

**Speech or language impairment.** Disability category under IDEA; includes communication disorders, language impairments, voice impairments that adversely educational performance.

**Statutory rights.** Rights protected by statute, as opposed to constitutional rights that are protected by the Constitution.

**Statute of limitations.** Time within which a legal action must be commenced; two-year statute of limitations to request a due process hearing added to IDEA 2004.

**Statutory law.** Written law enacted by legislative bodies.

**Stay-put.** During the pendency of any administrative or judicial proceeding regarding a due process complaint notice requesting a due process hearing, the child must remain in his or her current educational placement.

**Supplemental educational services.** Means tutoring and other supplemental academic enrichment services that are in addition to instruction provided during the school day and are high quality, research-based, and specifically designed to increase the academic achievement of eligible children on state academic assessments and attain proficiency in meeting the State's academic achievement standards.

**Supplementary aids and services.** Means aids, services, and supports that are provided in regular education classes that enable children with disabilities to be educated with nondisabled children to the maximum extent appropriate.

## T

**Technology.** See assistive technology.

**Testimony.** Evidence given by a person as distinguished from evidence from writings and other sources.

**Tourette syndrome.** A neurological or neurochemical disorder characterized by involuntary, rapid, sudden movements or vocalizations (tics) that occur repeatedly; included as a disability category in IDEA 2004.

**Transcript.** Official record taken during a trial or hearing by an authorized stenographer.

**Transition services.** IEP requirement; designed to facilitate movement from school to the workplace or to higher education.

**Transportation.** Related service about travel; includes specialized equipment (i.e., special or adapted buses, lifts, and ramps) if required to provide special transportation for a child with a disability.

**Traumatic brain injury.** Disability category under IDEA; includes acquired injury caused by external physical force and open or closed head injuries that result in impairments; does not include congenital or degenerative brain injuries or brain injuries caused by birth trauma.

**Travel training.** See orientation and mobility services.

## U

**Universal design.** New curricular materials and learning technologies are designed to be flexible enough to accommodate the unique learning styles of a wide range of individuals, including children with disabilities. Examples include electronic versions of textbooks, captioned and/or narrated videos, accessible websites, and voice recognition.

**U.S.C.** United States Code

## V

**Visual impairment including blindness.** Disability category under IDEA; impaired vision that adversely affects educational performance.

**Vocabulary.** Words that students must know to read effectively.

## W

**Ward of the state.** A child is a foster child, a ward of the State, or in the custody of a public child welfare agency.

**Weapon.** Means a “dangerous weapon” which is a weapon, device, instrument, material, or substance, animate or inanimate, that is used for, or is readily capable of, causing death or serious bodily injury, except that the term does not include a pocket knife with a blade of less than 2 1/2 inches in length.