Acronyms used by or related to the Ohio Department of Education

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Acronyms	Description	Definition/Related Web site
AAC	Augmentative and Alternative Communication	Assistance to people with severe communication disabilities to participate more fully in their social roles. http://aac.unl.edu/
ABC	Access to Better Care	A major initiative and partnership of government agencies and community organizations committed to improving the well-being of children and families. http://www.ohiofcf.org/features.asp?learn=abc
ABLE	Adult Basic Literacy Education	Programs to establish, improve and expand lifelong learning opportunities for adults in their family, community and work roles. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *ABLE*
ACCESS	Area Cooperative Computerized Educational Service	One of 23 Information Technology Centers that provide technology support services to the school districts they represent. http://www.access-k12.org/
ACS	Academic Content Standards	Standards that measure the knowledge and skills that students should attain, often called the "what" of "what students should know and be able to do," that indicate ways of thinking, working, communicating, reasoning and investigating, as well as important and enduring ideas, concepts, issues, dilemmas and knowledge essential to the discipline. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Academic Content Standards*
ACRN	America's Career Resource Network	A nationwide network dedicated to helping young people and adults get the academic and career skills they need to become productive citizens, workers and community members. http://www.acrnetwork.org/

ACTE	Association for Career and Technical Education	The largest national education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for careers. http://www.acteonline.org/
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder	A disorder, usually diagnosed in childhood, characterized by a persistent pattern of impulsiveness, a short attention span and often hyperactivity that interferes with academic, occupational and social performance, also known as ADHD. http://www.add.org/ http://www.ode.state.oh.us, key word search: *Whose IDEA is This: Resource Guide for Parents*
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	A disorder characterized by developmentally inappropriate impulsivity, attention and, in some cases, hyperactivity, sometimes known as ADD. http://www.nimh.nih.gov/publicat/adhd.cfm http://www.ode.state.oh.us, key word search: *Whose IDEA is This: Resource Guide for Parents*
ADM	Average Daily Membership	Average number of students in attendance on any given day, calculated by total student attendance days plus total student absence days divided by number of days in session. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Average Daily Membership*
AE	Academic Emergency	Local Report Card designation attained by schools and districts scoring at the lowest tier of performance based on standardized testing results. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Local Report Card*
AEFLA	Adult Education and Family Literacy Act	A federal law designed to provide adults with the opportunity to improve their basic education and literacy skills through high-quality research-based programs. http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/pi/AdultEd/index.html
AFHK	Action for Healthy Kids	A national nonprofit organization founded to address the epidemic of obese, undernourished and sedentary children in school settings. http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/

AFS	Administrative Field Services	The ODE office responsible for continuous improvement through technical assistance to Career-Technical and Adult Education (CTAE) leadership and assuring compliance with all state and federal regulations. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *AFS*
AFSCME/AFL	American Federation of State and Municipal Employees/American Federation of Labor	A labor union of public service and health care workers. http://www.afscme.org/
ALS	Adult Learning Services	Programs that establish, improve and expand lifelong learning opportunities for adults in their family, community and work roles. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Adult*
AP	Advanced Placement	A program that allows high school students to take college-level academic coursework and gives the opportunity to show that they have mastered the advanced material by taking a national AP Exam. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Advanced Placement*
AP	Associated Press	Style rules for writing used by the news media and ODE. http://www.ap.org/
APE	Adaptive Physical Education	A program that offers alternative physical education to students who cannot participate in mainstream programs. http://www.sharingsuccess.org/code/eptw/pdf_profiles/adaptivephysical.pdf
ASCD	Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development	An international nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that publishes many resources and hosts conferences of various types throughout the year. http://www.ascd.org/
ASCSP	After School Care Snack Program	A program that provides free or reduced-price nutritious snacks for students during after-school activities by reimbursing qualifying schools and agencies for related costs. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *After School Snack*
ASL	American Sign Language	A complex visual-spatial language that is used by the deaf community. http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/hearing/asl.asp

ASQ	American Society for Quality	A professional association that creates better workplaces and communities worldwide by advancing learning, quality improvement and knowledge exchange. http://www.asq.org/
AW	Academic Watch	A Local Report Card designation attained by schools and districts scoring at the second lowest tier of performance, based on standardized testing results. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Local Report Card*
AWD	Adult Workforce Development	A program aimed at helping adults gain skills needed in the workplace. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *AWD*
AWE	Adult Workforce Education	A program aimed at helping adults gain knowledge needed in the workplace. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *AWE*
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress	A federal mandate that holds schools accountable for the performance of subgroups, as well as all students, with goals for schools, districts and the state to meet or exceed the annual objective or make progress over the previous year with the ultimate goal of 100 percent of all students at or above proficient by 2013-2014 in reading and mathematics. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *AYP*
BASA	Buckeye Association of School Administrators	A nonprofit professional organization that serves the needs of Ohio school system leaders. www.basa-ohio.org
BE	Business Education	Education including accounting, administrative office technology, business administration management, business and management foundation, entrepreneurship and information technology. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Business Education*
BiEIN	Baldrige in Education Initiative	Quality principles and practices that school systems can use to drive improvement in student achievement. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Baldrige*

BPA	Business Professionals of America	An organization dedicated to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, academic, citizenship and technological skills. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *BPA*
BSVI	Bureau of Service for the Visually Impaired	A division of the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission that helps Ohioans who have low vision and blindness succeed in the workforce. http://www.rsc.ohio.gov/VR_Services/BSVI/bsvi.asp
BMIT	Business, Marketing and Information Technology	Business, marketing and information technology education that provides quality training for a wide range of careers in business-related occupations. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Business, Marketing and Information Technology*
BVR	Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation	A division of Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission that provides services leading to employment for people with physical, mental and emotional disabilities. http://www.rsc.ohio.gov/VR_Services/BVR/bvr.asp
CACFP	Child and Adult Care Food Program	A program that provides meal reimbursements for licensed or approved child and adult care centers to help promote understanding of nutrition in overall health and develop positive food-related attitudes and behaviors. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *CACFP*
C&I	Curriculum and Instruction	An ODE office that provides leadership and technical assistance to internal and external customers for research and development, implementation and assessment, and continuous improvement of products and practices supporting standards-based education. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Curriculum*
C&L	Certification and Licensure	An ODE office that evaluates and certifies or licenses pre-K through grade 12 teachers, ensuring that they are qualified to teach. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Educator licensure*
CA	Consolidated Application	A Web-based funding application in the CCIP that includes Title I, II-A, II-D, III, IV, V, VI-B Rural, IDEA and ECSE. http://ccip.ode.state.oh.us/ccip/default.asp

CAO	Community Action Organization	Local private, non-profit and public agencies that work to alleviate poverty and empower low-income families. http://www.oacaa.org/ or http://www.ncaf.org/#COMMUNITY%20ACTION
CAPE	Council Attracting Prospective Educators	A five-day summer academy experience designed to introduce Ohio high school students from diverse backgrounds to teaching and professional education as career possibilities, with an emphasis on increasing minority representation in teaching. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *CAPE*
CATS	Commodity Allocation and Tracking System	ODE's online system to administer the federal Government Donated Food program in Ohio where the government purchases meats, fruits, vegetables and other food staples from farmers and distributes them to eligible schools and child care agencies to help reduce the cost of meals in Child Nutrition programs. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *CATS*
CBED	County Board of Education	A board that creates policy and makes recommendations for education in its specific Ohio county. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *County Board of Education*
CBI	Career-Based Intervention	A career-technical program for students ages 12-21 in grades 7-12 who are identified as disadvantaged (academically, economically or both) and who have barriers to achieving academic and career success. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *CBI*
CBI	Content-Based Instruction	Elementary Foreign Language Programs where language evolves around concepts from other curricular areas. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Foreign Language*
CC	Comprehensive Centers	A network of centers that provide technical assistance services focused on the implementation of reform programs to help schools improve teaching and learning based on the latest research. http://www.ccnetwork.org/home.html

