An Alphabet Soup of Educational Acronyms

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Compiled by the staff of the Illinois Association of School Boards
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
- IASEE - 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
- FRN - Federal Relations Network
- NASS - National Affiliation of Superintendent Searchers

Other Organizations
- ASAE - American Society of Association Executives
- Illinois CSI - Center for School Improvement
- IMRF - Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund
- INS PRA - Illinois chapter of the National School Public Relations Association
- IPA - Illinois Press Association
- NSPRA - National School Public Relations Association
- TRS - Teachers' Retirement System

IASB Programs/Services
- BEI - Board Evaluation Instrument
- BGR - Board Governance Review
- PDLT - Professional Development Leadership Training
- PRESS - Policy Reference Education Subscription Service

IASB Sponsored Programs/Organizations
■ ICPEA - Illinois Council of Professors of Educational Administration
■ ICSA - Illinois Council of School Attorneys
■ IEC - Illinois Energy Consortium
■ ISDA - Illinois School District Agency (property/casualty)
■ ISDLAF+ - Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus
■ ISEBC – Illinois Schools Employee Benefits Consortium
■ SLRMA - School Leaders Risk Management Association
■ WCSIT - Workers’ Compensation Self-Insurance Trust (risk management)

Federal and State Terms
■ CCLC – 21st Century Community Learning Centers
■ DIP - District Improvement Plan
■ ELL - English Language Learners
■ ELP - English Language Proficiency
■ ESEA - Elementary and Secondary Education Act
■ ESSA - Every Student Succeeds Act
■ IBAM - Illinois Balance Accountability Measure
■ LEA - Local Education Agency
■ MEP - Migrant Education Program
■ SEA - State Education Agency
■ SIG - School Improvement Grants
■ SIP - School Improvement Plan

State and National Testing-Related Acronyms
■ ACT - American College Testing
■ AP - Advanced Placement
■ IAA - Illinois Alternative Assessment
■ IRC - Illinois Report Cards
■ NAEP - National Assessment of Educational Progress
■ PARCC – Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers

Legal Terms - Illinois
■ 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
■ IELRA - Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act
■ IELRB - Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board
■ ILCS - Illinois Compiled Statutes
■ ISSRA - Illinois School Student Records Act
■ JCAR - Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
■ LRA - Local Records Act
■ OMA - Open Meetings Act
■ OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Act
■ P.A. - Public Act (assigned after a new bill becomes law)
■ PERA – Performance Evaluation Reform Act
■ PTELL - Property Tax Extension Limitation Law
Special Education
- FAPE - Families and Advocates Partnership for Education
- IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- IEP - Individualized Education Program
- RtI - Response to Intervention

Financial Terms
- CPI - Consumer Price Index
- CPPRT - Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax
- 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
- CUD - Community Unit District
- CUSD - Community Unit School 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 - https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Glossary-of-Terms.aspx