



# Glossary of Education Terminology

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**504 Plan** – a plan developed to ensure that a child who has a disability identified under federal law (*specifically Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Pub. L. No. 93-112*) and is attending an elementary or secondary educational institution receives accommodations that will ensure their academic success and access to the learning environment

**AASA - American Association of School Administrators**

**ABE - Adult Basic Education**

**Accountability** – overall state system established by statute and administrative regulation, which includes state tests and other measures of student, school, district and state performance, used to illustrate growth and to classify schools and districts for supports and interventions; includes student learning, educator effectiveness and quality of programs and services provided

**Acceleration** - courses and or programs designed to increase the achievement of targeted students to improve college and career readiness and increase the graduation rate

**Accommodation** - changes made in the way materials are presented to students; may include changes in setting, timing and scheduling

**Achievement Gap** - a persistent, pervasive and significant disparity in educational achievement among groups of students (gender, with and without disabilities, with and without ELP, minority and non-minority students, F/R and no F/R) as determined by a standardized measure

**ACT - American College Test** - common college admissions test in English, math, reading and science typically given to 11th graders to assess college and/or career readiness; used in high school accountability

**ACT WorkKeys** – workplace skills assessment including applied math, locating information and reading for information

**ADA - Average Daily Attendance** - average of student attendance over time, used to determine state funding to districts as part of the SEEK formula

**ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act**

**ADD – Attention Deficit Disorder**

**ADHD – Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder**

**ADM – Average Daily Membership**

**AdvancEd** – organization that accredits schools and colleges and provides support for school improvement

**AdvanceKentucky** – program to increase the number of underrepresented students taking AP courses

**AIKCU – Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities**

**AMO - Annual Measurable Objective** – an annual improvement goal for a school or district overall accountability score

**AP courses** - *Advanced Placement* courses - rigorous courses offered by the College Board and provided through high school or KY Virtual High School by a certified AP instructor; students may be awarded college credit for the course based on their numerical score on an end-of-course exam, the AP Exam is given by Educational Testing Service to high school seniors in academic areas, classes are so identified in schools

**Apprentice** - level of student performance based on standards - how well students have mastered the knowledge/content and are able to use it/perform; cut scores established by the state; student demonstrates some understanding of concepts; basic content knowledge and reasoning ability; communicates reasonably well but draws weak conclusions or only partially solves or describes; attempts appropriate strategies with limited success

**AR – Accelerated Reader** - commercial self-paced individualized computer-assisted reading program; children read books and then take computerized multiple-choice tests to measure their comprehension of the books

**ARC - Admissions and Release Committee** - group with roles and responsibilities mandated by federal and state laws which determines best services for students with disabilities

**Assessment** - an assignment, task or test that measures what a student has learned, state assessments given in grades 3-12

***ASSIST - Adaptive System of School Improvement Support Tools*** - Web-based school improvement platform to facilitate planning and streamline compliance, accountability and accreditation reporting requirements; provided by KDE and AdvancED

***ASVAB - Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery*** - aptitude test that helps predict success in a wide range of jobs, predicts the ability to learn skills, measures verbal, math and science skills and does not include any military items

***ATC - Area Technology Center***

***ATC - Alternative Teacher Certification***

***At Risk*** – children who have, or could have problems with their development that may later affect learning; student who is academically unprepared for the next educational level or who is in danger of dropping out of school

***Benchmark*** - example of student work that illustrates the qualities of a specific score on a rubric or scoring guide

***BIP - Behavior Intervention Plan*** - requirement under IDEA

***BOE – Board of Education***

***BRIGANCE*** – state kindergarten-screening tool to identify learning and developmental needs of young children

***CAC - Commissioner's Advisory Council***

***Carnegie Unit*** – high school graduation credit defined as at least 120 hours of instructional time in one subject, according to Kentucky administrative regulations, the KBE identifies the minimum number of credits required for graduation and the local district sets the requirements for their district graduation policy

***Categorical-funded program*** - state funds designated for identified program only (such as preschool), and allocated to districts rather than schools

***CATS - Commonwealth Accountability Testing System*** - 2000-2009 Kentucky education accountability system

***CCR – College/Career Ready***

***CCS - Common Core Standards***

***CCS - Computer Center Software*** – a MUNIS vendor

**CCSSO - Council of Chief State School Officers** - organization composed of state officials who lead the departments responsible for elementary and secondary education in their state

