

Education Acronyms

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504	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 – a civil rights statute that prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability
AACTE	American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education
AASL	American Association of School Librarians (related: ALA)
AASTE	Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence
ABE	Adult Basic Education - a component of adult education. ABE is instruction in the basic skills below the 9th grade level (0-8.9).
ACLIN	Access Colorado Library and Information Network (See Colorado Virtual Library)
ACRL	Association of College and Research Libraries (related: ALA)
ACT	American College Test
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act – federal law that protects civil rights of the disabled in public accommodations (buildings), employment, transportation, government services, and telecommunications
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADE	Automated Data Exchange
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
AEFL	Adult Education and Family Literacy - a service of the Colorado Dept. of Education, administered by the Center for At-Risk Education. For a listing of AEFL staff, go to http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeadult/adultstaff.htm
AEFLA	Adult Education and Family Literacy Act - Title II of the Workforce Investment Act.
AFDC	Old acronym for Aid to Families with Dependent Children which was replaced with TANF.
AFT	American Federation of Teachers, one of two teachers unions, the other is CEA
AHS	Adult High School
AIR	Annual Implementation Review
AIRS	Acquisition of Information Resources (related: RSB, CoLAB)
AITQ	Academic Improvement and Teacher Quality
ALA	American Library Association
ALA-APA	American Library Association - Allied Professional Association
ALMIS	America's Labor Market Information System - National databases to permit the seamless transfer of labor market information within and between states in a

standardized format.

AMAO	Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives
APRP	Advanced Placement Reimbursement Program
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
ARL	Association of Research Libraries
ASAA	Advancing Student Academic Achievement
ASCC	Automation System Consortia – Colorado
ASCLA	Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies
ASE	Adult Secondary Education – a component of adult education. ASE is instruction in basic skills at or above the 9th grade level (9-12). Adult High School (AHS) and GED preparation are Adult Secondary Education
ASMT	Assessment
ASPIRE	Assessment of Prevention Indicators and Resources
ATE	Association of Teacher Educators
AUD	Auditing
AVP	Area Vocational Program
AVRLSS	Arkansas Valley Regional Library Service System
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress
BAAC	Building Accountability Advisory Committees
BCR	Bibliographical Center for Research
BEAR	Basis Early Assessment in Reading
BEST	Basic English Skills Test -The BEST is designed to test listening comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing skills of limited English proficient adults. For more information on the BEST, including ordering BEST materials, go to http://www.cal.org/BEST
BEST	Building Excellent Schools Today
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
BOCES	Board of Cooperative Educational Services - Frequently BOCES are a group of smaller districts that band together to use their collective for a better use of funds. Also known as BOCS.
BOCS	Board of Cooperative Services
C - Consolidated	(At the end of a school district name) Consolidated.

CACE	Colorado Association of Community Educators
CADI	Comprehensive Appraisal for District Improvement
CAI	Computer Assisted Instruction
CAL	Colorado Association of Libraries
CAL	Center for Applied Linguistics
CALC	Colorado Academic Library Consortium
CAQSAP	Colorado Alliance of Quality School Age Providers
CARE	Center for At-Risk Education
CARL	Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries
CASAS	Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System. Standardized assessment instruments for assessing adult basic skills within a functional context. CASAS materials can be purchased and administered by Adult Education and Family Literacy providers that have received training from a CASAS certified trainer and are designated as certified test centers. For more information about CASAS go to http://www.casas.org
CASASTART	Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse Striving Together to Achieve Rewarding Tomorrows
CASB	Colorado Association of School Boards
CASE	Colorado Association for School Executives
CASBO	Colorado Association of School Business Officials
CASL	Classroom Assessment for Student Learning
CASL	Colorado Association of School Librarians
CATE	Colorado Association of Teacher Educators
CBLA	Colorado Basic Literacy Act – state law that ensures students are reading at grade level by third grade
CBO	Community Based Organization - a local organization that works with one specialized population or group of clients. (i.e.: youth, women, adult learners, ex-offenders).
CBT	Computer-Based Training - the dissemination of text for instruction via electronic means.
CCHE	Colorado Council on Higher Education
CCIRA	Colorado Council of the International Reading Association
CCLC	Century Community Learning Centers

