

A SCHOOL JARGON / ACRONYMS WORD MAP

A

AASA American Association of School Administrators
ABE Adult Basic Education
ACEE Area Centers for Educational Enhancement
ACT American College Test
ADHD Attention Deficiency Hyperactive Disorder
AFDC Aid to Families with Dependent Children
AFT America Federation of Teachers
AIP Academic Improvement Plan
AR Accelerated Reader
ASAP After School Achievement Program
ASCD Assoc. of Supervision & Curriculum Development

B

BEES Bureau of Education for Exceptional Students

C

CAD Computer Aided Drafting
CAILDR Center for Advanced International Leadership
Development & Renewal
CBE Community Based Education
CEED Center for Education Enhancement & Development
CEOLDP Chief Executive Officer Leadership Development
Program
CLS Classroom Learning System
CP Cerebral Palsy
CRISS Creating Independence through Student owned
Strategies
CTB Competency Testing Battery

D

DATAE Division of Applied Technology & Adult Education
DPS Division of Public Schools
DPSCE Division of Public Schools & Community Education
DRS Development Research Schools

E

EH Emotionally Handicapped
EMG Education Management Group (Distance Learning)
EMH Educable Mentally Handicapped
ENABL Education Now And Babies Later
EPA Environmental Protection Agency
ERDC Education Research & Development Center
ESE Exceptional Student Education
ESOL English Speakers of Other Languages

F

FADSS Florida Assoc. of District School Superintendents
FAIRS Florida Agricultural Information Retrieval System
FASA Florida Association of School Administrators
FASD Florida Association for Staff Development

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FEA Florida Education Association/United
FEFP Florida Education Finance Program
FCAT Florida Comprehensive Achievement Test
FCEM Florida Council on Education Management
FDLRS Florida Diagnostic Learning Resources System
FEEDS Florida English Education Delivery System
FIRN Florida Information Resource Network
FLT Florida League of Teachers
FOCUS Friendly Open Conversation Uniting Students

FOIL Florida Organization of Instructional Leaders
FPMS Florida Performance Measurement System
FRLS Florida Remote Learning Service
FSBA Florida School Board Association
FSLR Florida School Labor Relations
FTE Full Time Equivalent
FTP Florida Teachers Profession

G

GREAT Gang Resistance Education & Training

H

HEC High Education Consortium
HI Hearing Impaired
HRMD Human Resource Management & Development
HSCT High School Competency Test
HSTW High Schools That Work

I

IEP Individual Education Plan
IFAS Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences
IMB Instructional Material Budget
IMS Integrated Management System

J

JCAT Jostens Comprehensive Assessment Tool
JTPA Jobs Training Partnership Act

K

L

LEA Local Education Agency
LEAD Leadership in Educational Administration
Development
LEP Limited English Proficiency
LRC Learning Resource Center
LSI Learning Systems Institute

M

MIS Management Information System
MSAP Model School Achievement Program

N

NASHEC National School Health Education Coalition
NCE Normal Curve Equivalents
NCLB No Child Left Behind
NDN National Diffusion Network
NEA National Education Association
NEFEC North East Florida Education Consortium

O

O & M Organizational & Management Studies
OASIS Osceola Adults Serving & Inspiring Students
OPPAGA Office of Program Policy Analysis & Government
Accountability
OSI Office of School Improvement

P

PAEC Panhandle Area Educational Cooperative
PDP Professional Growth Plan

PDSA Plan-Do-Study-Act
PECO Public Education Capital Outlay
PI Physically Impaired
PIC Programmed Improvement Council
PMDN Panhandle Management Development Network
PREP Primary Education Program
PRIME Progress in Middle Childhood Education

