

## GLOSSARY OF EDUCATIONAL 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. The base list was established by the Minnesota School Board Association, but the list has been edited and revised to be related to ROCORI School District.

General      Special Education      ROCORI      Minnesota      Testing      Financial

**ACT** - American College Test

**AD** - Activities Director

**ADA** - Americans with Disabilities Act

**ADD** - Attention Deficit Disorder

**ADHD** - Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder

**ADM** - Average Daily Membership

**ALC** - Alternative Learning Center; may include **ALP** (Alternative Learning Program) which is more limited in scope than an ALC and can be offered only to students internally in a school system.

**AMCPU** – Adjusted Marginal Cost Pupil Units

**ANTC** - Adjusted Net Tax Capacity

**BCA** - Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

**BSED** – Benton-Stearns Education District

**BYOD** – Bring Your Own Device; technology approach encouraging students to bring

**CAFÉ** – Strategies used within the reading process to support the learning process; the strategies are designed to support Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency, and Expand Vocabulary; CAFÉ is associated with Daily 5—a framework for structuring literacy time so students develop lifelong habits of reading, writing and working independently.

**CD** - Certificate of Deposit

**CESO** – Center for Efficient School Operations; organization based in Twin Cities metro area with purpose to assist schools in operating in more efficient manner; focus on transportation, facilities, and general operations

**CIA** – Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Program

**CIMP** – Continuous Improvement Monitoring Program; generally associated with special education monitoring programs

**CITHS** – College in the High School; post-secondary opportunity to offer college credits at the high school site; usually instructed by local staff through collaboration with the provider post-secondary institution

**CLC** – Central Lakes Conference; activity conference to which ROCORI belongs; members include Alexandria, Brainerd, Fergus Falls, ROCORI, Sartell-St. Stephen; Sauk Rapids-Rice, St. Cloud (Apollo and Technical High Schools), and Willmar; conference affiliation applies to Moorhead and Bemidji for certain commitments for particular activities.

**CLICS** – Cyber-Linked Interactive Child Nutrition System

**CS** - Child Study

**CSE** – Cold Spring Elementary School

**CSPD** – Cold Spring Police Department; associated with School Resource Officer (SRO)

**DCD** – Developmental Cognitive Delay (Severe or Moderate)

**DDD** – Data-driven decision-making processes; using data as fully as possible to help make quality decisions

**DEF** – District Education Facility; the former middle school site in the ROCORI School District

**D/HH** - Deaf/Hard of Hearing

**DIBELS** – Testing done at the elementary level focused on Reading skills

**DIRS** – Disciplinary Incident Reporting System

**DOE / USDOE** – United States Department of Education

**E-3** – Early childhood education through third grade

**EBD** - Emotional Behavior Disorder

**EC** – Early Childhood programming in general; typically refers to programming prior to kindergarten age

**ECFE** - Early Childhood Family Education

**ECP**—Exposure Control Plan (OSHA requirements)

**ECSE** - Early Childhood Special Education

**EDRS** - Electronic Data Reporting Service

**EEO** - Equal Employment Opportunity

**EIS** - Early Intervention Services

**EL** – English Learners; Sometimes **ESL** English as a Second Language or **ELL** English Language Learners

**EM** - Education Minnesota

**EOY** – End of Year

**E-RATE** - Education Rate (federal discount related to telecommunications)

**ERISA** - Employee Retirement Security Act

**ESLP (SLP)** - Educational Speech - Language Pathologist

**ESG** – Energy Services Group; engaged to conduct a facility study in the ROCORI District that resulted in HVAC, lighting and energy improvements

**ESSA**—Every Student Succeeds Act; New federal education legislation which replaces No Child Left Behind. Minnesota, in 2016-2017, is in the process of defining and determining the statewide processes for accountability required under the act.

**ETS** - Educational Telecommunications System

**FAST** – Testing implemented at the elementary levels to assess Reading and Math performance; much of process is computerized and is delivered to students in less time than other traditional testing methods

**FLY** – Flexible Learning Year; adjustment to calendar to allow more flexibility in scheduling student contact days; in Minnesota, the Department of Education must approve school calendars starting classes prior to Labor Day

**FTE** - Full Time Equivalent

**FY** - Fiscal Year

**GED** - General Education Diploma

**GHS**—Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals

**GPA** - Grade Point Average

**HACA** - Homestead Agricultural Credit Act

**HCS**—Hazard Communication System

**HI** - Hearing Impaired

**HVAC** – Heating, ventilation and air conditioning; generally refers to heating and cooling systems of buildings

**IDEA** - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; federal legislation related to special education services

**IEP** - Individual Education Plan

**IFSP** - Individual Family Service Plan

**ISD** - Independent School District

**ISDN** - Integrated Service Digital Network

**IT** - Information Technology

**ITBS** - Iowa Tests of Basic Skills

**ITV** - Interactive Television

**JCE** – John Clark Elementary School

**LEA** – Local Education Agency (usually used by the US Department of Education to refer to local school district)

**LEEA** – Leaders in Educational Excellence Awards; recognition program from Resource Training and Solutions for teachers and certified staff members; event is held in October