**CDIP - Comprehensive District Improvement Plan**

**CEC - Council for Exceptional Children**

**CECC - Community Early Childhood Council**

**CEP – Community Eligibility Provision** – a provision of the federal school nutrition program that allows all students of a given school to receive free breakfast and/or lunch if a certain percentage of students in that school qualify based on the household income requirements of the program

**CERS - County Employees' Retirement System** – the state pension system to which all classified staff belong

**Certified staff** - individuals (teachers, administrators, etc.) who require a state certificate for their position, and who have completed the certification process

**CHFS - Cabinet for Health and Family Services**

**Charter School** - autonomous school that operates under a written contract (the charter) between the school's organizers and the sponsors (local BOE, state BOE or other agencies)

**CHETL - Characteristics of Highly Effective Teaching and Learning** - effective practices that describe the role of the teacher and student in an exemplary instructional environment

**Child Find** – a process for proactively identifying and diagnosing unserved children with disabilities

**CIA – Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment**

**CIPL – Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership** - conducted by the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence

**CIT - Commonwealth Institute for Teachers**

**CIITS - Continuous Instructional Improvement Technology System** - integrated online system in KY that brings together academic standards, lessons, instructional resources, formative assessments, student data, education evaluation and professional learning as a basis for continuous improvement

***Classified staff*** - individuals who do not hold state certifications for their position (including bus drivers, aides, cafeteria staff, custodians, etc.)

***Cohort Model*** - method for determining graduation rate using a mathematical formula and tracking of individual students from the start of high school through graduation, adjusted for those who transfer into or out of school, implemented in KY in 2013

***Common Assessments*** - tests given to all students in the same course, regardless of teacher or class

***Common Core Standards*** - set of standards voluntarily adopted by states for core content areas, including math, reading and writing, science and social studies

***COMPASS*** - college placement test developed by ACT to evaluate student skill levels in reading, writing, math and English as a second language, accepted by all public colleges and universities in KY and used to place students in appropriate courses at the postsecondary level

***Contingency*** - minimum 2% fund reserve based on a district's overall budget, required by state statute

***Constructed-Response Item*** - an individual test item that requires the student to create an answer rather than select a response; may include fill-in-the-blank, short answer, extended answer, open response and on-demand writing

***Co-Op - Educational Cooperative*** - regional entities made up of school districts to support teaching and learning, and to maximize purchasing power

***Coordinated School Health*** - a plan combining instruction with environmental, social and service support to ensure pro-health attitudes and behaviors, achieving high levels of health and well-being

***CPE - Council on Postsecondary Education*** - established in 1997 to facilitate a well-coordinated and efficient postsecondary and adult education system

***Credit Recovery***- program that provides opportunities for students to earn lost credit in courses, often through virtual learning

***CRT - Criterion-Referenced Test*** – test that assesses how well students are mastering a specific set of knowledge and skills without comparison to other students; also called standards based test

***CSBA - Council of School Board Attorneys***

***CSIP – Comprehensive School Improvement Plan***

***CTE – Career and Technical Education*** - component of high school curriculum meeting the needs of students in academic preparation, career exploration, career preparation and leadership development

***Curriculum*** - the subject matter that teachers and students cover in class

***Curriculum Map*** - content-specific “plan” for school year, what and when content is taught, includes core content

***Cut Score (Cut Point)*** - the score that represents the dividing line between different performance levels

***DAC - District Assessment Coordinator***

***DCBS - Department for Community-Based Services*** (in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services)

***DD – Developmentally Disabled (or Delayed)***

***DECS - Division of Exceptional Children Services***

***DEIC – District Early Intervention Committee***

***DFP - District Facility Plan***

***Differentiated Instruction*** - practice to create different learning experiences based on student needs

***DIP – District Improvement Plan***

***DIS - Department of Information Systems***

***Disaggregated Data*** - breakdown or division of data so that various categories can be compared

***Distinguished*** - (1) Schools – highest state accountability classification for school performance

(2) Students – highest level of student performance in the state assessment system based on standards - how well students have mastered the knowledge/content and are able to use it/perform; cut scores established by the state; student demonstrates deep understanding, ability to analyze and interpret data, extensive or comprehensive knowledge of content; communication is complex, concise and sophisticated with thorough support, explicit examples, evaluations and justifications; uses and consistently

implements a variety of appropriate strategies; demonstrates insightful connections and reasoning

