration Processing Disorder
SED Serious Emotional Disorder
SLD Specific Learning Disability
SSI Supplemental Security Income
TBI Traumatic Brain Injury
TDD Telecommunication for the Deaf
TS Tourettes Syndrome
VI Visual Impairment
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