Q

R

R & D Research & Development
RTAC Regional Title I Technical Assistance Center

S

SAC School Advisory Councils
SAM Student Assisted Model
SAP School Advisor Program
SAT Stanford Achievement Test
SATS Salary Attribution Base System
SCANS The Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills
SCERMP South Central Education Risk Management Program
SEDNET Multi-agency Service Network for Severely Emotionally Disturbed Students
SED Severely Emotionally Disturbed
SIB School Improvement Budget
SIP School Improvement Program
SIT School Improvement Team
SITE Site Based Management Team
SIRC School Improvement Resource Center
SLD Specific Learning Disability
SLI Speech & Language Impaired
SI Statewide Systemic Initiative
SMILES
SOAR Successful Opportunities Are Real
SPAR School Public Accountability Report
SRO School Resource Officer
SST Student Services Team
STW School to Work

T

TA Technical Assistance
TMH Trainable Mentally Handicapped

U

V

VI Visually Impaired

W

WIC Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants & Children

X

Y

Z

ACRONYM LIST & SPECIAL TERMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM & THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

ABACUS = Student management information services program, this program is computerized and includes the full district curriculum. Accelerated Reader = A reading instruction program that is computer based (also referred to as S.T.A.R.)

ACT = American College Test; used for college admissions, similar to SAT.

ADA = Average Daily Attendance; average student attendance over a specified period of time.

AD (H) D = Attention Deficit (Hyperactivity) Disorder; condition where student has extreme difficulty focusing and staying on task.

AGENDA BOOK = Student agenda book; includes school schedule, rules, hall passes, homework documentation, parent communications and other miscellaneous items associated with the educational setting.

AIP = Academic Improvement Plan; a plan designed by teachers on the academic team to meet the needs of students who scored at a low level on standardized tests in reading, writing or mathematics.

ANAT = Maintenance/administrative computer software program for technology support.

ANAT stands for Apple Network Administrator's Toolkit, software which works on AppleTalk networks connecting Macintosh computers.

AP = Advanced Placement; class/program wherein students receive an advanced/accelerated level of instruction in academic courses.

AR = At-Risk; students who are considered to be at-risk of failure in their current educational setting; conditions/problems vary.

AR is a software product called Accelerated Reading. It is part of an instructional program where students read specific books, take comprehension tests about those books on a computer and work to meet teacher-set goals.

BBS = First Class Bulletin Board System; a computer communication electronic mail system for professional communication through the school /district computer network.

BDS = Behavior Dimension Scale; a personality/trait inventory completed by teachers/support staff about a student to assist in assessing the special needs of a student with severe behavior problems.

BDIS = Behavior Disorder Identification Scale; a personality/trait inventory completed by teachers/support staff, about a student, to assist in assessing a student's special needs.

CAI = Computer-Assisted Instruction.

CATs = California Achievement Tests; standardized student achievement tests.

CCC = Computer Curriculum Corporation; computer courseware.

CEC = Council for Exceptional Children; organization which supports exceptional student education programs

CRISS = Creating Independence Through Student Owned Strategies; this is an instructional training program to promote reading and writing strategies across the curriculum.

CYBG = Caught You Being Good; student incentive program for exemplary student behavior.

DART = Data, Assess, Review and Target; data analysis system used to examine student standardized test scores, assess school needs based on the findings, review and align standards with school needs, and target school instruction to meet demonstrated areas of need.

DD = Developmentally Delayed; student is behind grade level and/or chronological age in his/her mental development.

Detention = Morning, lunchtime, or after school hours student detention for violation of a school/classroom rule.

D/HH = Deaf, or Hard of Hearing.

DOP = Drop-Out Prevention; program where remedial courses are taught to students who are at-risk of dropping out of school (Sometimes also called SLA = Service Learning Academy).

DRP = Directed Reading Program; county assessment test and program used to monitor the progress of student skill levels from the fall to the spring. The object is to measure student ability level and growth.

DSI = Dual-Sensory delayed; student is impaired in two of his/her senses.

EEN = Exceptional Educational Needs; synonymous in meaning with ESE in some geographic regions of the U.S..

EH = Emotionally Handicapped; student with severe behavior problem(s).

E M H = Educable Mentally Handicapped; student with mild mental retardation.

E M R = Educable Mentally Retarded; student with mental retardation.