CCLD	Colorado Council for Library Development
CCLS	Central Colorado Library System
CCML	Colorado Council of Medical Libraries
CCRA	Colorado Comprehensive Reading Academy
CCSRI	Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement
CCSSO	Council of Chief State School Officers
CDE	Colorado Department of Education
CDL&E	Colorado Department of Labor & Employment
CDP	Cooperative Digitization Program (aka: CO Digitization Project; Heritage Colorado)
CEA	Colorado Education Association – one of two teachers unions, the other is AFT
CECFA	Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority – issues bonds for charter schools
CELT	Center for Educational Leadership and Technology
CEMA	Colorado Educational Media Association (now: CASL)
CFDA	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance http://www.cfda.gov/public/allprogs.asp
C-FIRS	Colorado – Federal Integrated Review System
CFP	Consolidated Federal Programs
CIMP	Continuous Improvement Monitoring Process
CIPA	Children’s Internet Protection Act
CK	Core Knowledge
CLA	Colorado Library Association (now: Colorado Association of Libraries)
CLC	Colorado Library Card
CLCS	Colorado League of Charter Schools
CLRSIAB	Colorado Library Resource Sharing and Information Access Board (see also: RSB)
COALA	Colorado Academic Library Association
CoALL	Colorado Association of Law Libraries
CoLAB	Colorado Library Advisory Board
COMMSTEP	Colorado Mathematics Middle School Teacher Enhancement Project

COPA	Children's Online Protection Act
CoPINE	Colorado Parent Information Network for Education
CoPLA	Colorado Public Library Association (related: CAL)
CORE	Consortium on Reading Excellence
COSPRA	Colorado School Public Relations Association
COSLA	Chief Officers of State Library Agencies
CoSN	Consortium for School Networking
COWD	Colorado Office of Workforce Development
CPIRC	Colorado Parent Information and Resource Center
CPLD	Colorado Public Library Directors
CPRE	Consortium for Policy Research in Education
CRC	Colorado Resource Center
CREA	Colorado Reading Excellence Act
CRF	Colorado Reading First
CRS	Colorado Revised Statutes
CSAC	Commissioner's Superintendent Advisory Council
CSAP	Colorado Student Assessment Program
CSBASP	Colorado Student Before and After School Project
CSDB	Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind
CSL	Colorado State Library
CRD	Colorado Reading Directorate
CSP	Charter School Program
CSPR	Consolidated State Performance Report
CSR	Comprehensive School Reform – a federal grant for failing schools, formerly known as Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration
CSR	Class Size Reduction
CSRC	Colorado School Resource Center
CSSEAC	Charter Schools Special Education Advisory Committee
CSSI	Charter School Support Initiative

CSU	Colorado State University
CTAG C-TAG	Closing the Achievement Gap Closing the Achievement Gap
CTBS	California Test of Basic Skills
CTBL	Colorado Talking Book Library
CTLT	Center for Teaching Learning and Technology
CVL	Colorado Virtual Library
DAC	District Assessment Coordinator
DCO	Deputy Commissioner's Office
DCS	Douglas County Schools
DI	Direct Instruction
DIBELS	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
DLI	Daily Language Instruction
DODEA	Department of Defense Educational Activity
DPL	Denver Public Library
DU	University of Denver
DWDB	Denver Workforce Development Board
EBSCO	Elton B. Stephens Company - library and reference database vendor
ECEA	Exceptional Children's Education Act
ECI	Early Childhood Initiatives
ECS	Education Commission of the States
ED	U.S. Department of Education
EDAC	Educational Data Advisory Committee
EDGAR	Education Department General Administrative Regulations
EF	Employment First - A federally mandated program designed to ensure that all able-bodied food stamp participants funded by the US Dept. of Agriculture clients are engaged in activities that will improve their employability.
EFL	Educational Functioning Level – A term for students served under the Workforce Investment Act describing the levels at which students are initially placed based on their ability to perform literacy-related tasks in specific content areas.

EHCY	Education for Homeless Children and Youth
EIEP	Emergency Immigrant Education Program
EL	Educator Licensing
EL/Civics	English Literacy and Civics Education - Federal grant funds, made available under AEFLA, to enable local programs to provide integrated English literacy and civics education services to immigrants and other limited English proficient populations.
ELA	English Language Acquisition
ELAU	English Language Acquisition Unit
ELD	English Language Development
ELL	English Language Learner (formerly: LEP – Limited English Proficiency)
ELU	Education Licensing Unit
EMAC	Emergency Management Assistance Compact
E-rate	A discount telecom program fro the US Government, the universal service fund
ERIC	Educational Resources Information Center
ES	Elementary School
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act (aka: No Child Left Behind)
ESL	English as a Second Language
ESLU	Exceptional Student Leadership Unit
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages
ET/IL	Educational Technology and Information Literacy
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FBO	Faith-Based Organization - Organizations that have their charter from a particular church/religious affiliation.
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FERPA	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act – federal law governing privacy
FRPLDir	Front Range Public Library Directors
FRUMPS	Front Range Urban Media Professionals
FSCS	Federal-State Cooperative System
FTE	Full Time Equivalent