CCB	Child Care Bureau	A program under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that supports low-income working families through child care financial assistance and promotes children's learning by improving the quality of early care and education and after-school programs. http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/providers/faithbased.htm
CCIP	Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan	A unified grants application and verification system that consists of a planning tool and a funding application. http://ccip.ode.state.oh.us/ccip/default.asp
CCSSO	Council of Chief State School Officers	A nonpartisan, nationwide, nonprofit organization of public officials who head departments of elementary and secondary education in the states. http://www.ccsso.org/
CD	Career Development	A program that provides information on products and services that help K-12 and adult students make informed career and educational choices. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Career Development*
CEA	Career Education Association	A nonprofit, professional organization founded by educators and persons from business, government, industry, labor and the community to promote the principles of career development and to ensure career development opportunities for students in all of Ohio's school districts. http://www.c-e-a.org/
CEASD	Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf	An organization that provides an opportunity for professional educators to work together for the improvement of schools and educational programs for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. http://www.ceasd.org/index.shtml
CEC	Council for Exceptional Children	The largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities and/or the gifted. http://www.cec.sped.org/
CETE	Center on Education and Training for Employment	A center at The Ohio State University that works to enhance the workforce development system and to help all individuals gain the skills they need for work that is valued. http://www.cete.org/aboutcete.asp

CEU	Continuing Education Unit	Ten contact hours in a professional development activity.
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	The codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government. http://www.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/cfrassemble.cgi?title=200334
CNS	Child Nutrition Services	An ODE unit committed to safeguarding the health of children and their learning environment. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Safety, Health and Nutrition*
CO	Carry-Over budget (now pertains to all grants inside the Consolidated Application)	Monies from a budget cycle that are permitted to be used in the following budget cycle. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Carry Over Budget*
CORE	Connected Ohio Records for Educators	ODE's Web-based application designed to facilitate all of the aspects of an educator's qualifications, including licensure. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *CORE*
COST	Customized Office Skills Training	A professional development program for adults. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Adult*
CPS	Children's Protective Services	Local public entities charged with protecting the welfare of children. http://jfs.ohio.gov/ocf/gen_stat.stm
CP	Career Passport	A comprehensive student-developed credential containing formal documents that identify and describe skills a learner has attained. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Career Passport*
CRRS	Claims Reimbursement and Reporting System	A password-protected ODE Web application that schools enrolled in USDA Child Nutrition Programs use to submit required data and apply for meal reimbursements. https://webapp2.ode.state.oh.us/crrs/cnssplash.asp

CRT	Criterion-Referenced Test	A test to measure how well a person has learned a specific body of knowledge and skills, for example, the tests people take (both the multiple choice and the on-the road test) to get driver licenses where one must receive a score which meets the criterion (the passing score) on each test, and Ohio's achievement and graduation tests, which are based on Ohio's Academic Content Standards.
CS	Community Schools	Public nonprofit, nonsectarian schools that operate independently of any school district under contract with an authorized sponsoring entity, known in other states as charter schools. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Community Schools*
CSADM	Community School Average Daily Membership	A Web application used to obtain data that ODE uses to flow funds to community schools. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *CSADM*
CSD	City School District	An education district comprised of schools within a city. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *School District*
CSTP	Cleveland Scholarship and Tutoring Program	A program that provides tutoring services and scholarships to eligible students within the Cleveland Municipal School District to attend nonpublic chartered and public schools in the surrounding Cleveland area, with priority to students from low-income families. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *CSTP*
CTAE	Career-Technical and Adult Education	Education programs and services that prepare youth and adults for a broad range of careers that require varying levels of education, from high school, apprenticeships and postsecondary certificates to college and university degrees. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *CTAE*
CTE	Career-Technical Education	Education programs and services (formerly known as vocational education) that prepare students for careers and continued education. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *CTE*

CTP	Center for the Teaching Profession	The ODE Center that includes ODE offices of Educator Preparation, Educator Standards, Educator Quality, Professional Conduct, Educator Licensure and Educator Equity. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Teaching Profession*
CTP	College Tech Prep	A combination of college preparatory academics and advanced career-technical education with the objective of a seamless, non-duplicative transition from high school to postsecondary education. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Tech Prep*
CTPD	Career-Technical Planning District	Ohio's 92 CTPDs designated for the delivery of career-technical education for Ohio's secondary and adult students. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *CTPD*
CTSO	Career-Technical Student Organization	An intracurricular component of career-technical programs with activities designed to support instructional objectives and attainment of technical competencies while helping student members develop interpersonal, citizenship and leadership skills. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *CTSO* or http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/pi/cte/vso.html?exp=0
D3A2	Data Driven Decisions for Academic Achievement	A long-term initiative focused on developing the capacity of educators while improving instruction and student achievement through systemic access to timely data and educational resources aligned to Ohio's Academic Content Standards. http://www.d3a2.org
D/B	Deaf/Blind	Persons or services for persons with lack of visual and auditory abilities. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Deaf* or *Blind*
DARE	Drug Abuse Resistance Education	A program designed to gives kids the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs and violence. http://www.dare.com/

DAS	Department of Administrative Services	The state department that provides centralized services, specialized support and innovative solutions related to civil service employment and procurement to state agencies, boards and commissions as well as local governments and state universities. http://das.ohio.gov/
DCHO	Diversified Cooperative Health Occupations	Specialized programs of instruction for high school students that allow participating students to experience the world of work and to receive high school credit at the same time. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Health Science Career Field*
DECA	Distributive Education Clubs of America, now known primarily by its acronym	Association of marketing career-technical students. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *DECA*
DH	Developmentally Handicapped	Someone with a cognitive disability. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Handicapped; Whose IDEA is This: Resource Guide for Parents*
DHO	Diversified Health Occupations	Vocations with core knowledge for a variety of careers in the Health Science Career Field and Ohio's secondary workforce development courses to prepare high school, career-technical education students for DHOs in dental assisting, medical assisting and metal laboratory technology, among others. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Diversified Health*
D/HOH	Deaf/Hard of Hearing	The inability to hear or hear well. http://www.ohioschoolforthedeaf.org/
DI	District Improvement	Status of school district that fails to make Adequate Yearly Progress for two consecutive years. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *District Improvement*
DIT	Diversified Industrial Training	Adult workforce education program designed to provide customized, short-term training for a specific company or industry in the industrial and engineering systems skills area. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Diversified Industrial Training*

DP	Due Process	Part of the judicial process that safeguards the legal rights of the individual. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Due Process*
DPIA	Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid	Now referred to as poverty-based assistance, additional funding to school districts with substantial proportions of students in poverty. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Poverty-Based Assistance*
DYS	Department of Youth Services	A department of government that works to enhance public safety by holding youthful offenders accountable and providing opportunities for rehabilitation. http://www.dys.ohio.gov/
EAP	Education Assessment Project	Projects that assist educators and families in the development and delivery of specially designed instruction aligned with Ohio's academic and early learning content standards and also assist districts and agencies in complying with federal and state laws and regulations to ensure the full participation of children and youth with disabilities in the school community. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *SST*
EAP	Employee Assistance Program	A program that assists state employees and their family members in resolving personal and employment-related problems in a confidential and professional manner, so as to promote emotional health and wellness at work and at home. http://das.ohio.gov/hrd/eap/index.htm
ECE	Early Childhood Education	A state-funded early learning program formerly known as public preschool. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *ECE*
EDAC	Education Data Advisory Council	A council created in 2002 to advise the Superintendent of Public Instruction on data policy, process and technology issues, that advised ODE to move from a data collection system to a data exchange system, a recommendation that is moving forward as Ohio's Data Driven Decisions for Academic Achievement (D3A2) initiative. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *EDAC*

EDGAR	Education Department General Administrative Guidelines	Federal regulations to be followed by those receiving federal dollars or providing federal programs or services. http://www.ed.gov/policy/fund/reg/edgarReg/edlite-table.html
EFIG	Education Finance Incentive Grant	A formula used in the No Child Left Behind law to allocate Federal Title 1-A funds to local school districts. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *EFIG* or http://www.ed.gov/programs/gtep/index.html
ELI	Early Learning Initiative	An initiative designed to meet family child care needs and to provide children, often identified as at-risk of school failure, with educational experiences that will help them enter kindergarten ready for success (administered by ODE's Office of Early Learning and School Readiness with administrative and funding support from ODJFS). http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *ELI*
ELL	English Language Learner	A student with English as a second language who is not performing at grade-level in reading or writing English. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *LEP*
ELO	Extended Learning Opportunities	Activities such as after-school programs and summer school. http://www.ccsso.org/projects/Extended_Learning_Opportunities/
ELSR	Early Learning and School Readiness	Children's experiences prior to kindergarten, including cognitive and linguistic development, which help prepare them to succeed in school. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Early Learning and School Readiness*
EMAD	Education Monetary Assistance Distribution	A database accessible through a secure Web site in which school districts and community schools identify students in poverty based on their family's participation in the Ohio Works First (OWF) program, used to determine district and non-Internet-based community school Poverty-Based Assistance (PBA) funding, administered by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS). http://jfs.ohio.gov/emad/

