
ALPHABETICAL GUIDE
TO

ACRONYMS



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Acronyms are organized alphabetically in this chart.

ACRONYM	EXPLANATION
AASBO	Arizona Association of School Business Officials
AASA	American Association of School Administrators
ABEC	Arizona Business Education Coalition
ABOR	Arizona Board of Regents
ACC	Acronym Converter Chart
ACCRS	AZ College and Career Ready Standards (formerly Common Core)
ACES	Austin Centers for Exceptional Students
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADA	Average Daily Attendance—A calculation of the mean number of students enrolled who are present each day.
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder—A type of learning disability that may be covered by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), depending on the causative factor.
ADE	Arizona Department of Education
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADM	Average Daily Membership—A calculation of the mean number of students enrolled each day for the first 100 days in session.
ADL	Anti-Defamation League
AEA	Arizona Education Association
AELAS	Arizona Education, Learning and Accountability System
AFR	Annual Financial Report
AG	Auditor General or Attorney General
AH	Auditorally Handicapped—special education
AHCCCS	Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
AIA	Arizona Interscholastic Association
AIMS	Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards
AKA	Also Known As
ALEAT	Arizona Local Education Agency Tracker—ADE
AMO	Annual Measurable Object—NCLB
AOI	Arizona Online Instruction
AP	Advanced Placement
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act—Federal act to stimulate the national economy that introduced over a billion dollars of ‘one-time’ funds into the Arizona (and K-12) budget
ARS	Arizona Revised Statutes
ASA	Arizona School Administrators
ASAP	As Soon As Possible (practical)
ASAP	‘Arizona Student Assessment Program’ Used to be the name of the test before AIMS
ASBA	Arizona School Boards Association
ASBAIT	Arizona School Boards Association Insurance Trust
ASBO	Association of School Board Officials International

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ASCD	Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
ASD	Accommodation School District, Autism Spectrum Disorder
ASDB	AZ School for the Deaf & Blind
ASIP	AZ School Improvement Plan—part of AzLEARNs
ASPAA	Arizona School Personnel Administrators Association
ASPRA	Arizona School Public Relations Association
ASRS	Arizona State Retirement System
ASU	Arizona State University
ASVAB	Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery
AT	Assistive Technology—special education
ATRA	Arizona Tax Research Association – Coalition funded by large companies and utilities to lobby for lower taxes.
AUA(CUA)	Allowance Use Authorization (Contingency Use)
AYP	Achieving Your Potential (curriculum)
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress (part of NCLB)
AzEDS	Arizona Education Data Standards
AzLEARNs	Arizona Leading Education in Arizona through the Reporting and Notification System
AzMERIT	Arizona’s Measurement of Educational Readiness to Inform Teaching
BD	Behavior Disordered—Refers to a student whose behavior makes functioning in society difficult.
BHS	Behavioral Health Services
BIC	Behavior Intervention Class
BICS	Basic Interpersonal Communication Skills
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
BMP	Behavior Management Plan
BRCL	Base Revenue Control Limit
BSL	Base Support Level
CAA	Charter Additional Assistance (capital)
CAFR	Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
CAI	Computer-Assisted Instruction
CALPS	Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency—formal academic listening, speaking, reading, and writing about subject area content material.
CCSS	Common Core State Standards (now ACCRS)
CIP	Continuous Improvement Plan
CISD	Critical Incident Stress Debriefing
CL	Career Ladder
CMAR	Construction Manager At Risk
CORL	Capital Outlay Revenue Limit –Unweighted student count multiplied by the appropriate per student amount (ADM)
CPU	Central Processing Unit