EQUIP = Educational Quality Improvement Profile; presentation of school and district performance scores as

presented through several sub-categories -- by school and by specific student population subgroups -- used for analysis and comparison.

ESE = Exceptional Student Education (Special and/or Gifted Education); there are many exceptionalities and categories/levels therein.

ESE Matrix = Rating scale, level 1-6, of student ESE level of support needed based on specific mental and/or physical disabilities. Level 1 is the lowest, or most mild level of services needed, and level 6 is the highest level of need based on disability. The levels are funded according to severity of student rating/placement within the matrix.

ESEA = Elementary and Secondary Education Act; now called "Improving America's Schools Act": program directed at improving education for America's poor and disadvantaged students.

ESL = English as a Second Language; native language is not English.

ESOL = English for Speakers of Other Languages, Categorizes students who are in their first or second year of learning the English language in the school setting.

FCAT = Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test; student assessment test used to measure student ability and growth in the academic subject areas. The current testing evaluates student knowledge and skills in Mathematics and Language Arts (English). FCAT tests for Science and Social Studies are forthcoming.

FII = Family Involvement Initiative; one of the eight current educational goals in the America/Goals 2000 plan. Florida Writes! = Writing component in the state's FCAT student assessment test. Students are rated at a level between 1-6 (6 being best) according to their written response to a test prompt.

FSS = Full-Service School; community center school.

FTE = Full-Time Equivalency Student; student enrollment.

504 = American's With Disabilities Act; guarantees a free and adequate education, with modified services, to individuals who experience deficits, or barriers, in learning due to a specific physical or emotional condition.

GED = General Educational Development exam; high school equivalency test. GED diploma = high school graduation requirements.

GT = Gifted; student is in the ESE program, but as "gifted" having scored at the gifted level when tested for this program.

HS = Home or Hospital Schooling; student receives educational services in the home or hospital.

HSCT = A secondary level standardized test for students.

IASA = Improving America's School Act; see ESEA.

IDEA = Individuals With Disabilities Act; Public law 94-142; guarantees a free and appropriate education for eligible children and youth with disabilities.

IEP = Individualized Education Plan; a plan written by the student's team teachers to accommodate the ESE student's instructional learning needs -- required for all ESE (non-gifted) students. Inclusion = including students with physical, mental, and developmental disabilities in the regular classroom setting on a full-time basis. Internet = The Internet of computer networks; a worldwide information and communications system.

ISDN/ITFS = Distance Learning (through use of computer and multi-media).

ISS = In-school suspension; student is isolated to complete schoolwork for one or more school days, for violation of the school discipline code.

ITV = Distance learning through the medium of television/broadcasts.

LA = Language Arts; name for subject/class that used to be called 'English.'

LAUNCH = Introductory orientation program for 6th grade students; object of LAUNCH is to help 6th grade students better adjust to the new format of middle school as they transition from elementary school.

LD = Learning Disability; a condition that interferes with a student's ability to learn.

LEP = Limited English Proficiency; students whose first, or native, language is other than English.

Level II and Above = Students scoring at or above a comparative percentile on designated standardized tests.

Level III and Above = Students scoring at or above a higherlevel comparative percentile on designated standardized tests.

LRI = Least Restrictive Environment; the learning environment that is determined to be least restrictive and most suitable for ESE student learning as stated in the student's [IEP (see ESE and IEP definitions)].

Mac = Nickname for a Macintosh Computer.

Magnet School/Program = Specialized school program that focuses on a particular area of study.

Mainstreaming = The practice of placing students with learning disabilities and other special needs into regular classrooms part-time.

Multi-disciplinary Curriculum/Instruction = Includes several disciplines or areas of study, in the teaching/learning/exploring of the same topic.

Multimedia = Combination of textbooks, pictures, sound, voice, animation, and video that make up a CD-ROM

(computerized) or other presentation.

NAT = National Achievement Test; national student assessment test, compares student test scores with national level averages.

