

Glossary of Educational Terms and Acronyms

21st Century		funding for afterschool programs
ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis	
ACCESS		services
ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union	
ACT	American College Test	
Act 26		The "zero tolerance" law that calls for a mandatory 1 year expulsion for any student who brings a weapon to school or a school sponsored activity. The superintendent of a school district or an administrative director of an area vocational-technical school may recommend modifications of such expulsion requirements on a case-by-case basis.
Act 33 (Act 151)		Child Abuse History Clearance
Act 34		Criminal Record Check Clearance
Act 48		PA law mandating 180 hours of continuing professional education for certificated educators
ACT 89		State-funded nonpublic school auxiliary services
Act 93		Wages and benefits for administrators
ADA	American's with Disabilities Act	Prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in places of public accommodation, including public and private schools.
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	
ADM	Average Daily Membership	
AED	Automated External Defibrillator	
AESOP		online absence reporting and substitute placement system
AFT	Annual Financial Report	
ALD	Assistive Listening Device	
APS	Approved Private School	
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder	
ASL	American Sign Language	
AT	Assistive Technology	
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress	Schools and school districts must meet this measure of progress or be subject to consequences under NCLB.
BEC	Basic Education Circular	Policy guidance on education issues from PDE.
BIP/BMP	Behavior Intervention Program / Behavior Management Program	Should be part of a student's education program when behavior impedes learning. May only consist of positive interventions, strategies and techniques.
BSE	Bureau of Special Education	

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CASSP	Child & Adolescent Service System Program	
CBA	Collective Bargaining Agreement	
CBA	Curriculum-Based Assessment	
CCSS	Common Core State Standards	
CDT	Classroom Diagnostic Tools	
Chapter 14		Pennsylvania's state regulations implementing the federal IDEA/IDEIA
Chapter 15		Pennsylvania's state regulations implementing the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (the regulations are referred to as "Section 504.")
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985	medical coverage after leaving employment
COLA	Cost-of-Living Adjustment	
COP	Communities of Practice	
COSTARS		PA Department of General Services statewide automotive purchasing program
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	
CTC	Career and Technical Center	
CTE	Career & Technical Education	
DHS	Department of Human Services	
DIBELS	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills	
DOC	Division of Compliance, Monitoring and Planning	A division of PDE.
EAP	Employee Assistant Program	
EBR	Educational Benefit Review	
ED	Emotional Disturbance	
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity	
EI	Early Intervention services	
ELL	English Language Learners	
ER	Evaluation Report	The report given to parents after the district conducts a MDE to determine if the student is eligible for special education services.
ESL	English as a second language	
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act	
ESY	Extended School Year	
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment	This could be conducted prior to developing a BIP/BMP for a student.
FDA	Food and Drug Administration	
FERPA	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act	

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FICA	Federal Insurance Contributions Act	
FMLA	Family and Medical Leave Act	
FSA	Flexible Spending Account	
FTE	Full-Time Equivalent	
GASB	Governmental Accounting Standards Board	
GED	General Education Development	An alternative way for students to obtain high school equivalency credentials.
GOB	General Operating Budget	
HAS	Health Savings Account	
HIPPA	Health Information Portability and Accountability Act	
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization	
ID	Intellectual Disability	
IDEA/IDEIA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	Amended to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act in 2004. The federal law governing eligibility for special education and related services provided to children with disabilities.
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation	An option for parents who are testing their child for eligibility and/or services pursuant to the IDEA/IDEIA.
IEP	Individualized Education Program	The embodiment of special education and related services provided to a student under IDEA/IDEIA.
IU	Intermediate Unit	
KPN	Keystone Purchasing Network	
LAN	Local Area Network	
LEA	Local Education Agency	
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment	Preferred educational placement for students with disabilities under IDEA/IDEIA.
MA	Medical Assistance	
MDE	Multi-Disciplinary Evaluation	Full range of evaluations conducted for students suspected of having a disability designed to test all possible areas of impairment.
MDR	Manifestation Determination Review	Must be conducted by IEP Team prior to imposing discipline on a student with disabilities. Purpose is to determine whether problem behavior was related to the disability and student should therefore not be punished.
MDT	Multi-Disciplinary Team	
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	
MTSS	Multi-tiered Systems of Support	
NEA	National Education Association	
NOREP	Notice of Recommended Educational Placement	

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NSBA	National School Boards Association	
O & M	Orientation and Mobility	
OCDEL	PDE and DPW Office of Child Development and Early Learning	
OCR	Office for Civil Rights	Office within the USDOE that investigates discrimination complaints.
ODE	Office for Dispute Resolution	
ODHH	Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	
ODR	Office for Dispute Resolution	Office in Pennsylvania that sets up mediation sessions and due process hearings for students with disabilities per parent and school district requests.
OHI	Other Health Impairment	
OPEB	other post-employment benefits	
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs	
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services	
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration	
OT/PT	Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy	
OVR	Office of Vocational Rehabilitation	
PAIU	PA Association of Intermediate Units	
PASA	PA Association of School Administrators	
PASA	Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment	Statewide test for students who cannot take the PSSA due to sever cognitive limitations.
PASBO	PA Association of School Business Officials	
PASCD	PA Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development	
PaTTAN	PA Training and Technical Assistance Network	Provides educators, parents and agencies involved in special education with a statewide network of technical assistance.
PBIS	Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports	
PBSP	Positive Behavior Support Plan	

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PDE	PA Department of Education	State agency responsible for overseeing the provision of education and educational services to all children within the state.
PennDOT	PA Department of Transportation	
PEPPM		multi-state cooperative technology bidding program
PHEAA	PA Higher Education Assistance Agency	
PHP	partial hospitalization program	
PIAA	PA Interscholastic Athletic Association	
PIMS	PA Information Management System	statewide student data collection system
PLGIT	PA Local Government Investment Trust	
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization	
Pre-ETS	Pre-Employment Transition Services	
PSBA	PA School Boards Association	
PSDLAF	PA School Districts Liquid Asset Fund	
PSEA	PA State Education Association	
PSERS	PA School Employees' Retirement System	
PSN	Procedural Safeguards Notice	
PSSA	PA System of School Assessment	Statewide test measuring student proficiency on state academic standards.
PT	Physical Therapy	
PVAAS	PA Value-Added Assessment System	measuring annual student and school progress
RFP	Request for Proposal	
RR	Reevaluation Report	
SAC	Superintendents' Advisory Council	
SAP	Student Assistance Program	Vehicle through which districts provide appropriate counseling and support services to students who experience problems related to the use of drugs, alcohol, and dangerous controlled substances.
SAS	Standards-Aligned System	
SAT	Scholastic Aptitude Test	
SDI	Specially Designed Instruction	
SECTION 504		prohibiting discrimination based on disability in programs receiving federal funding
SEPRN	Special Education Plan Revision Notice	

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Service Agreement (504 Plan)		Plan adopted for students who are eligible for accommodations due to disability under Chapter 15 and the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (the regulations are referred to as "Section 504.")
SIF	Schools Interoperability Framework	sharing data across different applications and platforms
SIS	Student Information System	
SLD	Specific Learning Disability	
SPAB Training	School Based ACCESS Program	
SSI	Social Security Income	
SUN	Snyder, Union, Northumberland counties	
SVASBO	Susquehanna Valley Association of School Business Officials	
SWAN	StateWide Adoption Network information helpline	
SWPBS	School-Wide Positive Behavior Support	
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury	
USDOE	United States Department of Education	Federal agency responsible for overseeing the provision of education and educational services to all children within the United States.
WADM	Weighted Average Daily Membership	
WAN	Wide Area Network	