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CSF	Classroom Site Fund—commonly referred to as 301 funds
CSR	Comprehensive School Reform
CST	Child Study Team—meets before any special education placement
CTE	Career and Technical Education
DAA	District Additional Assistance (DAA)
DB	Deaf-Blind—special education
DCS	Department of Child Safety (formerly CPS)
DELA	Department of English Language Acquisition
DES	Department of Economic Security
DIBELS	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills: Phonemic Awareness, Alphabetic Principle, Accuracy and Fluency, Vocabulary, & Comprehension
DIP	District Improvement Plan—NCLB
DRA	Developmental Reading Assessment
DRD	Dyslexia and Related Disorders—special education
DSI	Dual Sensory Impairment
DSL	District Support Level
EAHCA or EHA	Education for All Handicapped Children Act—Known since 1990 as IDEA, EAHCA defines “handicapped children” as mentally retarded, hearing impaired or deaf, speech or language impaired, visually handicapped, seriously emotionally disturbed, orthopedically impaired, other health impaired, or those with specific learning disabilities. For these reasons, the student requires special education and related services.
EAS	English Acquisition Services
EC	Early Childhood (ages 3-5)
ECAP	Education and Career Action Plans
ECBG	Early Childhood Block Grant—once provided additional K-3 funding
ED	Emotionally Disturbed—A behavior disorder that results in the inability of a student to control his/her emotions.
ED (DOE or US DOE)	U.S. Department of Education
EDK	Extended Day Kindergarten
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
ELA	English Language Arts
ELL	English Language Learner
EMR	Educable Mentally Retarded—The highest level of retardation, with an IQ of approximately 50 to 70.
EMS	Energy Management System
EP	Exploring Potential Teacher
ESA	Education Service Agency or Empowerment Scholarship Account
ESD	Elementary School District

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ESEA	Elementary Secondary Education Act (Currently entitled NCLB)
ESS	Exceptional Student Services
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act (replaced NCLB)
ESY	Extended School Year (also EYP or Extended Year Program)
EU	Excess Utilities
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education—IDEA mandates that FAPE must be available to every child, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability.
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment—special education
FDK	Full Day Kindergarten
FEP	Fluent English Proficient
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act - A federal statute relating to confidentiality and access involving student education records.
FICA	Federal Insurance Contributions Act
FIE	Full Individual Evaluation—An acronym that replaces CIA (Comprehensive Individual Assessment).
FLA	Four-Letter Acronym
FLSA	Fair Labor Standards Act
FS	Food Service
FTE	Full-Time Equivalent
FY	Fiscal Year/Ending Year (2016-2017 is “FY17”)
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
GASB	Governmental Accounting Standards Board
GBL	General Budget Limit
GCU	Grand Canyon University
GED	General Education Development (aka General Equivalency Diploma)
GMP	Guaranteed Maximum Price
GPC	Grade Placement Committee
GPMEC	Greater Phoenix Education Management Council
HCPA	Handicapped Children’s Protection Act of 1986—An amendment to the EAHCA (now IDEA), this law provides for reimbursement of costs to parents successful in court cases against educational entities.
HDHP	High Deductable Health Plan
HI	Hearing Impaired
HILT	High-Intensity Language Training
HIPPA	Health Information Privacy Protection Act
HISEP	High Intensity Summer English Program
HOSA	Health Occupation Students of America
HOSTS	Helping One Student to Succeed
HOTS	Higher-Order Thinking Skills
HQ	Highly Qualified or High Quality

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HSA	Health Savings Account
IASA	Improving America's Schools Act (ESEA before NCLB)
IB	International Baccalaureate
IBN	Interest-Based Negotiations
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act—The federal law governing special education.
IEP	Individualized Educational Plan—plan for the education of a student with disabilities. The IEP is collaboratively developed by school personnel and parents.
IFB	Invitation For Bids
IGA	Inter-Governmental Agreement
IIF	Instructional Improvement Fund
ILLP	Individual Language Learning Plan—for language education
ILP	Individual Learning Plan—for disability that is not special education
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
ISF	Initial Sounds Fluency -DIBELS measures of Phonological Awareness assesses a child's skill at identifying and producing the initial sound of a given word.
JCCR	Joint Committee on Capital Review
JLAC	Joint Legislative Audit Committee
JLBC	Joint Legislative Budget Committee
JSA	Junior State of America
JTED	Joint Technical Education District
LD	Learning Disabled—A processing disorder in the psychological processes in language that affects the ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or do math.
LEA	Local Educational Agency
LEP	Limited English Proficient
LLD	Language-Learning Disabilities
LMS	Learning Management System
LOL	Laugh Out Loud
LPAC	Language Proficiency Assessment Committee
LRE	Least-Restrictive Environment—Sometimes known as mainstreaming, this refers to the concept of placing a child with disabilities in an environment that exposes them to children without disabilities to the maximum extent appropriate. An LRE placement must enable a child to interact with his or her nondisabled peers as much as is appropriate in relation to the nature and severity of the disability.
M&O	Maintenance and Operations
MAP	Measurement of Academic Progress
MASH	Multiple Avenues for Successful Healthcare
MBI	Minimally Brain Injured—special education