EMIS	Education Management Information System	A statewide data collection system for Ohio's primary and secondary schools, including demographics, attendance records, course information, financial data and test results. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *EMIS*
EOPO	Educational Office Professionals of Ohio	Ohio's chapter of the National Association of Educational Office Professionals (NAEOP), a national professional association for educational office personnel, whose mission is to provide professional growth opportunities, leadership and service for employees in education through a specifically designed certification program, quality training, a network for sharing information and ideas, recognition of achievements and fellowship. http://www.naeop.org/
ESB	Educator Standards Board	The board that creates and implements Ohio's new teacher, principal and professional development standards. http://esb.ode.state.oh.us/ or http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Educator standards*
ESC	Educational Service Center	Regional centers dedicated to providing Ohio school districts with professional development, technology, support, planning and administrative services that help improve student learning, enhance the quality of instruction, expand equitable access to resources and maximize operating and fiscal efficiencies. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *ESC* or http://www.oesca.org/
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act	A law, reauthorized under NCLB, designed to ensure that all students improve their academic achievements, including: low-achieving students in high-poverty schools; limited English proficient, migratory, neglected/delinquent and Indian students; students with disabilities; and young children who need reading assistance. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *NCLB*
ESL	English as a Second Language	Students who speak English as a second language or are limited in their ability to speak English. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *ESL*

ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages	A program of instruction designed to help individuals of limited English proficiency achieve competence in the English language. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *ESOL* or *LEP*
ESY	Extended School Year	Special education and related services that are provided to a child with a disability beyond the normal school year of the school district, in accordance with the child's IEP and at no cost to the parent of the child. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Whose IDEA is This?*
ETS	Educational Testing Service	A non-profit organization that specializes in assessments and research services, including Praxis assessments for educators. http://www.ets.org/ .
EVSD	Exempted Village School Districts	A district in a small town that is exempt from control by the county ESC, defined by Section 3311.04 of the Ohio Revised Code. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Exempted Village*
EY	Entry Year	The first year of teaching or as a principal, as used with Entry Year Teacher and Entry Year Program. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Entry year*
EYP	Entry Year Program	A program for new principals in their first year of administrative service who hold a two-year provisional principal license and complete a minimum of 120 school days in an academic year. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *EYP*
EYT	Entry Year Teacher	A program for providing direct assistance to Ohio's beginning teachers through mentors. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *EYT*
F/R	Free and Reduced-Meal Application	An application used to determine a school child's eligibility for the National School Lunch Program and other related nutrition programs based on income levels and, under Title I, to determine building eligibility for the program. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Free and Reduced Meal Application*

FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education	Special education and related services for students aged 3 through 21 that are provided at public expense without charge. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *FAPE*
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions	A list of commonly asked questions and their answers. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *FAQ*
FCCLA	Family, Career and Community Leaders of America	A national career-technical student organization for young men and women in family and consumer sciences education in public and private school through Grade 12. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *FCCLA*
FCS	Family and Consumer Sciences	An area of study that prepares students for family life, work life and careers in family and consumer sciences. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *FCS*
FEA	Future Educators Association	An organization for middle school and high school youth who are interested in a career in education. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *FEA*
FER	Final Expenditure Report	A complete financial report containing general information, amounts expended, a fiscal summary, project status and approvals that indicate the report is being submitted in accordance with the approved application and any applicable laws and regulations. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *FER*
FERPA	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act	A law that addresses privacy issues associated with students and education. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *FERPA*
FFA	Future Farmers of America (now known by acronym only)	A student organization for leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. http://www.ffa.org/
FFN	Field Faculty Network	A statewide professional development initiative designed to improve literacy teaching and learning for children from preschool age through adolescence. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *FFN*

FFVP	Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	A program offered by ODE through the U.S. Department of Agriculture that encourages the consumption of healthy food choices by providing fresh fruits and vegetables to students free of charge throughout the school day. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Fresh Fruit*
FLES	Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools	The study of a language and culture other than English in elementary school. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *FLES* or *Foreign Language*
FLICS	Federal Low Income Count System	An application that tracks the enrollment of economically disadvantaged students in community schools that public school districts may use to view reports that community schools have entered in this system. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *FLICS*
GA	Governing Authority	The name for a community school's school board that makes decisions on the local control of the community school. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Governing Authority*
GED	General Educational Development	A test that provides Ohioans who did not finish high school an opportunity to earn an Ohio High School equivalence diploma. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *GED*
GDFP	Government Donated Food Program	A U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program administered in Ohio by ODE's Office of Child Nutrition Services where foods are purchased by the USDA and donated to federal, state and private agencies to help meet the nutritional requirements of children and needy adults in schools and in child care, charitable and correctional institutions. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Government Donated Food*
GPA	Grade Point Average	A measure of academic achievement. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *GPA*

GRADS	Graduation, Reality And Dual-role Skills	An instructional and intervention program for pregnant and parenting students (that can be repeated, graded and taken for credit) that focuses on keeping students in school until graduation, positive health practices, parenting skills, career goal-setting and balancing work and family. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *GRADS*
GWPAB	Governor's Workforce Policy Advisory Board	A board that regularly assesses Ohio's employment needs, advises the Governor on setting performance goals and priorities to improve the State's workforce development system and helps leaders who shape workforce development policy at the local level. http://www.ohioworkforceboard.org/ or http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Governor's Workforce*
HB	House Bill	A piece of legislation introduced into the Ohio House of Representatives. http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/search.cfm
HI	Hearing Impaired	Lack of or limited auditory abilities. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Hearing Impaired*
HMG	Help Me Grow	An Ohio Department of Health program for Ohio's expectant parents, newborns, infants and toddlers that provides health and developmental services so that children start school healthy and ready to learn. http://www.ohiohelpmegrow.org/
HQPD	High Quality Professional Development	A type of professional development for teachers in public school districts (defined in Title IX, Section 9101 (34) of the federal No Child Left Behind Act), that is aligned with goals of a school district's CCIP, is sustained and ongoing, and is focused on higher student achievement levels. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *HQPD*
HQT	Highly Qualified Teacher	Core academic subject teachers who hold at least a bachelor's degree, are fully licensed by the state, and demonstrate content-area expertise in each subject they teach. www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *HQT*

HR	Human Resources	ODE's office for personnel, professional development and labor-management issues and support. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Human Resources*
HRD	Human Resource Development	An adult workforce education program designed to provide customized, short-term training for employees. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Adult*
HSB	High School of Business	An academy-style program designed to enhance student transition to and success in college business programs. http://www.mark-ed.org/2.0/Joomla/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=44&Itemid=144
HSTW	High Schools that Work	A school improvement initiative founded on the conviction that most students can master rigorous academic and career-technical studies if school leaders and teachers create an environment that motivates students to make the effort to succeed. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *HSTW*
IACP	Individual Academic Career Plan	An online portfolio planning tool for academic and career decision making, and a repository for occupational, college, financial aid and assessment information from the Ohio Career Information System. http://www.ocis.org/portfolio.htm
IB	International Baccalaureate	An international organization that aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *IB* or http://www.ibo.org/ or http://www.ibo.org/ibna/
IBMFE	Intervention Based Multifactored Evaluation	An evaluation used to determine a student's need for special education services that includes defining an educational concern in measurable terms, developing an intervention plan, and measuring, collecting and evaluating data and results on an ongoing basis to determine the child's continuing eligibility for services. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Intervention Based Multifactored*

IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act	The national law designed to improve results for infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities. http://idea.ed.gov/ or http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *IDEA*
IEP	Individualized Educational Program	A written legal contract developed, reviewed and revised in a meeting of an IEP team to best identify the nature and extent of special education intervention strategies and related services that a school will provide for a child with a disability. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *IEP; Whose IDEA is This?*
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan	A written plan for providing early intervention services to an eligible child and the child's family, under 34 CFR Part 303. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search *IFSP*.
IHO	Impartial Hearing Officer	An Ohio contract-licensed attorney who serves as a neutral fact-finder in conducting a due process hearing, a formal, administrative procedure that is held to resolve disagreements. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Impartial Hearing Officer*
iLRC	Interactive Local Report Card	An interactive tool developed for parents, educators, lawmakers, community members and researchers to provide current and historical Local Report Card data, including test results, graduation rates, financial data and demographics. http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/default.asp
IMS	Instructional Management System	Ohio's Web-based source for model lesson and unit plans, assessments, research and resources, standards-based education information and programmatic improvement recommendations to help teachers creatively teach Ohio's Academic Content Standards to improve student achievement in Ohio. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *IMS*
INTASC	Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium	A consortium of state education agencies and national educational organizations affiliated with the Council of Chief State School Officers and dedicated to reforming the preparation, licensing and on-going professional development of teachers. http://www.ccsso.org/projects/Interstate_New_Teacher_Assessment_and_Support_Consortium/

IPDP	Individual Professional Development Plan	A plan approved by a Local Professional Development Committee required for educator license renewal with stated goals for educator improvement based on the needs of the individual educator and his or her students, school and district. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Professional development plan*
IRN	Information Retrieval Number	A six-digit identification number assigned by ODE to an educational or education-related entity. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *IRN*
ITAC	Integrated Technical and Academic Competencies	Competencies of what students should know and be able to do that integrate academic, technical and employability knowledge, skills and attitudes. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *ITAC*
ITC	Information Technology Center	One of 23 regional centers that provide such services as attendance reporting, payroll services, Internet service, e-mail, professional development, full-service technology consulting and technology help-desk services to Ohio's school districts. http://www.mcoecn.org/
ITO	Information Technology Office	An ODE office that provides technology support services. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Information Technology Office*
JFS	Job and Family Services, Ohio Department of	The state agency (formed by the merger of the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services and the Ohio Department of Human Services) that develops and oversees programs that provide health care, employment and economic assistance, child support and services to families and children. http://jfs.ohio.gov/
JVS	Joint Vocational School	A school within a JVSD. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Joint Vocational Schools*

JVSD	Joint Vocational School District	One form of a Career-Technical Planning District (CTPD) or legal entity through which career-technical programs are delivered, which serves two or more adjacent school districts and is governed by a joint vocational school board consisting of representatives from the participating districts. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Joint Vocational Schools*
KRA-L	Kindergarten Readiness Assessment-Literacy	An assessment tool developed by ODE that helps teachers identify early reading skills by measuring skills important to becoming a successful reader and helping teachers plan for experiences and lessons that encourage reading. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *KRA-L*
LA	Language Arts	Writing, spelling, phonics and reading. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Language Arts*
LD	Learning Disabled	A condition – physical, cognitive or emotional – that makes it difficult for a student to learn. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Whose IDEA is This?*
LDA	Learning Disabilities Association of America	A national non-profit volunteer organization advocating for individuals with learning disabilities. http://www.ldanatl.org/
LEA	Local Education Agency	A public board of education or other public authority legally constituted within a state to either provide administrative control, direction or service functions for public schools. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *LEA*
LEP	Limited English Proficient	Students whose primary or home language is other than English who need special language assistance in order to effectively participate in school instructional programs. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *LEP*
LIG	Literacy Grant	Formerly known as the Literacy Improvement Grant, helps schools focus on support systems for literacy prevention and intervention. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Literacy Grant*

LPDC	Local Professional Development Committee	Committees that review the coursework and other professional development activities proposed and completed by educators within the district to determine if the requirements for renewal of certificates or licenses have been met, with the exception of professional pupil services licenses that require credentialing through related licensure boards. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *LPDC*
LRC	Local Report Card	Report detailing indicators based on students' performance on achievement tests, rates of improvement on those tests, and student attendance and graduation rates. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *LRC*
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment	Settings where children with and without disabilities are educated together as opposed to the most restrictive environments where children with disabilities are not educated with children who are non-disabled. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Least Restrictive Environment; Whose IDEA is This?*
LTFC	Long Term Foster Care	Planned permanent living arrangements for children who cannot live with family members. http://jfs.ohio.gov/families/foster_care/index.stm
MCOECN	Management Council of the Ohio Educational Computer Network	An agency which advises, directs and supports the OECN and its ITCs by planning, promoting, facilitating and operating information technology-related services to Ohio's PK-12 learning community. http://www.mcoecn.org/
ME	Marketing Education	An instructional program designed to enable students to understand and apply marketing, management and entrepreneurship principles; to make rational economic decisions; and to exhibit social responsibility in a global economy. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Marketing Education*
MMGW	Making Middle Grades Work	The middle grades component of *High Schools That Work*, designed to improve student achievement in the middle grades to prepare them for success in high school. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Making Middle Grades Work*

MRDD	Mental Retardation Developmental Disabilities	The state department responsible for overseeing a statewide system of supports and services for people with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities and their families. http://odmrdd.state.oh.us
MSP	Ohio Mathematics and Science Partnership	A partnership that provides professional development opportunities for Ohio's mathematics and science educators. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *MSP*
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress	The Nation's Report Card, the only nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas. http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/
NAFEPA	National Association of Federal Education Program Administrators	An organization that works with representatives from state agencies, local education agencies, nonpublic schools, parent groups, local school boards and Department of Education staff to make the benefits of federal education programs fully and freely available to all eligible children, to stimulate and aid in the development of efficient and effective federal education programs, and to meet other education-related goals. http://www.nafepa.org/
NASDC-TEC	National Association of State Directors of Career-Technical Education Consortium	The professional society of the state and territory agency heads responsible for career-technical education. http://www.careertech.org/
NASDTEC	National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification	An organization that represents professional standards boards and commissions and state departments of education in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Education Activity, the U.S. Territories, Alberta, British Columbia, and Ontario that are responsible for the preparation, licensure, and discipline of educational personnel. http://www.nasdtec.org/
NCA	North Central Association	A non-governmental, voluntary organization that accredits 8,500 public and private schools and districts throughout the world with a mission to continuously improve the quality of education. http://www.ncacasi.org/

NCATE	National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education	A non-profit, non-governmental alliance of national professional education and public organizations that accredits colleges of education. http://www.ncate.org/
NCE	Normal Curve Equivalency	A normalized test score that ranges from one through 99, with a mean of 50 and a standard deviation of 21.06 and is used to compare score results on different tests for the same student or groups of students and between different students on the same test. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword: *NCE*
NCLB	No Child Left Behind Act of 2001	An education-reform law designed to improve student achievement and change the culture of America's schools by stressing accountability for results, with an emphasis on doing what works based on scientific research, expanded parental options, and expanded local control and flexibility. http://www.ed.gov/nclb
NCREL	North Central Regional Educational Laboratory	A federally funded laboratory of the nonprofit educational organization Learning Point Associates that produced a number of education-related resources designed to improve education. http://www.ncrel.org/
NCTAF	National Commission on Teaching and America's Future	A nonprofit organization dedicated to providing every child with competent, caring, qualified teachers in schools organized for success. http://www.nctaf.org/
NFSMI	National Food Service Management Institute	A national center authorized by Congress that provides information, conducts applied research and offers training and educational opportunities in connection with the USDA Child Nutrition programs. http://www.nfsmi.org/
NIMS	National Institute for Metalworking Skills	A nonprofit organization that supports the development of a skilled workforce for the metalworking industry by developing, writing, validating and maintaining skill standards for each industry. http://www.nims-skills.org/