FTL	Following the Leaders (program from the Education Leaders Council)
FY	Fiscal Year - the fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30 the following year.
GAO	Government Accounting Office
GED	General Educational Development - For information about the GED testing program in Colorado, go to http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeadult/GEDindex.htm .
GEPA	General Education Provisions Act
GFM	Grants Fiscal Management
GIS	Geographic Information Services
GT	Gifted & Talented
HIP	Helping Improve Parents
HLM	Hierarchical Linear Model
HOSTS	Help One Student to Succeed
HOUSSE	Highly Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation
HPRLSS	High Plains Regional Library Service System
HS	High School
IASA	Improving America's Schools Act – 1994 federal law
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - federal law regarding educating students with disabilities
IDEA-B	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – Part B
IEP	Individualized Education Plan – an official plan for students with disabilities that qualify for Special Education services
IES	Institute of Education Sciences
IFC	Intellectual Freedom Committee
IHE	Institution of Higher Education
ILL	Interlibrary Loan
ILP	Individual Literacy Plan – the Colorado Basic Literacy Act requires an ILP for any student not reading at grade level by third grade
IMLS	Institute of Museum and Library Services
IMP	Interactive Mathematics Program
IMS	Information Management Systems

IPBS	Integrated Performance and Benchmarking System
IPT	Idea Proficiency Test
IRA	International Reading Association
IRB	Internal Review Board
IRI	Informal Reading Inventory
ISBN	International Standard Book Number
ISP	Internet Service Provider
ISSN	International Standard Serial Number
ITA	Individual Training Accounts - Workforce Investment Act funds used to pay for training; or a voucher system established under WIA. It is part of the set of services available to those customers needing specific occupational skill attainment.
ITBS	Iowa Test of Basic Skills
J	(At the end of a school district name) Joint, crosses county lines.
JT	(At the end of a school district name) Joint, crosses county lines.
JTPA	Job Training and Partnership Act - Employment and training program that's now known as Workforce Investment Act.
LD	learning disability(ies).
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LD	Library District
LDS	Library Development Services
LEA	Local Educational Agency – official school district
LEP	Limited English Proficiency (former acronym – current acronym is now ELL: English Language Learner)
LETRS	Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling
LMC	Library Media Center School and Library Division (E-rate)
LMI	Labor Market Information - The cornerstone of Colorado's delivery system for employment statistics.
LM/Ts	Lesson Maps and Templates
LRC	Library Research Center
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
LRS	Library Research Service

LSTA	Library Services and Technology Act
MAC	Modeling Across the Curriculum
MARC	Machine Readable Cataloging
MBQC	Malcolm Baldrige Quality Criteria - Named for the late U.S. Secretary of Commerce, a national program to stimulate companies to become competitive in the area of quality management using leadership, strategic planning, customer and market focus, information and analysis, human resources, process management, and business results.
McREL	Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning
MEES	Migrant Education Even Start -The Colorado program provides home-based family literacy services - including early childhood and parenting education - to migrant families. More information about Colorado MEES is on the web at http://www.mees.org/
MLS	Master of Library Science
MNT	Multi-use Network
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPLA	Mountain Plains Library Association
MPRRC	Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center
MS	Middle School
MSP	Math and Science Partnerships
N/D	Neglected or Delinquent
N/T	Nutrition/Transportation
NACSA	National Association of Charter School Authorizers
NAFEPA	National Association of Federal Education Program Administrators
NAEIR	National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress (Used to assess a sample of students in each state annually in 4th and 8th grade reading and math)
NARF	National Association for Reading First
NCES	National Center for Educational Statistics
NCIP	National Children's Internet Protection Act
NCTM	National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
NCLB	No Child Left Behind

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NCLIS	National Council for Library and Information Science
NCREL	North Central Regional Educational Laboratory
NGS	New Generation System
NISO	National Information Standards Organization
NRS	Network and Resource Sharing
NSLP	National School Lunch Program
OAD	Operational Advice and Oversight
OCLC	Online Computer Library Center
OCR	Office for Civil Rights
OES	Office of Educational Services
OESC	Office of Educational Services Council
OFP	Office of Federal Programs
OLE	Online education
OMS	Office of Management Services
OPAC	Online Public Access Catalog
OPS	Office of Professional Services
OSCCS	One-Stop Career Center System or Workforce Center - http://www.coworkforce.com/emp/WFCs.asp or http://workforcecenters.state.co.us .
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs
OSS	Office of Special Services, now know as Office of Federal Programs
OTL	Opportunity to Learn
PA	Phonemic Awareness
PACT	Parent and Child Together Time
PAMS	Planning and Management System
PBS	Positive Behavior Support
PCD	Perceptual Communicative Disorder
PCSGP	Public Charter School Grant Program