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MCESA	Maricopa County Education Service Agency
MD	Multi-Disability
MET	Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team
MH	Multiple Handicap or Multiply Handicapped—special education
MID	Mild Intellectual Disability
MIMR	Mildly Mentally Retarded—special education
MOE	Maintenance of Effort – Refers to funding effort toward a particular program not being reduced or supplanted with other funds
MOID	Moderate Intellectual Disability
MOMR	Moderately Mentally Retarded—special education
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding – May accompany a grant of funds, that the money will be used as intended
MR	Mentally Retarded—special education
N&D	Neglected and Delinquent
NAESP	National Association of Elementary School Principals
NASSP	National Association of Secondary School Principals
NAU	Northern Arizona University
NCELA	National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition
NCLB	No Child Left Behind
NEA	National Education Association
NHS	National Honor Society
NJHS	National Junior Honor Society
NLCHP	National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty
NSBA	National School Boards Association
NSDC	National Staff Development Council
NWF	Nonsense Word Fluency DIBELS measure of Alphabetic Principle and Phonics assesses a child's knowledge of letter-sound correspondences as well their ability to blend letters together to form unfamiliar "nonsense" (e.g., ut, fik, lig, etc.) words.
OCR	Office for Civil Rights
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OELA	Office of English Language Acquisition
OH	Orthopedically Handicapped—special education
OHI	Other Health Impaired—A designation for children with limited strength, vitality, or alertness due to chronic or acute health problems such as a heart condition, tuberculosis, rheumatic fever, hemophilia, epilepsy, lead poisoning, leukemia, or diabetes which adversely affect a child's educational performance.
OI	Orthopedic Impairment
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OMG	Oh My Goodness

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ORF	Oral Reading Fluency – DIBELS measure of Alphabetic Principle and Phonics accuracy (95%); Accuracy and Fluency with Connected Text assesses a child's skill at reading connected text in grade-level materials; and Comprehension assesses a child's understanding of verbally read connected text.
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs—The federal agency with the responsibility for implementing IDEA.
OSPB	(Governor's) Office of Strategic Planning and Budget
OT	Occupational Therapy
PAC	Parent Advisory Committee or Political Action Committee
PARCC	Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers Consortium
PBI	Permanent Benefit Increase ('cost of living' – state retirement system)
PDK	Phi Delta Kappa
PE	Physical Education
PFP	Pay for Performance
PHLOTE	Primary Home Language Other than English
PL 94-142	Public Law 94-142, the original public law number for the EAHCA (now known as IDEA). This is the landmark legislation passed by Congress in 1975 guaranteeing every child with a disability a free, appropriate public education. The term, P.L. 94-142, continues to be frequently referenced in educational circles.
PLC	Professional Learning Community
PPCD	Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities
PSF	Phonemic Segmentation Fluency DIBELS measures of Phonological Awareness assesses a child's skill at producing the individual sounds within a given word.
PT	Physical Therapy—special education
PTA	Parent Teacher Association
PTO	Parent Teacher Organization
QTL	Qualifying Tax Levy
QTR	Qualified Tax Rate
RCL	Revenue Control Limit
REAP	Rural Education Achievement Program
RFES	Ruth Fisher Elementary School
RFGA	Request for Grant Application
RFP	Request for Proposals
RFQ	Request for Quotations
RTC	Regional Training Center
RTF	Retell Fluency-Measure of Comprehension assesses a child's understanding of verbally read connected text.
RTI	Response to Intervention—accommodations in regular education

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SAC	Superintendents Advisory Committee
SAIS	Student Accountability Information System
SAT 10	Stanford Achievement Test – 10 th version
SBDM	Site-Based Decision-Making
SBE	State Board of Education
SBR	Scientifically Based Research
SC	Self Contained—special education
SCA	Soft Capital Allocation
SDER	School District Employee Report
SEA	State Education Agency
Section 504	The portion of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that provides that recipients of federal financial assistance may not discriminate on the basis of disability. Students with minimal disabilities or disabilities that do not qualify under IDEA receive protection under Section 504.
SEI	Structured English Immersion
SES	Socio Economic Status
SES	Supplemental Educational Services—Title 1
SFB	Arizona School Facilities Board
SH (or SI)	Speech Handicapped (or Speech Impaired)
SI	School Improvement—Title 1
SIP	School Improvement Plan or ASIP (Arizona SIP)
SIS	Student Information System
SLD	Specific Learning Disability—special education
SLI	Speech/Language Impairment
SLIC	School Legislative Issues Committee (Maricopa Cty)
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist
SMUSD	Saddle Mountain Unified School District
SPED	Special Education
SPI	Superintendent of Public Instruction
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSIS	Statewide Student Information System
SST	Student Success Team ...Study Team ...Support Team
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
Students FIRST	Students Fair and Immediate Resources for Students Today
STW	School to Work
SWP	School Wide Program—Title 1
T4S	Teach 4 Success (instructional protocol through <i>WestEd</i>)
TANS	Tax Anticipation Notes
TAP	Teacher Advancement Program
TAS	Targeted Assisted School—Title 1
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injured—special education

