



TOP 40 YOUTH-FRIENDLY ACRONYMS AND INITIALISMS

This fact sheet shows common terms that are used when talking about secondary transition. Sharing this information will help youth understand the terms used in discussions that impact their education and future.

ADA	Americans With Disabilities Act	LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
ASL	American Sign Language	MA	Medical Assistance
BSE	Bureau of Special Education	MTSS	Multi-Tiered System of Support
BVI	Blind or Visually Impaired	ODP	Office of Developmental Programs
CBI	Community-Based Instruction	OJT	On-the-Job Training
CIE	Competitive Integrated Employment	OLL	Office of Long-Term Living
COP	Communities of Practice	OVR	Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
CTC	Career and Technical Education Center	PaTTAN	Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network
CTI	Commonwealth Technical Institute	PBSP	Positive Behavior Support Plan
DHS	Department of Human Services	PDE	Pennsylvania Department of Education
ERC	Early Reach Coordinator	Pre-ETS	Pre-Employment Transition Services
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education	PYLN	Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Network
HGAC	Hiram G. Andrews Center (now referred to as CTI; see above)	SDI	Specially Designed Instruction
ID	Intellectual Disability	SLP	Speech-Language Pathologist
IDEA	Individuals With Disabilities Education Act	VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
IEP	Individualized Education Program	VRC	Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors
IL	Independent Living	WBLE	Work-Based Learning Experience
IPE	Individualized Plan for Employment	WIOA	Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
IU	Intermediate Unit	YA	Youth Ambassador
LEA	Local Educational Agency	YES	Youth Engagement Specialist