NMSA	National Middle School Association	An association that sponsors professional development, publishes research on issues at the middle school level, and hosts various conferences to meet its goal of improving middle school education. www.nmsa.org
NNT	Neighborhood Network of Trainers	A service of ODE's Child Nutrition Services that offers free onsite training to school food service professionals and their staff members. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword *Food and Nutrition*
NP	Nonpublic school	A chartered private school that may be eligible to receive auxiliary services and participate in the administrative cost reimbursement program, or a non-chartered, non-tax supported private school that does not seek to be chartered because of truly held religious beliefs. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *nonpublic, chartered nonpublic*
NS3	Nonpublic School Services System	A Web-based system for collecting data for nonpublic school student participation in federal entitlement programs. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *NS3*
NSF	National Science Foundation	The only federal agency whose mission includes support for all fields of fundamental science and engineering, except for medical sciences. http://www.nsf.gov/
NSLP	National School Lunch Program	A federally assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions that provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children each school day. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *School Meal Programs*
OAACE	Ohio Association for Adult and Continuing Education	An organization of teachers, administrators, counselors, volunteers, instructional aides, training directors and other personnel dedicated to adult and continuing education that sponsors conferences, workshops, publications, annual awards, grants and leadership opportunities. http://www.oaace.org/

OAAE	Ohio Alliance for Arts Education	A network of representatives from the Ohio Arts Council, ODE, and arts and education organizations in Ohio that works to help establish and maintain the arts as an integral part of the education of every Ohioan. http://www.oaae.net/
OAASFEP	Ohio Association of Administrators of State and Federal Education Programs	An organization that facilitates open communication, provides professional development opportunities, promotes legislative inquiry and supports Ohio's school communities to foster optimal learning for all Ohio's students. http://www.oaasfep.net
OAC	Ohio Administrative Code	A codification of the rules of the administrative agencies of the state. http://codes.ohio.gov/
OACTE	Ohio Association for Colleges of Teacher Education	An organization that promotes the learning of all PK-12 students through the promotion of high-quality preparation and continuing education for all school personnel. http://www.aacte.org/
OAEP	Ohio Association of EMIS Professionals	An organization of school district and Informational Technology Center employees who are responsible for the accuracy and submission of district EMIS data that facilitates professional growth and provides support to its members. http://www.oaep.net/
OAESA	Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators	The primary professional association of Ohio's elementary and middle school administrators, including building principals, assistant principals, aspiring principals, retired administrators, curriculum coordinators, supervisors of special programs. http://www.oaesa.org/
OAPCTE	Ohio Association for Private Colleges of Teacher Education	An organization that deals specifically with the concerns and needs of Ohio's 37 private colleges and universities that are certified by ODE to prepare pre-service teachers for licensure as certified P-12 teachers. http://www.oapcte.org/
OAPSE	Ohio Association of Public School Employees	Ohio's largest union representing employees of public schools, public libraries, Head Start, and Boards of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. http://www.oapse.org/

OASBO	Ohio Association of School Business Officials	A not-for-profit educational management organization dedicated to learning, utilizing and sharing the best methods and technology of school business administration. www.oasbo-ohio.org
OASCD	Ohio Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development	An organization that provides quality professional development opportunities for teachers, administrators and others through publications, professional conferences and collaboration with other organizations. http://ohio.ascd.org/
OASSA	Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators	A professional organization serving approximately 2,400 middle level and senior high administrators in Ohio and provides professional development opportunities, legal services, legal representation and student activities. http://www.oassa.org/
OAT	Ohio Achievement Test	Required assessment that measures students on what they know and are able to do in mathematics, reading, science, social studies and writing, with administration to students from third to eighth grade (replaced Ohio's proficiency tests). http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Achievement Test*
OATE	Ohio Association of Teacher Educators	A professional organization that promotes quality teacher education programs for initial preparation, induction and continuing professional development as well as individual professional development opportunities for P-12 school, agency-based, college and university teacher educators. http://www3.ashland.edu/academics/education/oate2.html
OBN	Ohio Board of Nursing	The board that enforces laws and rules regulating practice, licensure and certification of individuals who practice nursing or provide dialysis care in Ohio and approves pre-licensure nursing education programs and dialysis training programs, oversees the licensure examination of nurses, and takes disciplinary action when a licensee or certificate holder violates the law. http://www.nursing.ohio.gov/

OBR	Ohio Board of Regents	A nine-member coordinating board with two ex-officio representatives from the state legislature that provides higher education policy advice to the Governor and General Assembly; develops strategies involving Ohio's public and independent colleges and universities; advocates for and manages state funds for public colleges; and coordinates and implements state higher education policies. http://regents.ohio.gov/
OCALI	Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence	An organization that serves families, educators and professionals working with students with autism and low-incidence disabilities, including autism spectrum disorders, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairments, other health impairments and traumatic brain injuries. http://www.ocali.org/
OCAP	Occupational Competency Analysis Profiles	Employer-verified competency lists (to be replaced by career field technical content standards) that outline the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to enter and remain in a given career area. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Occupational Competency Analysis*
OCECD	Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities	An association that works to ensure that every Ohio child with special needs receives a free, appropriate, public education in the least restrictive environment to enable each child to reach his or her highest potential. http://www.ocecd.org/
OCIS	Ohio Career Information System	A fully integrated, Internet-based career information and planning system with accurate, comprehensive and current occupational, postsecondary school and financial aid information. http://www.ocis.org/

OCR	Office for Civil Rights	The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) office that enforces civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex and religion by health care and human services entities over which OCR has jurisdiction, such as state and local social and health services agencies, as well as hospitals, clinics, nursing homes or other entities receiving federal financial assistance from HHS. http://www.os.dhhs.gov/ocr/
OCS	Office of Community Schools	The ODE office that authorizes and oversees qualified sponsors of community schools. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Office of Community Schools*
OCTELA	Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts	An organization composed of teachers of English and anyone interested in practicing and promoting English language arts that works to improve the effectiveness of the teaching of English language arts through many initiatives. www.octela.org
OCTM	Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics	A state organization of mathematics education professionals who work toward the improvement of mathematics education for students from pre-kindergarten through college. http://www.ohioctm.org/
ODADAS	Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services	A state department that provides leadership for alcohol and other drug addiction prevention and treatment services for the health, safety and productivity of all Ohioans. http://www.odadas.state.oh.us/
ODE	Ohio Department of Education	Ohio's state agency, governed by the State Board of Education, charged with developing and maintaining high standards and quality support for the state's educational system, from pre-kindergarten through adult education. http://www.ode.state.oh.us
ODH	Ohio Department of Health	The state agency dedicated to leading Ohioans to achieve optimal health and address public health issues and crises. http://www.odh.state.oh.us/

ODJFS	Ohio Department of Job and Family Services	The state agency that develops and oversees health care, employment and economic assistance, child support and other programs and services for families and children. http://jfs.ohio.gov/
ODPS	Ohio Department of Public Safety	The state agency that serves and protects the safety and security of Ohioans through eight divisions: Administration, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Medical Services, Homeland Security, Highway Patrol, Investigative Unit, and Office of Criminal Justice Services. http://ohiopublicsafety.com/odps.asp
OEA	Ohio Education Association	An association of 131,000 educators, affiliated with the National Education Association (NEA), who work in Ohio's schools, colleges and universities. http://www.ohea.org/
OEC	Office for Exceptional Children	An ODE office that provides leadership, assistance and oversight to school districts and other educational entities in the provision of differentiated instructional support to improve results for students with disabilities and students identified as gifted. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *OEC*
OECN	Ohio Educational Computer Network	A network of 23 Information Technology Centers (ITCs), which represents 725 school districts, Educational Service Centers and Community Schools and approximately 1.3 million Ohio students, dedicated to effective and efficient information technology for the learning community in Ohio. http://www.mcoecn.org/
OEDS	Ohio Educational Directory System	A directory that contains information on specific school districts, ODE offices and other educational entities. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *OEDS*
OELSR	Office of Early Learning and School Readiness	An ODE office that administers programs supporting the educational experiences of young children that help prepare them to learn, read and succeed in school. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *ELSR*