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TCAP	Temporary Classroom Assignment Permit
TDD/TTY	Telecommunications Device for the Deaf—special education
TEI	Teacher Experience Index
TES	Tartesso Elementary School
TIF	Teacher Incentive Fund
TLA	Three-Letter Acronym
TMR	Trainable Mentally Retarded—Often refers to individuals with an IQ between 25 and 50.
TNT	Truth In Taxation
TOSA/TOA	Teacher on Special Assignment/Teacher on Assignment
TQI	Teacher Quality Index
TQP	Teacher Quality Partnership
TRCL	Transportation Revenue Control Limit
TSL	Transportation Support Level
TVHS	Tonopah Valley High School
UA	University of Arizona
UHSD	Union High School District
USD	Unified School District
USDOE	United States Department of Education
USFR	Uniform System of Financial Records
VH (or VI)	Visually Handicapped (or Visually Impaired)
VICA	Vocational Industrial Clubs of America
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
VSEBT	Valley Schools Employee Benefit Trust
VSLG	Valley Schools Legislative Group
VSMG	Valley Schools Management Group
WCRSC	West Central Region Service Center
West-MEC	Western Maricopa Education Center
WICP	Written Individualized Compensatory Plan—exited ELLs assistance
WUF	Word Use Fluency -DIBELS measure of Vocabulary and Oral Language assesses a child's ability to accurately use a provided word in the context of a sentence.
WWES	Winters Well Elementary School

EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS	INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS	INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATORS	LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION OF ARIZONA
AMERICAN COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN
AMERICAN EDUCATION RESEARCH ASSOCIATION	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR-ROUND EDUCATION (NAYRE)
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
AMERICAN SCHOOL COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
ARIZONA ASSOCIATION FOR LIFELONG LEARNING	NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION
ARIZONA COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES	NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES
ARIZONA COUNCIL ON ECONOMIC EDUCATION	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH
ARIZONA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS
ARIZONA GEOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE	NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ECONOMIC EDUCATION
ARIZONA HUMANITIES COUNCIL	NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
ARIZONA INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION	NATIONAL EDUCATION WRITERS ASSOCIATION
ARIZONA INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION (AIA)	NATIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION
ARIZONA PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS	NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR MIDDLE GRADES/HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION
ARIZONA SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS	NATIONAL SCHOOL PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION
ARIZONA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION	NATIONAL SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
ARIZONA SCHOOL COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION	NATIONAL TEACHERS ENHANCEMENT NETWORK
ARIZONA TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION ALLIANCE	PHI DELTA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL EDUCATORS
ASSOCIATION FOR AMERICAN EDUCATORS	SMALL SCHOOLS WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION
ASSOCIATION FOR EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY	SOUTHWEST EDUCATIONAL LABORATORY
ASSOCIATION FOR SUPERVISION & CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	SPECIAL EDUCATION/COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCIES	WESTED
ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS INTERNATIONAL	
ASSOCIATION OF TEACHER EDUCATORS	

OTHER TERMS

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS	To be eligible to receive federally funded special education services, a student must meet eligibility criteria for one of several handicapping conditions. These include AH, ED, LD, MR, OH, OHI, and VH.
PLACEMENT	Refers to the amount of time in SPED classes and the instructional arrangement within which the child is educated. The term “placement” can refer to placing a student in an instructional setting—from the regular classroom setting to a special residential school.
RELATED SERVICES	Special transportation and other noninstructional services that are necessary for a student to benefit from the educational program. These include occupational therapy (OT), physical therapy (PT), counseling, and speech therapy.