

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. Acronyms may be added, deleted and changed regularly and it's likely that this may be outdated soon after it is published.

It is our best attempt at providing a guide for Illinois school board members, administrators and the IASB staff for acronyms currently in use.

State and National Education Organizations

- AASA – American Association of School Administrators
- ASCD – Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- ED-RED – Education Research and Development (specific districts in North Cook, Lake, and DuPage counties)
- 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
- IFT – Illinois Federation of Teachers
- IHSA-Illinois High School Association
- IPA – Illinois Principals' Association
- ISBE – Illinois State Board of Education
- LEND – Legislative Education Network of DuPage (DuPage County)
- LUDA – Large Unit District Association
- NSBA – National School Boards Association
- 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 Associations Communicators
- CUBE – Council of Urban Boards of Education
- Fedtrain – NSBA Federation Members Trainers

Other Organizations

- ASAE – American Society of Association Executives
- IPA-Illinois Press Association
- TRS – Teachers' Retirement System
- INSPRA – Illinois chapter of the National School Public Relations Association

IASB Programs/Services

- BEI – Board Self-Assessment
- BGR – Board Governance Review
- PRESS – Policy Reference Education Subscription Service
- TAG – Targeting Achievement through Governance
- TSL – Targeting Student Learning

IASB Sponsored Programs/Organizations

- ICSA – Illinois Council of School Attorneys
- ISDA – Illinois School District Agency (property/casualty)
- ISDLAF+ - Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus
- IEC – Illinois Energy Consortium
- SLRMA – School Leaders Risk Management Association
- WCSIT – Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Trust (risk management)

NCLB – No Child Left Behind

- AMAO – Annual Measurable Achievable Objective
- AYP – Adequate Yearly Progress
- AEWS – Academic Early Warning Status (2 – 3 years of missing AYP targets)
- AWS – Academic Watch Status (4+ years of missing AYP targets)
- DIP – District Improvement Plan

- ELL – English Language Learners
- SES – Supplemental Educational Services
- SIP – School Improvement Plan

State and National Testing-Related Acronyms

- IAA – Illinois Alternative Assessment
- IIRC – Illinois Interactive Report Cards
- ISAT – Illinois Standards Achievement Test
- NAEP – National Assessment of Educational Progress
- PSAE – Prairie State Achievement Test (Illinois)

Legal Terms - Illinois

- ILCS – Illinois Compiled Statutes
- IELRA – Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act
- IALRB – Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board
- ISSRA – Illinois School Student Records Act
- LRA – Local Records Act
- OMA-Open Meetings Act
- P.A. – Public Act (assigned after a new bill becomes law)

Legal Terms – Federal

- ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act
- CIPA – Children’s Internet Protection Act
- EEO – Equal Employment Opportunity
- EEOC – Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- 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
- OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Act

Special Education

- IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- IEP – Individual Education Plan
- FAPE – Families and Advocates Partnership for Education
- FAPE - Free and Appropriate Education
- RTI – Response to Intervention

Here is another helpful web site for educational terms and acronyms:

<http://www.ncrel.org/sdrs/areas/misc/glossary.htm>