***District Assurances*** - a statement or document demonstrating commitment to a set of actions and/or outcomes

***District of Innovation*** - a school district approved by the KBE to be exempt from certain regulations to improve the educational performance of students

***DJJ – Department for Juvenile Justice***

***DOK – Depth of Knowledge***

***DOSE – Director of Special Education***

***DPP – Director of Pupil Personnel***

***Dual Credit*** - partnership between a school and a local college/university to agree to share responsibilities for student learning, providing college credit while in middle or high school, ensures post-secondary readiness and success

***Due Process*** – procedures set by law or practice that must be followed to protect the rights of individuals

***EBD - Emotional Behavioral Disorder***

***ECAC – Early Childhood Advisory Council***

***ECE – Early Childhood Education***

***EEO - Equal Employment Opportunity***

***EEO - Educational Enhancement Opportunity***

***EILA - Effective Instructional Leadership Act***

***EILTP - Effective Instructional Leadership Training Program***

***ELL - English Language Learners***

***ELP - English Language Proficiency***

***eMeeting*** – KSBA service for electronic board meetings

***eNews*** – KSBA service for gathering education news from around the state

***EOC – End of Course*** - refers to state assessments given to students at the completion of a course, when credit received; includes Algebra II, English II, Biology and US History

***EPAS- Educational Planning and Assessment System*** - system owned by ACT, Inc. that includes the EXPLORE, PLAN, and ACT tests

***EPSB - Education Professional Standards Board*** – the licensing agency for teachers and other education professionals in Kentucky

***ER – Education Recovery*** – process used to strengthen low performing school, assigning expert educators to support needed changes

***ESEA - Elementary and Secondary Education Act*** - federal law passed in 1965 governing public education, revised in 2001 through the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), revised again in 2015 through the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

***ESEA Waiver*** - request granted by the USED allowing flexibility in relation to a requirement of a federal education law

***ESL – English as Second Language*** - programs to assist students with limited English proficiency

***ESS - Extended School Services*** - state-funded program for students who need additional time extending the school day, week or year

***ESS Waiver*** - program that allows a school to provide ESS services during the regular school day as well as after

***ESSA – Every Student Succeeds Act*** – the current reauthorization of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), enacted December 10, 2015 (Pub. L. 114-95)

***ESY - Extended School Year***

***Evaluation System*** - a process for assessing performance

***EXPLORE*** - high school readiness exam in English, math, reading and science typically given to 8<sup>th</sup> graders to assess college and career readiness, assists students with high-school planning, included in accountability calculation

***FAPE – Free Appropriate Public Education***

***FBA - Functional Behavioral Assessment*** - requirement under IDEA for special education students in discipline proceedings

***FERPA – Family Education Rights and Privacy Act***

***FFY - Federal Fiscal Year***

***FMD – Functional Mental Disability***

***FPCO - Family Policy Compliance Office***



***Formative Assessment / Evaluation*** - assignment, task, or test used to provide ongoing feedback on progress and to enhance performance by providing clear indicators of progress and identifying what has been done successfully as well as areas for improvement

***FPC – Facilities Planning Committee***

***FRC - Family Resource Center***

***F/R – Free/Reduced*** - students eligible for free or reduced-price meals

***FRYSC - Family Resource and Youth Services Center***

***FSPK – Facility Support Program of KY*** - category of funds designated by state statute to be used to address district's facilities needs

***FTE - Full Time Equivalent***

***FY - Fiscal Year***

***Gap*** - a persistent, pervasive and significant disparity in educational achievement among groups of students (gender, with and without disabilities, with and without ELP, minority and non-minority students, F/R and no F/R) as determined by a standardized measure

***GASB - Governmental Accounting Standards Board***

***GEAR UP – Gained Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Education***

***Programs*** - federal grants requiring efforts to support and encourage to low-income students to pursue postsecondary education

***GED – General Equivalency/Educational Diploma***

***Goals*** - general guidelines that explain what wants to be achieved; broad statements that specify measurable changes, improvement opportunities or potentials for improvements and identify the end results to be achieved within a given timeframe

