

An Alphabet Soup of Educational Acronyms

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The attached list of commonly used educational and education-related acronyms is not intended to serve as a comprehensive listing.

State and National Education Organizations

- AASA – American Association of School Administrators
- ASCD – Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- CCSSO – Council of Chief State School Officers
- DOE – Department of Education
- ED-RED – Education Research and Development (specific districts in North Cook, Lake and DuPage counties)
- ERIC – Educational Resources Information Center
- IARSS – Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools
- IASA – Illinois Association of School Administrators
- IASBO – Illinois Association of School Business Officials
- IASSE – Illinois Association of Supervisors of Special Education
- IEA – Illinois Education Association
- IESA – Illinois Elementary School Association
- IFT – Illinois Federation of Teachers
- IHSA – Illinois High School Association
- IPA – Illinois Principals' Association
- ISBE – Illinois State Board of Education
- LEA – Local Education Agency
- LEND – Legislative Education Network of DuPage (DuPage county)
- LUDA – Large Unit District Association
- NEA – National Education Association
- NSBA – National School Boards Association
- ROE – Regional Offices of Education
- SCOPE – South Cooperative Organization for Public Education (South Cook county and Will county)

NSBA Work-Alike Groups/Organizations

- AASPS – American Association of State Policy Services
- COSA – Council of School Attorneys (national group)
- COSBAC – Council of School Boards Association Communicators
- CUBE – Council of Urban Boards of Education
- Fedtrain – NSBA Federation Members Trainers
- NASS – National Affiliation of Superintendent Searchers
- FRN – Federal Relations Network

Other Organizations

- ASAE – American Society of Association Executives
- IPA – Illinois Press Association
- TRS – Teachers' Retirement System
- INSPRA – Illinois chapter of the National School Public Relations Association
- NSPRA – National School Public Relations Association

IASB Programs/Services

- BEI – Board Self-Assessment
- BGR – Board Governance Review
- PRESS – Policy Reference Education Subscription Service
- PRM – Policy Reference Manual
- TAG – Targeting Achievement through Governance
- TSL – Targeting Student Learning

IASB Sponsored Programs/Organizations

- ICSA – Illinois Council of School Attorneys
- ISDA – Illinois School District Agency (property/casualty)
- ISDLAF+ – Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus
- IEC – Illinois Energy Consortium
- SLRMA – School Leaders Risk Management Association
- WCSIT – Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Trust (risk management)
- ICPEA – Illinois Council of Professors of Educational Administration

NCLB – No Child Left Behind

- AMAO – Annual Measurable Achievable Objective
- AYP – Adequate Yearly Progress
- AEWS – Academic Early Warning Status (2-3 years of missing AYP targets)
- AWS – Academic Watch Status (4+ years of missing AYP targets)
- DIP – District Improvement Plan
- ELL – English Language Learners
- SES – Supplemental Educational Services
- SIP – School Improvement Plan

State and National Testing-Related Acronyms

- ACT – American College Testing
- AP – Advanced Placement
- IAA – Illinois Alternative Assessment
- IIRC – Illinois Interactive Report Cards
- ISAT – Illinois Standards Achievement Test
- NAEP – National Assessment of Educational Progress
- PSAE – Prairie State Achievement Test

Legal Terms – Illinois

- ILCS – Illinois Compiled Statutes
- IELRA – Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act
- IELRB – Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board
- ISSRA – Illinois School Student Records Act
- JCAR – Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
- LRA – Local Records Act
- OMA – Open Meetings Act
- P.A. – Public Act (assigned after a new bill becomes law)
- PTELL – Property Tax Extension Limitation Law

Legal Terms – Federal

- ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act
- CIPA – Children's Internet Protection Act
- EEO – Equal Employment Opportunity
- EEOC – Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- ESEA – Elementary and Secondary Education Act
- FERPA – Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
- FLSA – Fair Labor Standards Act
- FMLA – Family Medical Leave Act
- FOIA – Freedom of Information Act
- HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
- IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Act

Special Education

- IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- IEP – Individual Education Plan
- FAPE – Families and Advocates Partnership for Education
- FAPE – Free and Appropriate Education
- RtI – Response to Intervention

Financial Terms

- CPI – Consumer Price Index
- EFAB – Educational Funding Advisory Board
- OEPP – Operating Expense per Pupil
- TIF – Tax Increment Finance

School Districts

- CCSD – Community Consolidated School District
- CHSD – Community High School District
- CUSD – Community Unit School District
- CUD – Community Unit District
- ESD – Elementary School District
- HSD – High School District
- PSD – Public School District
- SD – School District
- THSD – Township High School District
- USD – Unit School District

Here is another helpful website for education terms and acronyms:

ISBE Glossary of Terms – <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/Glossary.htm>