OETA	Ohio Educational Theatre Association	An association that works with the International Thespian Society to promote educational theater in Ohio by teaching, educating and instructing students in the performing arts and related subjects. http://ohioedta.org
OFP	Office of Federal Programs	The ODE office that provides leadership and technical assistance to help school districts make the best use of personnel, fiscal, materials and training resources derived through federal programs. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Office of Federal Programs*
OFR	Office of Field Relations	The ODE office that serves as a liaison for school improvement services with districts, working through teams to deliver professional development and technical assistance to help build district capacity to increase student achievement. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Field Relations*
OFCF	Ohio Family and Children First	A partnership of government agencies and community organizations committed to improving the well-being of children and families. http://www.ohiofcf.org/main.asp
OFLA	Ohio Foreign Language Association	An organization of foreign language teachers affiliated with the Ohio Education Association (OEA) that also is a member of the Central States Conference (CSC) and the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). http://ofla-online.org
OFT	Ohio Federation of Teachers	A union, affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and the AFL-CIO that represents more than 20,000 teachers, school employees, higher education faculty and social service professionals in 53 local unions. http://oft-aft.org/who/who.htm
OGT	Ohio Graduation Tests	A key part of Ohio's education reform effort to establish an aligned system of standards, assessments and accountability for Ohio schools, designed to ensure that students receiving a high school diploma demonstrate high levels of academic achievement and meet federal requirements for high school testing. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *OGT*

OHDELA	Ohio Distance Electronic Learning Academy	One of three types of charter schools managed by White Hat Management, LLC. http://www.ohdela.com/
OHSAA	Ohio High School Athletic Association	A voluntary, unincorporated, not-for-profit association of public and private high schools and 7th-8th grade schools that regulates and administers interscholastic athletic competition and promotes the values of participation in interscholastic athletics as an integral part of a student's educational experience. http://www.ohsaa.org/
OHIO ACTE	Ohio Association for Career and Technical Education	The largest national education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for careers. http://www.ohioacte.org/ or http://www.acteonline.org
OHIO PIRC	Ohio Parent Involvement Resource Center	A nonprofit parent information and resource center that provides parents, families, students, educators and communities with information, resources and training. http://www.ohiopirc.org/
OHIO PTA	Ohio Parent Teacher Association	An advocacy organization of teachers and parents that promotes children, parent and family education and service to Ohio's public schools. http://www.ohiopta.org/
OISM	Ohio's Integrated Systems Model	A tiered model of prevention and intervention for districts and principal-led building teams to use in addressing the academic and behavioral needs of all students at the schoolwide level, thus reducing the number of children who need more targeted and/or intensive intervention. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *OISM*
OLAC	Ohio Leadership Advisory Council	An advisory and study group comprised of representatives of key professional associations, business and school board representatives, practitioners in leadership roles, higher education representatives and state department of education personnel whose primary role is to advise ODE and Ohio Leadership Core Team in the development, implementation, and evaluation of a coherent leadership development system for Ohio. http://www.ohioleadership.org/

OLFA	Ohio Learning First Alliance	Ohio's chapter of a national partnership of 18 national education associations dedicated to improving student learning in America's public schools. http://www.learningfirst.org/alliances/ohio/
OLN	Ohio Literacy Network	An association of organizations and individuals dedicated to helping adults achieve the basic literacy skills needed to function effectively in today's society. http://www.ohioliteracynetwork.org/
OLRC	Ohio Literacy Resource Center	A resource for Adult Basic and Literacy Education providers that includes information about literacy, assistance with literacy planning and evaluation, and connections to other literacy resources in Ohio and the National Institute for Literacy. http://literacy.kent.edu/Oasis/aboutus.html
OMAP	Ohio Mathematics Academy Program	An earlier mathematics professional development opportunity, replaced by the Ohio Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP) Program. http://www.ode.oh.state.us, keyword search: *MSP*
OMEA	Ohio Marketing Educators Association	A division of the Ohio Association for Career and Technical Education (OACTE) that provides support to marketing education teachers throughout Ohio by providing professional development opportunities, a voice at the state and national levels of government, networking opportunities and professional recognition. http://www.omeaonline.org/
OMEA	Ohio Music Education Association	An association that promotes music education for all Ohio students. http://www.omea-ohio.org/
OPAS	Ohio Performance Accountability System	The national, outcome-based reporting system for the state-administered, federally funded Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) program, developed with the support of the U.S. Department of Education. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *OPAS*
OPC	Office of Professional Conduct	The ODE office that manages the teacher license investigation/revocation process and enhances awareness, understanding and practice of professional conduct. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Office of Professional Conduct*

OPERS	Ohio Public Employees Retirement System	The state's largest pension system for state and local public employees. http://www.opers.org/
OPOTA	Ohio Peace Officer Training	Uniform courses of training for law enforcement officers and private security offered through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission. http://www.ag.state.oh.us/le/training/commission.asp
OPRS	Ohio Performance Review System	A system used by Ohio to evaluate the work of employees in order to improve the effectiveness and productivity of state government. http://das.ohio.gov/hrd/oprs.html
OPT	Ohio Proficiency Test	Ohio's former tests that were aligned to learning outcomes, replaced by Ohio Achievement Tests and Ohio Graduation Tests. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Ohio Proficiency Test*
ORC	Ohio Resource Center for Mathematics, Science and Reading	A project of the State University Education Deans, funded by the Ohio General Assembly and established by the Ohio Board of Regents, that identifies effective instructional and professional development resources and best practices and disseminates them to schools, school districts and higher education institutions; supports sustained professional development for teachers and administrators in the effective adoption of best practices and teaching resources; and fosters an integrated educational research and development capacity for Ohio through collaboration with colleges and universities involved in teacher preparation. http://www.ohiorc.org/about/
ORC	Ohio Revised Code	Laws of the state of Ohio consolidated into general provisions, titles, chapters. http://codes.ohio.gov/
ORN	Ohio Resource Network for Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities	An organization that provides technical assistance by region in program development and implementation to help consumers and professionals find relevant materials on alcohol- and drug-abuse prevention and school safety best practices. http://www.ebasedprevention.org/

OSBA	Ohio School Boards Association	A private, not-for-profit statewide organization of public school boards that works to encourage and advance public education through local citizen responsibility. http://www.osba-ohio.org/
OSC	Ohio Super Computer Center	An initiative of the Ohio Board of Regents that provides supercomputing, networking, research and educational resources to a diverse state and national community, including education, academic research, industry and state government. http://www.osc.edu/
OSC	Office of School Choice	The ODE office that oversees The Cleveland Scholarship & Tutoring Program and the Education Choice Scholarship Pilot Program (EdChoice). http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keywords search: *EdChoice, CTSP, School Choice*
OSCA	Ohio School Counselor Association	Association that supports and unites professional school counselors in their endeavors to evaluate student needs and positively impact student success by providing guidance and resources to the school community. http://www.ohioschoolcounselor.org/
OSD	Ohio School for the Deaf	Ohio's public educational facility and resource center on deafness that: provides comprehensive education for Ohio's deaf and hard-of-hearing students which encourages independence and life-long learning; promotes social and cultural awareness; prepares students to attain their potential and become contributing members of their communities, all via a barrier-free communication environment using American Sign Language (ASL) and English. http://www.ohioschoolforthedeaf.org/
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs	The U.S. Department of Education's office dedicated to improving results for infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities ages birth through 21 by providing leadership and financial support to assist states and local districts. http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html

OSFC	Ohio School Facilities Commission	The governmental entity that provides funding, management oversight and technical assistance to Ohio school districts for the construction and renovation of school facilities to create an appropriate learning environment for Ohio's school children. http://www.osfc.state.oh.us/
OSHN	Office for Safety, Health and Nutrition	The ODE office that administers federal child nutrition programs as well as programs and policies promoting wellness, school safety and positive learning climates, and administers grant programs for academic intervention, safe and drug-free schools and behavioral health. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *OSHN*
OSSB	Ohio State School for the Blind	A publicly funded educational facility dedicated to the intellectual, social, physical and emotional growth of students with visual impairments, including those with multiple disabilities. http://tlcf.osn.state.oh.us/ohiostate/main.htm
OSTW	Ohio Schools To Watch	Program recognizing schools with practices that accelerate middle school transformation. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *OSTW*
OTIESA	Ohio Trade and Industrial Education Supervisors Association	An organization of supervisors, principals, directors and coordinators who administer and support career-technical education within Ohio. *No Web site available.*
OTOY	Ohio Teacher of the Year	An ODE recognition program that honors, promotes and celebrates excellence in teaching as part of the National Teacher of the Year program administered by the Council of Chief State School Officers in Washington, D.C. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *OTOY*
OVAE	Office of Vocational and Adult Education	An office of the U.S. Department of Education that administers, coordinates and recommends policy for improving quality and excellence of programs to help prepare young people and adults for postsecondary education, successful careers and productive lives. http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/index.html?src=mr

