

# Frequently Used Acronyms in Education

*Some additional information is provided in italics*

## A

<b>AAC</b>	Augmentative and Alternative Communication ( <i>aka Aug Com</i> )
<b>ACRE</b>	Accountability and Curriculum Reform Effort
<b>ACT</b>	American College Test
<b>ADA</b>	Americans with Disabilities Act
<b>ADD</b>	Attention Deficit Disorder
<b>ADHD</b>	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
<b>ADM</b>	Annual Daily Membership ( <i>count of students in public school</i> )
<b>ADOS</b>	Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule
<b>AIG</b>	Academically and Intellectually Gifted
<b>AMAO</b>	Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives
<b>AMO</b>	Annual Measurable Objectives
<b>AP</b>	Advanced Placement or Assistant Principal
<b>APE</b>	Adapted Physical Education
<b>APR</b>	Annual Performance Report
<b>ARRA</b>	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
<b>ASD</b>	Autism Spectrum Disorder ( <i>aka AU</i> )
<b>ASIS</b>	Academic Services and Instructional Support
<b>ASL</b>	American Sign Language
<b>ASW</b>	Analysis of Student Work
<b>AT</b>	Assistive Technology
<b>AU</b>	Autism Spectrum Disorder
<b>AYP</b>	Adequate Yearly Progress

## B

<b>BA</b>	Behavioral Assessment
<b>BASC</b>	Behavior Assessment System for Children
<b>BIP</b>	Behavior Intervention Plan
<b>BS</b>	Behavior Support
<b>BSA</b>	Behavior Support Assistant
<b>BSET</b>	Basic School Evaluation Tool ( <i>PBIS</i> )
<b>BSS</b>	Behavior Support Services
<b>BSSP</b>	Behavior Support & Special Programs

## C

<b>C&amp;I</b>	Curriculum and Instruction
<b>CAP</b>	Community Alternatives Program
<b>CAPD</b>	Central Auditory Processing Disorder
<b>CASE</b>	Council of Administrators of Special Education
<b>CCSS</b>	Common Core State Standards
<b>CCSSO</b>	Council of Chief State School Officers_( <i>Our state superintendent June Atkinson is the president.</i> )
<b>CD</b>	Cognitive Delay
<b>CDM</b>	Credit by Demonstrated Mastery
<b>CE</b>	Career Education
<b>CEC</b>	Council on Exceptional Children
<b>CECAS</b>	Comprehensive Exceptional Children Accountability System
<b>CEDARS</b>	Common Education Data Analysis and Reporting System

<b>CEIS</b>	Coordinated Early Intervening Services
<b>CEU</b>	Continuing Education Unit
<b>CFR</b>	Code of Federal Regulation
<b>CFT</b>	Child and Family Team
<b>CIPP</b>	Continuous Improvement Performance Plan
<b>CNA</b>	Comprehensive Needs Assessment
<b>CNA</b>	Certified Nurse Assistant
<b>COMS</b>	Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist
<b>COSF</b>	Child Outcomes Summary Form
<b>COSP</b>	Child Outcomes Summary Process
<b>COTA</b>	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
<b>CP</b>	Cerebral Palsy
<b>CPI</b>	Crisis Prevention Institute ( <i>NVCI training</i> )
<b>CPW</b>	Communication Plan Worksheet
<b>CRC</b>	Community Residential Center
<b>CTE</b>	Career and Technical Education
<b>CTSO</b>	Career and Technical Student Organizations

## D

<b>DAC</b>	(State Exceptional Children) Director's Advisory Council
<b>DB</b>	Deaf-Blindness
<b>DD</b>	Developmental Delay
<b>DDC</b>	Developmental Day Center
<b>DEC</b>	Division of Exceptional Children
<b>DHHS</b>	Department of Health and Human Services
<b>DJJ</b>	Department of Juvenile Justice
<b>DLM</b>	Dynamic Learning Map
<b>DMA</b>	Division of Medicaid Assistance
<b>DME</b>	Durable Medical Equipment
<b>DMS</b>	Database Management System ( <i>PBIS</i> )
<b>DPI</b>	Department of Public Instruction ( <i>North Carolina</i> )
<b>DSM-5</b>	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorder
<b>DSS</b>	Department of Social Services
<b>DTL</b>	Digital Teaching and Learning ( <i>NC DPI</i> )

