

Minnesota School Boards Association

Education Acronyms

Have you ever been reading an education article in a magazine or online and run across a bunch of initials that make no sense? Acronyms are words made up of the first initials of several words and are often used as shortcuts. Below is a list of education-related acronyms that may be useful.

ACA – Affordable Care Act (PPACA)	ESSA - Every Student Succeeds Act
ACT – American College Test	FLSA – Fair Labor Standards Act
AD – Activities Director	FMLA – Family and Medical Leave Act
ADA – Average Daily Attendance	FTE – Full-Time Equivalent
ADA or ADAAA – Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008	FY – Fiscal Year
ADD – Attention Deficit Disorder	GED – General Education Diploma
ADHD – Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder	GPA – Grade Point Average
ADM – Average Daily Membership	HI – Hearing Impaired
ALC – Alternative Learning Center	HSGI – High School Graduation Initiative
ALP – Alternative Learning Program	IB – International Baccalaureate
AMCPU – Adjusted Marginal Cost Pupil Unit	IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
ANTC – Adjusted Net Tax Capacity	IEP – Individualized Education Program
AP – Advanced Placement	IFSP – Individual Family Service Plan
APU – Adjusted Pupil Units	IPAD – Information Policy Administration Division (of the MN Department of Administration)
ATPPS – Alternative Teacher Professional Pay System (Q Comp)	ISD – Independent School District
AYP – Adequate Yearly Progress	IT – Information Technology
BCA – Bureau of Criminal Apprehension	ITBS – Iowa Tests of Basic Skills
BMS – Bureau of Mediation Services	ITV – Interactive Television
CLP – Continual Learning Plan	K12 – Kindergarten through 12th Grade
CTE – Career and Technical Education	LD – Learning Disability
DHS – Department of Human Services	LEA – Local Education Agency
D/HH – Deaf/Hard of Hearing	LEP – Limited English Proficiency
EBD – Emotional Behavior Disorder	LLA – Last Location of Attendance
ECFE – Early Childhood Family Education	LRE – Least Restrictive Environment
ECSE – Early Childhood Special Education	LTD – Long-Term Disability
EL – English Learner	LYP – Learning Year Program
EM or EdMN – Education Minnesota	LYPS – Learning Year Program Site
EDRS – Electronic Data Reporting System	MAEOP – Minnesota Association of Educational Office Professionals
EEOC – Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	MARSS – Minnesota Automated Reporting Student System
EIS – Early Intervention Services	MASA – Minnesota Association of School Administrators
E-RATE – Education Rate (federal discount on telecommunications and internet access)	MASBO – Minnesota Association of School Business Officials
ERISA – Employee Retirement Income Security Act	MASSP – Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals
ESL – English as a Second Language	MCA – Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments
ESEA – Elementary and Secondary Education Act	

MDE – Minnesota Department of Education
MEEP – Minnesota Education Effectiveness Plan
MESPA – Minnesota Elementary School Principals’ Association
MinnSPRA – Minnesota School Public Relations Association
MLA – Minnesota Library Association
MMMI – Mild to Moderate Mentally Impaired (EMH)
MnSCU – Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System
MNTAAB – Minnesota Tax and Aid Anticipation Borrowing Program
MnEEP – Minnesota Education Equity Partnership
MOE – Maintenance of Effort
MREA – Minnesota Rural Education Association
MS – Minnesota Statutes
MSBA – Minnesota School Boards Association
MSBAIT – Minnesota School Boards Association Insurance Trust
MSDLAF+ – Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus
MSHSL – Minnesota State High School League
NCES – National Center for Education Statistics
NCLB – No Child Left Behind (see also ESEA)
NTC – Net Tax Capacity
OCR – Office for Civil Rights
OMB – Office of Management and Budget
OML – Open Meeting Law
P-12 – Pre-Kindergarten through 12th Grade
P-20 – Pre-Kindergarten through Bachelor’s Degree (post-secondary)
PELRA – Public Employment Labor Relations Act
PERA – Public Employees Retirement Association
PFDA – Pupil Fair Dismissal Act
PPACA – Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (also referred to as ACA)
Pre-K – Pre-Kindergarten
PSEO – Post-Secondary Enrollment Options
PU – Pupil Units
Q COMP – Quality Compensation (see also ATPPS)
RFP – Request for Proposal
RFQ – Request for Quote
RMIC – Regional Management Information Centers
RMV – Referendum Market Value
RTI – Response to Intervention
SAT – Scholastic Aptitude Test or Student Assistance Team
SEE – Schools for Equity in Education
SOD – Statutory Operating Debt
STARS – Staff Automated Reporting System
T & E – Training and Experience
T1 – Tee one large bandwidth copper phone line
TDE – Teacher Development and Evaluation
TIES – Technology and Information Educational Services
TIF – Tax Increment Financing
TIP – Teacher Improvement Plan
TRA – Teachers Retirement Association
TSA – Tax-Sheltered Annuity
UFARS – Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards
ULA – Unrequested Leave of Absence
URL – Universal Resource Locator
WADM – Weighted Average Daily Membership