***GOEC – Governor’s Office of Early Childhood***

***GPA – Grade Point Average***

***GRADE – Group Reading Assessment Diagnostic Evaluation***

***Growth*** - calculation based on percentage of students at typical or higher levels of growth in reading and math; compares student’s score to the student’s academic peers

***GTE - Gifted and Talented Education***

**HB 940** – 1990 Regular Session House Bill 940 (commonly known as KERA, the Kentucky Education Reform Act)

**Head Start** - federal child development programs serving children from birth to age 5, pregnant women and their families to increase school readiness of children in low-income families

**HSTW – High Schools That Work** – program supporting challenging academic courses and modern vocational studies to raise the achievement levels of career-bound high school students

**I & I – Implementation and Impact Check** - process used to monitor progress in carrying out improvement plans

**I3 – Investing in Innovation Grants**

**IB – International Baccalaureate** - courses offered in high schools that have chosen to participate in an IB program focusing on high quality education with a rigorous college prep curriculum; IB promotes a positive attitude toward learning by helping students “learn how to learn”; similar to AP in that students have the opportunity to earn college credit based upon their scores on end-of-course exams.

**IC - Infinite Campus** – computer program used statewide that tracks student grades, attendance and other information

**ICP - Individual Career Plan**

**IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act** - federal special education law

**IEP - Individual Education Program** - programs for students with special needs

**IFSP - Individual Family Service Plan**

**Instructional materials** - Expendable and non-expendable books, kits, software and manipulatives.

**ILP - Individual Learning Plan** - a high school, college and career planning tool mandated for 6th through 12th graders

**ILT – Instructional Leadership Team**

**Indicators** - terms and/or phrases used to describe specific knowledge, skills, characteristics, actions and performance for standards

***Industry-Recognized Career Certificates*** - a component of career readiness that includes certifications and/or licensures developed by and used for specific industries that may allow students to enter directly into the workforce

***Intervention*** - courses offered to students who are struggling to meet state standards and are in need of additional supports to meet grade level requirements

***IQ – Intelligence Quotient***

***ISD – In School Detention***

***ISLLC – Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium*** - part of the procedure for obtaining administrative certification in Kentucky

***ISS – In School Suspension***

***Job Description*** - written statement of the activities and responsibilities associated with a specific job

***JOBS - Job Opportunities and Basic Skills***

***KAC – Kentucky Arts Council***

***KACO – Kentucky Association of Counties***

***KAESP - Kentucky Association for Elementary School Principals***

***KAPE - Kentucky Association of Professional Educators***

***KAR - Kentucky Administrative Regulation***

***KASA - Kentucky Association of School Administrators***

***KASBO – Kentucky Association of School Business Officials***

***KASC - Kentucky Association of School Councils***

***KASS - Kentucky Association of School Superintendents***

***KASSP - Kentucky Association of Secondary School Principals***

***KBE - Kentucky Board of Education*** - the appointed governing body for KY public school districts and the KY Department of Education

***KCAS - Kentucky Core Academic Standards***

***KCHIP – Kentucky Children’s Health Insurance Program***

***KCSS – Kentucky Center for School Safety***

***KCTCS – Kentucky Community and Technical College System***

***KCTM - Kentucky Council of Teachers of Mathematics***

***KDE - Kentucky Department of Education*** - state agency administered by the commissioner of education, providing resources and guidance to Kentucky's public schools and districts as they implement the state's K-12 education requirements; responsible for implementing and enforcing state education laws

***KEA - Kentucky Education Association***

***KEAT - Kentucky Education Action Team***

***KECCAG – Kentucky’s Early Childhood Continuous Assessment Guide***

***KECS – Kentucky Early Childhood Standards***

***KECSAC – Kentucky Educational Collaborative for State Agency Children*** - state agency responsible for educating children committed to the care or custody of the state.