## E

<b>EBS</b>	Effective Behavior Survey
<b>EC</b>	Exceptional Children
<b>ECAC</b>	Exceptional Children's Assistance Center
<b>ECTA</b>	Early Childhood Technical Assistance
<b>ED</b>	Emotional Disturbance or Emotional Disability
<b>EDDIE</b>	Education Directory and Demographical Information Exchange
<b>EI</b>	Early Intervention
<b>EIPA</b>	Educator Interpreter Proficiency Assessment
<b>EIS</b>	Early Intervening Services
<b>ELA</b>	English Language Arts
<b>ELL</b>	English Language Learner
<b>EOC</b>	End of Course (Test)
<b>EOG</b>	End of Grade (Test)
<b>ERIC</b>	Education Resources Information Center
<b>ESEA</b>	Elementary and Secondary Education Act
<b>ESL</b>	English as a Second Language
<b>ESY</b>	Extended School Year

EVAAS Education Value-Added Assessment System

## F

**FAPE** Free and Appropriate Public Education  
**FBA** Functional Behavior Assessment  
**FERPA** Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act  
**FRL** Free and Reduced Price Lunch  
**FTE** Full Time Equivalent  
**FVA** Functional Vision Assessment

## G

**GAL** Guardian Ad Litem  
**GFH** Group/Foster Home  
**GPA** Grade Point Average  
**GTN** Governor Teacher Network

## H

**HFAU** High Functioning Autism (*No longer used in DSM-5*)  
**HI** Hearing Impairment  
**HQ** Highly Qualified  
**HQT** Highly Qualified Teachers

## I

**ICR** In-Class Resource  
**IDEA** Individuals with Disabilities Education Act  
**IDEIA** Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act  
**IDMI** Intellectual Disability Mild  
**IDMO** Intellectual Disability Moderate  
**IDSE** Intellectual Disability Severe  
**IEP** Individualized Education Program  
**IFSP** Individualized Family Service Plan  
**IHE** Institutes of Higher Learning  
**II** Intensive Intervention  
**IIO** Implementation Inventory Online (*PBIS*)  
**IIS** Instructional Improvement System  
**IPEDS** Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System  
**IPT** IDEA Proficiency Test. Test used to determine the appropriate assessment for limited English proficient students.  
**IQ** Intelligence Quotient  
**ISS** In School Suspension  
**ITES** Information and Technology Essential Standards (*NC Essential Standards*)  
**ITS** Information Technology System

## J

**JC** Juvenile Court

## K

## L

**LD** Learning Disability  
**LEA** Local Educational Agency

<b>LEP</b>	Limited English Proficient
<b>LF</b>	Language Facilitator
<b>LI</b>	Low Incidence
<b>LICC</b>	Local Interagency Coordinating Councils (early childhood)
<b>LMA</b>	Learning Media Assessment
<b>LMS</b>	Learning Management System
<b>LOR</b>	Learner Object Repository
<b>LRE</b>	Least Restrictive Environment

## **M**

<b>MDR</b>	Manifestation Determination Review
<b>MH</b>	Mental Health
<b>MI</b>	Mental Illness
<b>MOA</b>	Memorandum of Agreement
<b>MOE</b>	Maintenance of Effort
<b>MSL</b>	Measures of Student Learning
<b>MTSS</b>	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support
<b>MU</b>	Multiple Disabilities

## **N**

<b>NAEP</b>	National Assessment of Educational Progress
<b>NCAE</b>	North Carolina Association of Educators
<b>NCASA</b>	North Carolina Association of School Administrators
<b>NCCAT</b>	North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching
<b>NCCCBD</b>	North Carolina Council for Children with Behavior Disorders
<b>NCDPI</b>	North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
<b>NCEES</b>	North Carolina Educator Evaluation System
<b>NCES</b>	North Carolina Essential Standards
<b>NCLB</b>	No Child Left Behind
<b>NCSCoS</b>	North Carolina Standard Course of Study
<b>NCSIP</b>	North Carolina State Improvement Project
<b>NCVPS</b>	North Carolina Virtual Public Schools
<b>NCWISE</b>	North Carolina Window of Information for Student Education
<b>NDLI</b>	New Directors Leadership Institute
<b>NEA</b>	National Education Association
<b>NIMAS</b>	National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard
<b>NSTTAC</b>	National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center
<b>NVCI</b>	Nonviolent Crisis Intervention

## **O**

<b>O&amp;M</b>	Orientation and Mobility
<b>OCD</b>	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
<b>OCR</b>	Office of Civil Rights
<b>OCS</b>	Occupational Course of Study
<b>ODR</b>	Office Discipline Report
<b>OER</b>	Open Educational Resources
<b>OHI</b>	Other Health Impairment
<b>OI</b>	Orthopedic Impairment
<b>OOD</b>	Out-of-District Placement
<b>OSEP</b>	Office of Special Education Programs
<b>OSERS</b>	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
<b>OSS</b>	Out of School Suspension
<b>OT</b>	Occupational Therapist