OWF	Ohio Works First	The term used in Ohio for public assistance for families (cash assistance portion of TANF, formerly ADC). http://jfs.ohio.gov/owf/
PACTS	Program Auditing and Compliance Tracking System	An application that helps districts and community schools monitor how well they are meeting the legal requirements of *No Child Left Behind* and other federally funded programs. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *PACTS* or http://ccip.ode.state.oh.us/ccip/documentview.asp?docid=514
PAEMST	Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.	The nation's highest honor for teachers of mathematics and science recognizing exemplary K-12 teachers for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession. http://www.paemst.org
PBS	Positive Behavior Support	A term for affirmative actions that school districts and buildings use to assist students with behaviors that interfere with learning. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Positive Behavior Support* or http://www.pbis.org/main.htm
PLT	Principles of Learning and Teaching test (Praxis **II**)	Assessments that measure general pedagogical knowledge at four grade levels: Early Childhood, K-6, 5-9 and 7-12. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Praxis*
PO	Pull Out	Small group tutoring outside of classroom. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Pull out*
PLTW	Project Lead The Way	A pre-engineering career initiative with strong infusion of mathematics, science and technology and focus on high-skill, high-wage, high-demand jobs. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Project Lead The Way*

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PPA	Per Pupil Allocation	Used by local educational agencies in the formula to determine a Title I-eligible building's allocation, based on requirements in the NCLB Act and in combination with the number of low-income children in the building. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Per pupil*
PPO	Pupil Performance Objective	A three-part statement of what, in measurable terms, a learner must do to master a competency builder that includes a description of the competency builder, the conditions under which the competency builder will be measured, and the standard or criteria that states how well the competency builder must be performed to be considered mastered. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Pupil Performance Objective*
PSAT	Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test	A standardized test that measures verbal reasoning, critical reading, mathematics problem-solving and writing skills; provides firsthand practice for the SAT I Reasoning Test and SAT II Writing Test; and gives students an opportunity to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) scholarship programs. http://www.collegeboard.com
PSC	Public School Choice	Offers a student enrolled in a Title I school that is in need of improvement an opportunity to attend another school, even as his or her original school is undergoing improvement. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *PSC*
PSE	Preschool Special Education	Programs and services for children identified as having a disability in one or more of these areas: communication; vision; hearing; motor skills; social emotional/behavioral functioning; self-help skills; and/or cognitive skills. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Preschool Special Education*

REA	Reading Excellence Act	Known as Reading First, a competitive, federal grant program that supports teachers and students in low-performing, high-poverty schools and targets children in kindergarten through Grade 3, using scientifically based reading research and proven instructional strategies and tests to ensure that all children can read at or above grade level by the end of third grade. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Reading First*
REAP	Rural Education Achievement Program	Federal Title VI-B rural grants that use U.S. Census Bureau locale codes to determine school district eligibility and funding. http://ccip.ode.state.oh.us/ccip/doclib/default.asp?ts=425200720557 and search for *REAP*.
RR	Reading Recovery	A short-term early intervention of one-to-one tutoring by specially trained teachers that can close or narrow the literacy achievement gap that exists along racial, ethnic and economic lines. http://www.readingrecovery.com/
SAAVT	State Approving Agency for Veterans Training	The ODE office that provides technical assistance and regulatory expertise to educational and training administrators of approved educational institutions and programs to ensure that quality programs are available to veterans and other eligible persons. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *State Approving* or *Veterans Training*
SACC	School-Age Child Care	An online search tool which serves as a directory of preschool programs and school-age child care programs licensed by ODE. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *SACC*
SAELP	State Action for Education Leadership Program	A state education leadership initiative funded by The Wallace Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation with the goal of strengthening the ability of district and school leadership to improve student achievement. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *SAELP*
SAFE	Secure Application for the Enterprise	ODE's secure environment to register for professional development, report student data or provide information about a specific school district. http://www.ode.state/oh.us, keyword search: *SAFE Account*

SAT	Scholastic Aptitude Test	A college entrance exam taken by high school students and others seeking admission to higher education. http://www.collegeboard.com
SB	Senate Bill	A piece of legislation introduced into the Ohio Senate. http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/search.cfm
SBP	School Breakfast Program	A nutrition assistance program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered in Ohio by ODE that provides free or reduced-price breakfasts to low-income students. http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/breakfast/ or http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Breakfast*
SBR	Scientifically Based Research	Research that involves the application of rigorous, systematic and objective procedures to obtain reliable and valid knowledge relevant to educational activities and programs, often mentioned in NCLB. http://www.ed.gov/nclb/methods/whatworks/research/index.html
SDFSC	Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities	The resolution of schools to provide drug- and violence-prevention activities which promote the health and well-being of students. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Safe and Drug-Free*
SE	Special Education-Exceptional Children/Special Needs	Children who require special education due to physical, cognitive, emotional or other types of disabilities. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Students with Disabilities* or *Whose IDEA is This?*
SEC	Surveys of Enacted Curriculum	A research-based data tool that allows teachers, administrators and policy makers to examine the extent of alignment between the enacted curriculum, the intended curriculum and the assessed curriculum. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *SEC*
SENSE	Schools Excelling through National Standards Education	An American Welding Society program of national skill standards for training and qualification of welding personnel where students advance through three levels, emerging prepared and ready for today's workforce. http://www.aws.org/w/s/education/sense/index.html

SERRC	Special Education Regional Resource Center	Former centers, now part of the State Support Teams (SSTs) that provide technical assistance and professional development in 16 regions of the state, based on district performance on State Report Card data, using a tiered model of assistance. http://www.ode.state.oh.us and search keyword: *State Support Team*
SES	Supplemental Educational Services	Free tutoring to students who attend a school in its second year or later of Title I School Improvement status and whose family meets the income limits under NCLB. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *SES*
SFSP	Summer Food Service Program	A U.S. Department of Agriculture program offered through the Ohio Department of Education that provides nutritious meals and snacks during summer months in sites that meet eligibility requirements. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Summer Food*
SGI	Small Group Instruction	The tutoring of a few students, often with similar needs, by an intervention specialist. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Small Group Instruction*
SI	School Improvement	A status that indicates a building or district (Title I or non-Title I) has not met AYP for two or more consecutive years. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *School Improvement*
SIG	State Improvement Grant	A grant that provides supplemental allocations for special education to schools in Title I School Improvement status. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *SIG*
SIRI	State Institutes for Reading Instruction	A state-sponsored professional development opportunity for Ohio educators that encourages a statewide shared conversation around reading development, provides teachers with foundational knowledge and strategies that are research-based and offers specialized instruction for teachers on preschool, early childhood reading development and adolescent literacy. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *SIRI*

SLD	Specific Learning Disabilities	A term describing a child's difficulty with oral expression, listening comprehension, written expression, basic reading, reading fluency, reading comprehension, mathematics calculation or mathematics problem-solving skills, assessed by the child's response to scientific, research-based interventions. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *SLD*
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist	Professionals, sometimes called speech therapists, who assess, diagnose, treat and help prevent speech, language, cognitive, communication, voice, swallowing, fluency and other related disorders. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Speech Language Pathologist*
SMP	Special Milk Program	A USDA reimbursement program for participating schools and institutions that operate their milk programs on a nonprofit basis and agree to use the federal reimbursement to reduce the selling price of milk to all children. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Special Milk Program*
SNA	School Nutrition Association	A national, nonprofit professional organization (formerly known as the American School Food Service Association) that provides high-quality, low-cost meals to students across the country; gathers and disseminates industry information; and provides training, certification and credentialing. http://www.schoolnutrition.org/
SRAAB	State Regional Alliance Advisory Board	Required by House Bill 115, develops common language and understanding regarding the Educational Regional Service System (ERSS); ensures common understanding of SRAAB membership, purpose and scope; provides opportunities for Regional Advisory Councils to share progress updates and best practices; provides opportunities for input on future agendas and increases statewide sense of ownership in the SRAAB; and discusses issues that have risen across the state. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *SRAAB*