***KEES- Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship***

***KERA - Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990***

***KERS - Kentucky Employees’ Retirement System***

***KESAC - Kentucky Effective Schools Advisory Council***

***KESPA – Kentucky Education Support Personnel Association*** – a membership organization, affiliated with the KEA, consisting of district classified staff

***KESN - Kentucky Effective Schools Network***

***KET - Kentucky Educational Television***

***KETS - Kentucky Education Technology System***

***KHEAA - Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority***

***KHSAA - Kentucky High School Athletic Association***

***KIDS NOW – Kentucky Invests in Developing Success*** - Early childhood education program established by legislation passed in 2000 and funded from allocation of 25% of the state’s master settlement funds (the MSA, also known as the tobacco settlement funds)

***KIER - Kentucky Institute for Education Research***

***KISTA - Kentucky Interlocal School Transportation Association***

***KLA – Kentucky Leadership Academy***

***KLC - Kentucky League of Cities***

***KMSA - Kentucky Middle School Association***

***KOSSA - Kentucky Occupational Skill Standards Assessment*** - test developed by business and industry representatives to determine academic, employability and technical skills

***KPIP - Kentucky Principal Internship Program***

***K-PREP - Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress*** - state assessment system effective beginning in 2011-2012, consisting of questions in 3 formats (multiple choice, open response, short answer)

***KRS - Kentucky Revised Statute***

***KSB - Kentucky School for the Blind*** - located in Louisville

***KSBA - Kentucky School Boards Association***

***KSBIT – Kentucky School Board Insurance Trust***

***KSD - Kentucky School for the Deaf*** - located in Danville

***KSPRA – Kentucky School Public Relations Association***

***KSTC - Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation***

***KSTC - Kentucky State Textbook Commission***

***KTIP - Kentucky Teacher Internship Program***

***KVHS – Kentucky Virtual High School***

***KVL – Kentucky Virtual Library***

***KYOTE - Kentucky On-line Testing*** - college placement test accepted by most public colleges in KY for students not meeting the ACT benchmark in reading and math, provided free for students in math transition courses, CPE developed benchmarks

***KYPTA - Kentucky Congress of Parents and Teachers***

***KYSPRA - Kentucky School Public Relations Association***

***KY Tech*** - State operated area technology centers

***KYVC – Kentucky Virtual Campus***

***LD – Learning Disability***

***LEA - Local Education Agency***

***LEP- Limited English Proficiency***

***LPC - Local Planning Committee*** - for district facility plan

***LRC - Legislative Research Commission*** – the administrative staff agency for the General Assembly

***LRE – Least Restrictive Environment***

***LSAC - Local Superintendent Advisory Council***

***Magnet Schools*** - schools that place special emphasis on academic achievement or on a particular field of study (such as science, arts, etc)

***MAP - Measure of Academic Progress*** - formative assessments used in many Kentucky districts to determine student progress throughout the academic year

***Migrant Education*** - programs established to serve children of farm laborers facing challenges such as poverty, poor health care, and frequent transitions between schools

***MMD – Mild Mental Disability***

***MOA - Memorandum of Agreement***

***MOE - Maintenance of Effort*** - federal term requiring districts to document that federal funds such as Title I, exceptional children, are not used to take the place of local or state funding

***MOU – Memorandum of Understanding***

***MUNIS - Municipal Information Systems*** - the financial accounting and reporting system used by Kentucky school districts

***NAEP - National Assessment of Educational Progress*** - the only nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas, the "nation's report card", provides data at the state and national level on student progress

***National Merit*** - academic scholarship competition for recognition and college scholarships, based on PSAT test typically given to 10th grade high school students

***NBCT – National Board Certified Teacher***

***NBPTS - National Board for Professional Teaching Standards*** - highest form of certification for teachers

***NCATE - National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education***

***NCTM - National Council on Teachers of Mathematics***

***NCEA - National Center for Educational Achievement***

***NCE – Normal Curve Equivalent*** - method of reporting scores of norm-reference tests where the difference between two successive scores on the scale has the same meaning throughout the scale

***NCLB - No Child Left Behind*** – federal education law in effect from 2001 to 2015

***NMSQT – National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test***

***Non-Academic Data*** - attendance, retention, dropout, and graduation rates as well as rate of successful transition to adult life

***Non-Duplicated Gap Group*** - accountability calculation for students who are found in multiple sub-groups (ethnicity/race, special education, poverty, LEP) in which each student is counted only once, used for determining achievement gaps and progress toward closing them