**P**

<b>P &amp; A</b>	Protection & Advocacy
<b>PAC</b>	Parent Advisory Council
<b>PAM</b>	Parent Assistance Module
<b>PBIS</b>	Positive Behavior Intervention and Support
<b>PD</b>	Professional Development
<b>PEP</b>	Personalized Education Plan
<b>PIPD</b>	Personnel Improvement & Professional Development ( <i>DPI - EC Division - Section</i> )
<b>PLC</b>	Professional Learning Community
<b>PLT</b>	Professional Learning Team
<b>PMA</b>	Policy Monitoring Audit
<b>PNA</b>	Physical Needs Assessment
<b>PO</b>	Parole Officer or Purchase Order
<b>PRC</b>	Program Recording Codes
<b>PRTF</b>	Private Residential Treatment Facility
<b>PSAT</b>	Pre-Scholastic Assessment Test
<b>PT</b>	Physical Therapist
<b>PTSD</b>	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
<b>PWN</b>	Prior Written Notice

**Q**

<b>QP</b>	Qualified Professional ( <i>Mental Health Professionals</i> )
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**R**

<b>RAS</b>	Regional Administrative Support ( <i>DPI - EC Division - Section</i> )
<b>RBT</b>	Revised Bloom's Taxonomy
<b>RDA</b>	Results Driven Accountability
<b>RESA</b>	Regional Education Service Alliance
<b>RFP</b>	Requests for Proposals
<b>RP</b>	Risk Pool Funding
<b>RSSD</b>	Related Service Support Description
<b>RST</b>	Regional Support Team
<b>RTI</b>	NC RtI=Responsiveness to Instruction
<b>RttT</b>	Race To The Top ( <i>federal grant</i> )

**S**

<b>SACS</b>	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
<b>SAS</b>	Self-Assessment Survey
<b>SAT</b>	Scholastic Assessment Test
<b>SBE</b>	State Board of Education
<b>SCOS</b>	Standard Course of Study or...
<b>SCS</b>	Standard Course of Study
<b>SDI</b>	Specially Designed Instruction
<b>SEA</b>	State Education Agency ( <i>in NC the SEA is DPI</i> )
<b>SEFEL</b>	Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning
<b>SES</b>	Supplemental Educational Services
<b>SET</b>	School Evaluation Tool ( <i>PBIS</i> )
<b>SI</b>	Speech and/or Language Impairment
<b>SIF</b>	Student Information Form
<b>SiMR</b>	State-identified Measurable Results

<b>SIP</b>	School Improvement Plan
<b>SIT</b>	School Improvement Team
<b>SLC</b>	Student Learning Conditions
<b>SLD</b>	Specific Learning Disability ( <i>sometimes LD is used</i> )
<b>SLP</b>	Speech-Language Pathologist
<b>SLPA</b>	Speech Language Pathologist Assistant
<b>SOP</b>	State Operated Program
<b>SPD</b>	Special Programs and Data ( <i>DPI - EC Division - Section</i> )
<b>SPED</b>	Special Education
<b>SPP</b>	State Performance Plan
<b>SSAT</b>	Sensory Support and Assistive Technology ( <i>DPI - EC Division - Section</i> )
<b>SSIP</b>	State Systemic Improvement Plan ( <i>Indicator 17</i> )
<b>SSO</b>	Single Sign-On ( <i>Homepage</i> )
<b>SSRF</b>	Special State Reserve
<b>SST</b>	Student Support Team
<b>STARS</b>	Supporting Teaching and Related Services ( <i>DPI - EC Division - Section</i> )
<b>STEM</b>	Science Technology Engineering Mathematics
<b>SWD</b>	Students with Disabilities
<b>SWIS</b>	School Wide Information System

## T

<b>T&amp;I</b>	Trade and Industrial
<b>TA</b>	Teacher Assistant or Technical Assistance
<b>TAS</b>	Targeted Assistance Support
<b>TBI</b>	Traumatic Brain Injury
<b>TIMS</b>	Transportation Information Management System
<b>TIPS</b>	Team Initiated Problem Solving
<b>TVI</b>	Teacher for the Visually Impaired
<b>TWC</b>	Teacher Working Conditions

## U

<b>UDL</b>	Universal Design of Learning
<b>USED</b>	United States Education Department

## V

<b>VABS</b>	Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales
<b>VE</b>	Vocational Education
<b>VI</b>	Visual Impairment
<b>VPS</b>	Vocational and Psychological Services
<b>VPS</b>	Virtual Public Schools
<b>VR</b>	Vocational Rehabilitation

## W

<b>WISC</b>	Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children
<b>WPPSI</b>	Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence

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*Note: This acronym list is a collaborative effort of the NCDPI EC Regional Support Team (Regions 7 & 8).*