SREB	Southern Regional Education Board	The nation's first compact for education that works to improve every aspect of education, from early childhood education to doctoral degrees and beyond. http://www.sreb.org/
SSID	Statewide Student Identifier	A system that assigns a student identification number to all 1.8 million K-12 public school children in the state, designed to monitor academic performance and student mobility more closely while ensuring confidentiality of individual student information. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *SSID*
SST	State Support Team	Works with districts using a tiered model of service delivery, with the lowest performing districts receiving the greatest intensity of services to increase student achievement. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: SST
STARS	System To Achieve Results for Students	ODE's online system for educators to register themselves for professional development opportunities throughout the state. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *STARS*
STRS	State Teachers Retirement System	A retirement system for educators who contribute to STRS Ohio for service in an Ohio public educational institution. http://www.strsoh.org/
STAP	School-to-Apprenticeship Program	Part of a career opportunity system designed to help students enter a career path leading to highly skilled apprentice occupations by connecting regionally based secondary career-technical education programs from multiple career-technical planning districts through a consortia agreement that must include involvement of postsecondary education, business, industry, organized labor, government and the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *School-to-Apprenticeship Program*
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics	A national program focusing on science and mathematics, that seeks to grow and nurture students who are problem solvers, innovators, inventors, logical thinkers and strong communicators – both oral and written. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *STEM* or http://www.ohiostem.org/

SW	Schoolwide	A Title I program that upgrades the entire instructional program in the school building to enable all children, particularly the lowest achieving students, to reach the state's standards for reading/language arts and mathematics. http://ccip.ode.state.oh.us/ccip/documentview.asp?docid=46
SY	School Year	The duration school is in session in Ohio, often from August or September to May or June, set locally by districts.
21st CCLC	21st Century Community Learning Centers	A grant-funded program for helping students attending eligible schools to meet state academic achievement standards in reading and mathematics by providing expanded learning opportunities that build and expand upon the regular school day. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Twenty-First Century*
TA	Targeted Assistance School	Supplemental Title I services provided to a select group of eligible children – those identified as failing or most at-risk of failing to meet the state's standards for reading and/or mathematics that all children are expected to master. http://ccip.ode.state.oh.us/ccip/documentview.asp?docid=742
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families	The term for federal funding that provides public assistance to families, administered by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. http://jfs.ohio.gov/owf/ http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/acf_services.html#walia
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury	An acquired injury to the brain caused by an external physical force or by other medical conditions including stroke, anoxia, infectious disease, aneurysm, brain tumors and neurological insults resulting from medical or surgical treatments, which results in total or partial functional disability or psychosocial impairment or both, that adversely affects a child's educational performance. http://rsc.ohio.gov/FunforKids/learn/learning_imp.asp

TCP	Technical Competency Profile	Within College Tech Prep programs, provides a curricular framework for Tech Prep programs beginning in high school and continuing through the end of an associate degree or apprenticeship program. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Tech Prep*
TIMSS	Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study	Assessments that provide participating countries with an opportunity to measure students' progress in mathematics at grades four, eight and 12 on a regular four-year cycle. http://nces.ed.gov/TIMSS/
Title I	Also known as: Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged; Education for the Disadvantaged – Grants to Local Education Agencies; Title I ESEA; Title I LEA Grants	A federally funded program that provides financial assistance through state or local education agencies and schools with high numbers or high percentages of poor children to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. http://www.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/index.html
Title II-A	Also known as: Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	A federally funded program that seeks to increase academic achievement by improving teacher and principal quality, by increasing the number of highly qualified teachers in classrooms; improving the skills of principals and assistant principals in schools; and increasing the effectiveness of teachers and principals by holding LEAs and schools accountable for improvements in student academic achievement. http://www.ed.gov/programs/teacherqual/index.html
Title II-D	Also known as: Enhancing Education through Technology; Ed Tech State Program; Ed Tech	A federally funded program that seeks to improve student achievement through the use of technology in elementary and secondary schools; help all students become technologically literate by the end of the eighth grade; and establish research-based instructional methods that can be widely implemented. http://www.ed.gov/programs/edtech/index.html
Title III	Also known as: English Language Instruction State Grants; Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient Children and Immigrant Children and Youth	A federally funded program designed to improve the education of limited English proficient children and youths by helping them learn English and meet challenging state academic content and student academic achievement standards. http://www.ed.gov/programs/sfgp/index.html

Title IV-A	Also known as: Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act	Federally funded support programs that: prevent violence in and around schools; prevent the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs; involve parents and communities; and are coordinated with related federal, state, school and community efforts and resources to foster a safe and drug-free learning environment that supports student academic achievement. http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/programs.html or http://drugfreecommunities.samhsa.gov/
Title IV-B	Also known as: 21st Century Community Learning Centers	A federal program that provides funds to increase students' and communities' access to school building services and to before- and after-school activities, including enrichment activities that help children meet state academic achievement standards. http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg51.html or http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *CCLC*
Title V-A	Also known as: Innovative Programs	A federally funded state-administered formula grant program designed to improve the quality of education for all students through innovative assistance programs that include instructional and educational materials, technology, school improvement, school and education reform, as well as address the education needs of at-risk and high-cost students. http://www.ed.gov/programs/innovative/index.html
Title VI-B Rural	Also known as: Rural Education Achievement Program, Small Rural School Grants	An annual federally funded entitlement grant program that provides financial assistance to eligible rural districts to assist them in meeting their state's definition of adequate yearly progress (AYP). http://ccip.ode.state.oh.us/ccip/documentview.asp?docid=452 or http://www.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/index.html
TP	Tech Prep	Officially called College Tech Prep, part of career-technical education that combines college preparatory academics and advanced career-technical education with the objective of an easy transition from high school to postsecondary education. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Tech Prep*

USAS	Uniform School Accounting System	An accounting system based on the use of a combination of dimensions, each of which supplies different elements of information, that enables users to select the most appropriate code so that each financial transaction of a school district will be adequately identified. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *USAS*
USDA, FNS	United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service	The federal agency and office that provide children and low-income adults access to healthful food and nutrition education through its nutrition assistance programs. http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/
USDOE	United States Department of Education	The federal agency that ensures equal access to education and promotes educational excellence throughout the nation by establishing policies, distributing and monitoring federal financial aid for education, collecting and disseminating research data on America's schools, and focusing national attention on its priority educational issues. http://www.ed.gov/index.jhtml
USDOL	United States Department of Labor	The federal agency that fosters and promotes the welfare of job seekers, wage earners and retirees of the United States by: improving their working conditions; advancing their opportunities for profitable employment; protecting their retirement and health care benefits; helping employers find workers; strengthening free collective bargaining; tracking changes in employment, prices and other national economic measurements; and administering various federal labor laws including those that guarantee workers' rights to safe and healthful working conditions, a minimum hourly wage, overtime pay, freedom from employment discrimination, unemployment insurance and other income support. http://www.dol.gov/
UDSVA	United States Department of Veterans' Affairs	The federal agency that provides patient care, benefits and other services to American veterans. http://www.va.gov/
VI	Visual Impairment	Diminished ability to see, including blindness. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Visual Impairment*

VATOD	Violence, Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs	A self-explanatory term used by Title IV providers and violence prevention professionals. http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/programs.html and http://drugfreecommunities.samhsa.gov/
VICA	Vocational Industrial Clubs of America	Also called Skills USA/VICA, the national organization that serves trade, industrial, technical and health occupations students in public high schools, vocational centers, area vocational schools and two-year colleges. www.skillsusa.org
VEPD	Vocational Educational Planning District	Now known as a Career-Technical Planning District (CTPD), a local education agency configuration (comprehensive district, compact/contract district or joint vocational school district) that meets the minimum requirements of law and subsequent standards to offer state sanctioned career-technical programming. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *CTPD*
WBRS	Web-based Recruitment System	Ohio's interactive tool to help match school district vacancies with prospective educators. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Educator jobs*
WD	Workforce Development	Career-technical programs offering courses of study that integrate technical skills with academic content standards in specific career fields. http://www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Workforce Development*
WIA	Workforce Investment Act	The federal law that superseded the Job Training Partnership Act to offer a comprehensive range of workforce development activities through statewide and local organizations. http://www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/wia/
WIC	Women, Infants and Children	An Ohio Department of Health nutrition program that safeguards the health of low-income women, infants and children up to age five by providing nutritious foods to supplement diets, information on healthy eating and referrals to health care. http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhPrograms/ns/wicn/wic1.aspx