**LBD** – Literacy by Design; literacy program selected within the ROCORI School District

**LD** - Learning Disability

**LTD** - Long Term Disability

**MAEOP** - Minnesota Association of Educational Office Professionals

**MAPS** – See NWEA below; nationally normed tests applied at local level to assess student progress and growth; can measure growth from year to year and within a year; predictor of student performance on state testing

**MARSS** - Minnesota Automated Reporting Student Systems

**MASA** - Minnesota Association of School Administrators

**MASBO** - Minnesota Association of School Business Officials

**MASSP** - Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals

**MCA** - Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments

**MDE** – Minnesota Department of Education (previously **DCFL/CFL** - Department of Children, Families, and Learning)

**MEEP** - Minnesota Education Effectiveness Plan

**MESPA** – Minnesota Elementary School Principal Association

**MinnSPRA** - Minnesota School Public Relations Association

**MITN** - Minnesota Interactive Television Networks

**MLA** - Minnesota Library Association

**MMMI** - Mild to Moderate Mentally Impaired (**EMH**-Educably, mentally handicapped)

**MMR** – Multiple Measurement Reporting; state report card system that is new in 2012 using multiple measures of student progress

**MNSCU** - Minnesota State Colleges and University System

**MREA** - Minnesota Rural Education Association

**MRNet** - Minnesota Regional Network

**MSBA** - Minnesota School Boards Association

**MSBAIT** - Minnesota School Boards Association Insurance Trust

**MSDLAF** - Minnesota School Deposit Liquid Asset Fund

**MSHSCA** – Minnesota State High School Coaches Association

**MSHSL** - Minnesota State High School League

**MSMI** - Moderate to Severe Mentally Impaired (**TMH**—Trainable Mentally Handicapped)

**NWEA (MAPS)** – North West Educational Assessments; testing process used at local level to support understanding of student progress

**OSHA**—Occupational Safety and Health Administration

**OT** - Occupational Therapy

**PAC** – Parent Advisory Council (can also mean Political Action Committee as a general term)

**PEL**—Permissible Exposure Limits, legal limits of exposure to hazardous materials

**PELRA** - Public Employee Labor Relations Act

**PERA** – Public Employee Retirement Association

**PFDA** - Pupil Fair Dismissal Act

**PIMS** – Computer chips within the HVAC system at CSE

**PLAN** – A component of the student testing system implemented with younger students; involves more of an interest inventory to help student planning

**POHI** - Physical or Other Health Impaired

**PPE**—Personal Protective Equipment

**PSEO** – Post-Secondary Enrollment Options; opportunity for college level credits at the high school level; opportunity often seen as credits taken at college site during high school years but can include CITHS offered at ROCORI

**PT** - Physical Therapy

**PU** - Pupil Unit

**RADD** – ROCORI Against Destructive Decisions; secondary student group aimed at promoting positive environments and decision-making

**RFP** - Request For Proposal

**RHS** – ROCORI High School

**RI or RE** – Richmond Elementary

**RMCPU** - Resident Marginal Cost Pupil Units

**RMS** – ROCORI Middle School

**RMV** - Referendum Market Value

**RO** – Rockville (John Clark) Elementary

**RtI** – Response to Intervention; structure and process for intervening with students for academic progress; ROCORI practices a three-tiered approach on interventions with each tier offering more intensity of intervention

**SADD** – Students Against Drunk Driving (Destructive Decisions)

**SAT** - Scholastic Aptitude Test

**SAT** - Student Assistance Team

**SDS**—Safety Data Sheet; previously called MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet)

**SEE** – Schools for Equity in Education; statewide organization seeking financial equity for schools; ROCORI is a member of the organization

**SGN / Wendel** – Architectural firm involved in the construction of the ROCORI facilities during following the 2009 bond approval

**SPS** – Special Permissions System; used by the Board of Teaching to request special permissions to fill licensed positions (waivers, community experts, etc.)

**SRO** – School Resource Officer

**STW** - School To Work

**SWAS** – School Within A School; alternative learning setting rather than the regular classroom setting

**SY** – School Year

**T & E** - Training and Experience

**T1** - "Tee one" (large bandwidth copper phone line)

**TAG** - Telecommunications Access Grant

**TIES** - Technology and Information Educational Services

**TIF** - Tax Increment Financing

**TPI** – Teacher Preparation Initiative; collaborative organization between six public schools and St. Cloud State University; the focus of TPI is the process of training new teachers and the support they receive in the first three years of teaching.

**TRA** - Teachers Retirement Association

**TSA** - Tax Sheltered Annuity

**UbD** – Understanding by Design; process of designing curriculum; often considered or labeled as “backward design”—develop curriculum with the end goal in sight and work backward to instructional program and strategy

**UFARS** - Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting System

**URL** - Universal Resource Locator

**VI** - Visually Impaired

**WADM** - Weighted Average Daily Membership

**WBWF** – World’s Best Work Force; Minnesota statewide effort to provide public accountability for educational programs and efforts with the design to create the World’s Best Work Force.