

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
- 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
- INSPRA - 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

- PRM - Policy Reference Manual

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
- FAPE - Free and Appropriate Education
- IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- IEP - Individualized Education Program
- Rtl - 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>