NCLB = No Child Left Behind. Federal legislation

OBE = Outcome-Based Education; proponents say that the amount of time spent on teaching a specific skill should depend on the outcome to be achieved. Outcome should be fixed and time should be variable.

OHI = Other Health Impaired; student is impaired by a condition not inclusive in other specified categories.

OI = Orthopedically Impaired; student has a specific orthopedic physical disability.

OSS = Out-of-school student suspension (also called OCS = Off-campus suspension), for severe violations of the school discipline code.

OT = Occupational Therapy; services for physically impaired students.

PC = Personal Computer.

Percentage Rank = Student test results ranking; ranks students in comparison with other students -- percentage of students in the whole class/school/district population that he/she/entire school scored above.

Phonics = Instruction through the use of verbal cues.

PMH = Profoundly Mentally Handicapped; student with mental retardation.

P T = Physical Therapy; services for physically impaired students,

PTSO = Parent Teacher Student Organization (known as PTA - Parent Teacher Association -- in some geographic areas.)

Qualitative Research = Research that focuses on collecting information that is observed or heard.

Quantitative Research = Research that focuses on collecting numerical, or statistical data.

Renaissance = A school program which recognizes student academic achievement, good behavior and student attendance.

Rubric = Descriptive evaluation tools used to assess student performance; not based on a percentage score, but rather a perceived level of mastery score. Can be designed by teacher or student.

SAC = School Advisory Council; an advisory group made up of school staff, community members, parents, business partners and students at a given school whose primary function is to assist in the preparation and evaluation of the School Improvement Plan.

SAT = Scholastic Assessment Test; used for college admissions, similar to ACT test.

SBM = Site-Based-Management- decisions are made on site by staff.

SCANS Report = Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills report, issued by the U.S. Department of Labor, that attempts to identify the knowledge, skills, and abilities that entry-level employees (students) will need when they enter the work force.

School-Within-A-School = When a large school is broken down into smaller sub-populations; wherein the same group of students share a small group of teachers for the entire day (also referred to as 'Academies" or "Teams" in various school settings).

School-To-Work = A movement within the schools to better prepare students for the work force.

SCTA = Sarasota Classified Teachers Association (Sarasota County teacher and classified employees' union; organization responsible for collective bargaining with the School Board.)

SDM = Shared-Decision-Making; staff ' shares in decision making process.

SED = Severely Emotionally Disabled; student with very severe behavior problem(s).

SI = Speech Impaired; student requires/receives speech therapy.

SIP = School Improvement Plan; annual plan developed by the SAC to set goals for school growth in all areas. This plan evaluates growth from the previous year, and establishes growth goals for the current and upcoming school year.

SLID = Specific Learning Disability; specific placement for ESE students.

Stanford 9 = Standardized test to measure student achievement. Also referred to as the 'SAT 9' test.

Stanines = Student test results ranking; ranks students in one of nine levels, from lowest to highest set of scores.

S.T.A.R. = Student Test of Achievement in Reading. S.T.A.R. is a different software program made by the same publisher. The student takes a multiple choice vocabulary test on a computer. Students' scores can range from pre-primer (early reading) to high school. The publisher prefers that students take the STAR test to determine the reading level they use in the AR program. The same publisher also publishes software called STAR Math, that tests in grades 3 - high school.

TBI = Traumatic Brain Injured; student is impaired due to an injury.

Title 1 (formerly Chapter 1) = Part of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994; benefits poor, disadvantaged and at-risk students by providing funding for support services.

TMH = Trainable Mentally Handicapped; student with mental retardation.

TOSA = Teacher On Special Assignment; a teacher assigned, for a period of at least one year, usually to an administrative position/assignment.

Tracking = The practice of grouping students according to their perceived abilities; also grouping students into a specific academic or vocational preparatory program.

VI = Visually Impaired; student' vision condition requires modification in the learning environment to accommodate a vision deficit.

Vocational Education = A component of education that deals with training students in a specific career area; usually hands-on training.

Whole Language = Instruction through complete textual reference, prior to the teaching of individual letter and word sounds, used primarily in elementary schools as beginning instruction.