

TERMS AND ACRONYMS

Accommodations- Allows a student to complete the same assignment or test as other students, but with a change in the timing, formatting, setting, scheduling, response and/or presentation. This accommodation does not alter in any significant way what the test or assignment measures.

ADA- Americans with Disabilities Act, civil rights act, prohibits discrimination based on a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life function. It ensures *equal opportunity* for persons with disabilities in employment, accommodations, etc.

Age of Majority- By age 17, youth with disabilities are informed of their rights under special education those rights will transfer to them when they reach the age of majority, which in NH is 18.

ELO- Extended Learning Opportunity, provides the opportunity to earn credit outside of a classroom, in a real life situation.

FAPE- Free Appropriate Public Education, the purpose is to "ensure that all children with disabilities have available to them a free appropriate public education that emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs and prepare them for further education, employment, and independent living...".

IDEA- Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act – the Federal special education law.

IEP- Individualized Educational Program – the document, developed by the IEP team, which describes the child's special education program.

Independent living skills- Skills such as adult living, daily living, independent living, financial, transportation, and other skills.

Modifications- An adjustment to an assignment or a test that changes the standard or what the test or assignment is supposed to measure.

Self-disclosure- Revealing information about one's self to others.

Transition- Coordinated set of activities that facilitates the youth's movement from high school to post-high school activities.

References:

NH Department of Education
PACER Center
Parent Information Center
Wrightslaw