***Novice*** - level of student performance based on standards - how well students have mastered the knowledge/content and are able to use it/perform; cut scores established by the state; student beginning to show some understanding; demonstrates minimal, limited, underdeveloped and at times inaccurate content knowledge and reasoning; communication is ineffective and lacks detail with no evidence of connections within or between content areas, uses inappropriate strategies

***NRT - Norm-Referenced Test*** – typically a multiple-choice test that compares a student to other students

***NSBA - National School Boards Association***

***NSLP - National School Lunch Program***

***OAG - Opinion of the Attorney General***

***OEA - Office of Education Accountability*** – a state agency charged with researching, investigating, and reporting to the General Assembly and to the public regarding education outcomes and operations of districts

***OIG – Office of the Inspector General***

***OMA - Open Meetings Act***

***OMD - Open Meeting Decision of the Attorney General***

***On-Demand Writing*** - timed, structured writing assessments that require extended writing skills, may include essays, letters and compositions

***Open House*** - KDE system of reports and data available to the public online

***OR – Open Response*** - questions that require students to combine content knowledge and application of process skills in order to communicate an answer

***ORA - Open Records Act***

***ORD - Open Records Decision of the Attorney General***

***OSEP – Office of Special Education Programs*** – a federal government agency

***OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration*** – a federal government agency

***OT – Occupational Therapy***

***PAC – Parent’s Advisory Council***

***PAC - Political Action Committee***

***PAS - Predictive Assessment Series***

***PD - Professional Development***

***PDD – Pervasive Developmental Disorder***

***Peer Observation*** - classroom observation of a teacher by a teacher to provide formative feedback and improvement of teaching practices

***Performance-based Assessment*** - requirement for students to perform hands-on tasks to demonstrate knowledge

***Performance-based Credit*** - alternative to seat-time requirements for students to earn high school credit

***Performance levels*** – descriptions of how well students have mastered the knowledge/content and are able to use it. Since 1990, Kentucky has used the following performance levels in its accountability systems:

***Distinguished*** – Deep understanding and able to analyze and interpret data

***Proficient*** – Understanding of major concepts

***Apprentice*** – Some understanding of concepts

***Novice*** – Beginning to show some understanding

***PGES - Professional Growth and Effectiveness System*** – the evaluation system used for district certified staff (below the level of superintendent) from 2009 to 2017

***PGP - Professional Growth Plan*** - plan for improvement based on identified standards



***PIP - Program Improvement Plan***

***PLA - Persistently Low Achieving*** - former state classification of lowest achieving schools

***PLAN*** - ACT-like test typically given to 10<sup>th</sup> graders to assess college and career readiness, predictor of ACT success

***PLC - Professional Learning Community***

***PL/CS - Practical Living/Career Studies***

***PLTW - Project Lead the Way***

***PPGES - Principal Professional Growth and Effectiveness System*** - the evaluation system used for principals from 2009 to 2017

***PPRA - Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment***

***Priority Schools/Districts*** - classification of schools/districts needing improvement as identified by components of the Unbridled Learning accountability system (the state accountability system in place from 2009-2017)

***Proficient*** - (1) Schools - Unbridled Learning classification indicating scores in the 70<sup>th</sup> to 89<sup>th</sup> percentile (under the state accountability system in place from 2009-2017)

(2) Students - level of student performance based on standards - how well students have mastered the knowledge/content and are able to use it/perform; cut scores established by the state; student demonstrates broad content knowledge and is able to apply it; communication is accurate, clear and organized with relevant details and evidence; uses appropriate strategies to solve problems and make decisions, effective use of critical thinking skills; (3) highest classification for a Program Review content area

***PR - Program Review*** - systematic method of analyzing components of an instructional program; part of state accountability system in place from 2009-2017 for non-core content areas such as arts & humanities, writing, practical living & career skills, world language, physical education & health

***PSAT - Preliminary Scholastic Achievement Test*** - test that qualifies students for recognition in the National Merit Program

***PSP - Program Service Plan*** - programs such as ESL to address student learning needs

***PT - Physical Therapy***

***PTA - Parent Teacher Association***

***PTO – Parent Teacher Organization*** – a group formed locally to bring parents and teachers together, not affiliated with the state and national PTA

***PTR - Pupil Teacher Ratio***

***PVA - Property Valuation Administrator*** - local elected official charged with determining the value of property for tax purposes