PCSP	Public Charter School Program
PD	Professional Development
PDAS	Professional Development and Academic Support
PEBC	Public Education Business Coalition
PEP	Parents Encouraging Parents
PFL	Payment for Lending
PI	Prevention Initiatives
PI'd	Postponed Indefinitely (legislative term meaning bill is dead)
PIRC	Parent Information and Resource Center
PL	Public Law
PL	Public Library
PLACE	Program for Licensing Assessments for Colorado Educators
PPA	Per Pupil Allocation
PPOR	Per Pupil Operating Revenue
PPR	Per Pupil Revenue
PPRLSS	Plains and Peaks Regional Library Service System
PREL	Pacific Regional Educational Labs
PRLSS	Pathfinder Regional Library Service System
PSAT	Pre-Stanford Achievement Test
PSF	Public School Finance
PSFU	Public School Finance Unit
PSRP	Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel
PTO	Parent-Teacher Organization
R	(At the end of a school district name) Reorganized.
R2A	Read to Achieve
RAC	Regional Assistance Center
RE	Research/Evaluation
RE	(At the end of a school district name) Reorganized.

REA	Reading Excellence Act
REAP	Rural Education Achievement Program
RF	Reading First
RFP	Request for Proposal
RISC	Re-Inventing Schools Coalition
RLSS	Regional Library Service System
RPDC	Regional Professional Development Council
RSB	Resource Sharing Board (also CLRSIAB)
RST	Regional Service Team
SAGE	Service-learning and Geographic Engagement
SAR	School Accountability Report
SASA	Student Achievement and School Accountability
SAT	Stanford Achievement Test
SAU	Student Assessment Unit
SBD	Student Biographical Data
SBE	State Board of Education
SBP	School Breakfast Program
SBRR	Scientifically Based Reading Research
SCANS	Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills
SCASS	State Collaborative on Assessment and Student Standards
SDFSC	Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities
SEA	State Educational Agency (see CDE)
SEC	Surveys of Enacted Curriculum
SEDL	Southwest Educational Development Laboratory
SEE	Special Educator Eligibility
SEP*	Student educational plan- An individualized plan for instruction that assists a learner in achieving his/her goals.
SES	Supplemental Educational Services
SFSP	Summer Food Service Program

S/I	Supplemental/Intervention
SIED	Significant Identifiable Emotional Disability
SIP	School Improvement Plan
SLD	School and Library Division (E-rate)
SLD	State Library Development
SLIC	Significant Limited Intellectual Capacity
SLS	Southwest Library Services (formerly: SWRLSS)
SMART	Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent
SMART	Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Research-based, Time-phased
SOA	School of Accountability
SPED	Special Education
SPL	State Publications Library
SPL	Student performance level
SRO	School Resource Officer
SSAS	Statewide System for Accountability and Support
SST	School Support Team
SSTEP	School Support Team Evaluation Program
STAR	Standardized Test for Assessment of Reading
STAR	State Top Achievement Recognition
STC	School to Career
STEM	science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics
SW	Schoolwide
SWAP	Southwest Assessment Partners
SWCC	Southwest Comprehensive Center
SWIFT	Statewide Interlibrary Loan Fast Track
SWP	Schoolwide Program (Schoolwide at CDE means that non-Title I students are included)
SWRLSS	Southwest Regional Library Service System (now: SLS)

TAAS	Texas Assessment of Academic Skills
TABE	Tests of Adult Basic Education - http://www.ctb.com - Click on Products & Services, then Adult Education.
TABOR	Taxpayers' Bill of Rights
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families - Also known as welfare or AFDC, a time-limited program specific to low-income families.
TAS	Targeted Assistance School
TASSIE	Title I Accountability Systems and School Improvement Efforts
TCPU	Transportation, communications, and public utilities
TDG	Teacher Development Grants
TELL	Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning
TIE	Technology in Education
TIMSS	Third International Mathematics and Science Study
TIR	Teacher in Residence
TLF	Technology Leadership Forum
TLCF	Old acronym for Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which has been replaced by E2T2 – Enhancing Education through Technology
TOSA	Teacher on Special Assignment
TOT	Training of Trainers
TRRLSS	Three Rivers Regional Library Services System
TSCP	Technical Support Consultant Program
TTE	Temporary Teacher Eligibility
UCD	University of Colorado at Denver
ULC	Urban Libraries Council
UNC	University of Northern Colorado
USAC	Universal Service Administrative Company
USDE	United States Department of Education
USDOE	United States Department of Education
WBPD	Web-based Professional Development

WDC	Workforce Development Council - http://www.state.co.us/owd/
WIA	Workforce Investment Act
WIB	Workforce Investment Boards
WISE	Web-based Inquiry Science Environment
WLN	Western Library Network
WLS	Workplace literacy services - Literacy services that are offered for the purpose of improving the productivity of the workforce through the improvement of literacy skills.
WRAT	Wide Range Achievement Test