About - Acronyms & Abbreviations

This section contains several acronyms and abbreviations you'll see throughout Ed-Fi Alliance material.

- **API.** Application Programming Interface. A general term that in the Ed-Fi context usually refers to the interface for the Ed-Fi ODS / API solution.
- **CEDS.** The Common Education Data Standards initiative of the U.S. Department of Education.
- **CRDC.** Civil Rights Data Collection.
- **CRUD.** Create, Read, Update, Delete. The four common database operations.
- **ELL or EL.** English Language Learner program.
- **IEP.** Individualized Educational Plan, regarding specialized instruction or services.
- **JSON.** JavaScript Object Notation. The data exchange format used by the endpoints in the Ed-Fi ODS / API.
- **K–12.** Kindergarten through 12th grade.
- **LEA.** Local Education Agency. A school district. Sometimes a charter school or charter school network.
- **LEP.** Limited English Proficiency.
- **LMS.** Learning Management System.
- **MSMQ.** Microsoft Message Queue.
- **OCR.** Office of Civil Rights. Owner of mandatory data collections including the CRDC.
- **ODS.** Operational Data Store. A general term in the world of information technology, but in the Ed-Fi context usually refers to the database from the Ed-Fi ODS / API solution.
- **SDK.** Software Development Kit.
- **SIS.** Student information system. An operational system that contains detailed information about the academic life of a student.
- **SPED.** Special Education Program.
- **U.S. DoE.** or **DoE.** The U.S. Department of Education.