***Race to the Top*** – federal grants made available to states for preparing students for college and career readiness

***RECC - Regional Exceptional Child Consultant***

***RFP – Request for Proposal*** – a document issued by a public agency to procure goods/services

***RTC - Early Childhood Regional Training Center***

***RTI - Response to Intervention*** - program integrating assessment and interventions to maximize student achievement and reduce behavior problems

***Rubric*** - a scoring guide or format that lists specific criteria for work and defines different levels of performance; identifies specific behaviors and actions present at each level of performance, may be used in evaluation process

***SACS – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools***; now known as AdvancEd

***SAFE – Suspension & Failure Elimination***

***SAR - Student Aid Report***

***SAT - Scholastic Achievement Test*** - college entrance exam testing reading, math and writing

***SB 1 - Senate Bill 1*** – may refer to state education reform legislation enacted in 2009 or 2017

***SBDM - School-Based Decision Making*** - also referred to as site-based decision making; the school governance system established by KERA in 1990, and comprised of the principal, 3 teachers, and 2 parents in each school; responsible for school decisions such as instructional materials, extracurricular programs, hiring the principal, etc.

***SCAAC - School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council***

***SDRR - Student Data Review and Rosters*** - online tool to assist district in reviewing accuracy of student assessment information

***SEA – State Education Agency***

***SEEK - Support Education Excellence in Kentucky*** – the primary state funding program for Kentucky public schools

***SED - Severely Emotionally Disturbed***

***SEMP – School Energy Managers Project***

***SEOG - Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant***

***Service Learning*** - programs that incorporate citizenship values into education by requiring students to perform community service

***SFCC - School Facilities Construction Commission***

***SIAC - State Interagency Advisory Council***

***SIP – School Improvement Plan***

***SISI - Standards and Indicators for School Improvement***

***SLP - Superintendent Leadership Plan*** - standards and indicators for superintendent performance

***SMART Goals*** - outcomes that are Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Relevant and have a specified Timeframe

***SPGES - Superintendent Professional Growth and Effectiveness System*** - the evaluation system used for principals from 2009 to 2017

***SRO – School Resource Officer*** – usually a sworn law enforcement officer employed by the local law enforcement agency and stationed in a school under a contract between the law enforcement agency and the district

***SRIM - Statewide Reporting and Information Management System***

***Standard*** - statements explaining what a student needs to learn before the end of the year; what students are expected to know and be able to do as they move from grade to grade through school, broad categories of knowledge, skills and performance of effective practice; core behaviors and characteristics of effective performance

***Standards-Based*** - systems or processes that use standards, statements of expected knowledge, skills, and abilities, as the expected outcomes

***STARS*** – quality-rating improvement system for child care facilities

**STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics** - program of studies involving courses in science, technology, engineering and math

**STEAM - Science, Technology Engineering, Arts, Mathematics** - program of studies involving courses in science, technology, engineering arts and math

**Summative Assessment / Evaluation** - assignment, task or test regarding performance at a particular time using standards and pre-determined criteria; may result in a narrative analysis; essential to accountability, measures cumulative learning/performance

**Support services** - any non-instructional components of an educational program i.e., transportation, health services, referrals to other agencies

**TC1-TC29** - Standard Certification Forms for teacher certification

**TELL - Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning** - survey of KY teachers used to assess working conditions in each school and district

**TFA – Teach for America** – nationwide program that recruits recent college graduates of all academic majors who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools

**TRS - Teachers’ Retirement System of Kentucky**

**Title I (One)** – Federal program providing resources to schools for children from low-income families

**Title IX (Nine)** – Federal Law requiring that female students have opportunities equal to those available for male students in all aspects of school programming including athletics

**UL - Unbridled Learning: College/Career-Readiness for All** – the state assessment and accountability system in place from 2009-2017 (developed in response to Senate Bill 1 in 2009)

**USED - United States Department of Education**

**VISTA –Volunteers in Service to America** - also known as AmeriCorps

**WorkKeys** - assessment developed by ACT to measure abilities in communication, problem solving, as well as personal and interpersonal skills; based on performance in applied math, reading for information and locating information, voluntary test given in 10-12<sup>th</sup> grade to measure readiness for the workplace and provide career feedback

**YSC – Youth Service Center**