



Common Acronyms in Public Education

504 - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that prohibits discrimination based on disability

AAR - Academic Achievement Record transcript of academic achievement of students who have completed a minimum, recommended, advanced (distinguished) or foundation high school program. School districts are required to maintain these records.

ABE - Adult Basic Education programs that provide English language proficiency, basic academic and literacy functional skills, and high school equivalency for out-of-school youth and adults. ABE is for individuals who are beyond the age of compulsory school attendance and who function at less than a high school completion level.

ACES - Adult and Community Education System is a historical data base used for federal reporting from 1999 to 2004. ACES is no longer active and has been replaced with TEAMS (Texas Educating Adults Management System). TEAMS is the current web-based management information system for adult education in Texas. The system is made up of data collected according to state and federal definitions, entered by local Adult Education providers who receive state and federal adult education funds. Adult education services are provided to persons beyond compulsory education (adults) who need adult basic education and do not have a high school diploma or need to learn to speak English. TEAMS produces adult education state and federal reports.

ACP - Alternative Certification Program

ACT - American College Testing assessment evaluates a student's knowledge of English, math, social sciences and natural sciences.

ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

AEIS - Academic Excellence Indicator System annual reports offered extensive information on student performance, staff, finances, programs and demographics in each Texas school and district. As of 2012-13, they were renamed Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPR).

AEP - Alternative Education Program

AESOP - Automated substitute placement and absence management system

AI - Auditory Impairment

AP - Advanced Placement is a program, administered by the College Board, that offers students the

opportunity to take one or more advanced level courses and examinations from six academic areas: arts, English, history and social sciences, mathematics and computer science, sciences and world languages

APR - Annual Performance Report

ARD - Admission, Review and Dismissal Process

AskTED - [Texas Education Directory](#)

AT - Assistive Technology

ATPE - Association of Texas Professional Educators

AU - Autism

BIP - Behavior Intervention Plan

CAC - Texas Special Education Continuing Advisory Committee

CADRE - Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education

CARS - Center for Academic and Reading Skills

CBE - Credit by Exam

CTE - Career and Technical Education

CBM - Curriculum Based Measurement

CCSSO - Council of Chief State School Officers

CEIC - Campus Education Improvement Council

CEOP - Certified Education Office Professional

CF - Child Find

CFR - Code of Federal Regulations

CIFMS - Continuous Improvement and Focused Monitoring System

CIMP - Continuous Improvement Monitoring Process

CIP - Continuous Improvement Plan

CIP - Campus Improvement Plan

CIS - Communities In Schools

CLEP - College-Level Examination Program

CPDTs - Centers for Professional Development of Teachers

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CRCG - Community Resource Coordination Group

CRP - Class-Size Reduction Program (administered by Texas Education Agency) reduces class size in the early elementary grades to 18 or fewer students. Highly-qualified teachers increase regular and special education student achievement by providing personal attention and a solid learning foundation so all students read independently by third grade.

CRT - Criterion Referenced Test

CSH - Coordinated School Health

CSPD - Comprehensive System of Personnel Development

CSRD - Comprehensive School Reform Program

DADS - Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services

DAEP - Disciplinary Alternative Education Program

DARS - Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

DAS - Data Analysis System

DB - Deaf-Blind

DD Council - Texas Council for the Developmental Disabilities

DEIC - District-wide Education Improvement Council

DOL - Department of Labor

DPH - Due Process Hearing

DSHS - Texas Department of State Health Services

ECI - Early Childhood Intervention

ECO - Early Childhood Outcomes Center

ED - Emotional Disturbance

Ed Tech PILOTS - The Providing Increased Learning Opportunities for Texas Students program (administered by Textbook and Instructional Technology divisions) funds pilot programs to integrate technology in Texas schools.

EDEN - Education Data Exchange Network

EDGAR - Education Department General Administrative Regulations

Ed-Flex - Education Flexibility Partnership Demonstration Program allows states some leeway in federal mandates issued via Education 2000.

EEO - Equal Employment Opportunity

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EEOC - Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

EIMAC - Education Information Management Advisory Consortium of CCSSO

EL - English Learners

EMAT - Educational Materials is a password entry for textbook coordinators to access ordering information and procedures, including audits.

ERS - Education Research Service

ESSA - Every Student Succeeds Act

ESC - Education Support Center

ESEA - Elementary and Secondary Education Act

ESL - English as a Second Language

ESY - Extended School Year

ETP - Emergency Teaching Permit

EVI - Education Material for the Visually Impaired

ExCET - Examination for the Certification of Educators in Texas

FAPE - Free Appropriate Public Education

FBA - Functional Behavioral Assessment

FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act protects the privacy of a student's education records. The federal law applies to all schools that receive funds under the U.S. Department of Education and gives parents certain rights with their children's education records.

FIE - Full and Individual Evaluation

FIRST - Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas

FMLA - Family Medical Leave Act

GASPA - Gulf Coast Association of School Personnel Administrators

GC - General Curriculum

GED - General Educational Development allows individuals to earn a GED certificate/credential, the equivalent of a high school diploma. The tests measure adults' ability to understand and apply information; evaluate, analyze and draw conclusions; solve problems; and express ideas and opinions in writing.

GPC - Grade Placement Committee

GPRA - Government Performance and Results Act

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GT - Gifted and Talented

GTA - Gifted & Talented Academy

HHSC - Texas Health and Human Services Commission

HIPAA - Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996

HO - Hearing Officer

HQ - Highly Qualified

HRS - Human Resource Services

IAES - Interim Alternative Educational Setting

ICD - International Classification of Diseases

ID - Intellectual Disability

IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act provides federal assistance to states for the education of children with disabilities and early intervention programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities.

IEE - Independent Educational Evaluation

IEP - Individualized Education Program

IFSP - Individual Family Service Plan

IGC - Individual Graduation Committee

ISS - In-school Suspension

ITCA - Infant and Toddler Coordinators Association

ITP - Individual Transition Plan

JJAEP - Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program

LD - Learning Disability

LEA - Local Education Agency

LEP - Limited English Proficiency

LOTE - Languages Other Than English

LPAC - Language Proficiency Assessment Committee

LRE - Least Restrictive Environment

MAC - Medicaid Administrative Claiming

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MD - Multiple Disabilities

MDR - Manifestation Determination Review

MOU - Memorandum of Understanding

MSRP - Monitoring and State Improvement Planning Division

NAEP - National Assessment of Educational Progress

NASDE - National Association of State Directors of Special Education

NBPTS - National Board of Professional Teaching Standards

NCCRESt - National Center for Culturally Responsive Educational Systems

NCEC - Non-Categorical Early Childhood

NCEO - National Center on Educational Outcomes

NCHS - National Center for Health Statistics

NCLB - No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

NCSEAM - National Center for Special Education Accountability Monitoring

NCSL - National Conference of State Legislatures

NDPC - National Dropout Prevention Center

NECTAC - National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center

NEILS - National Early Intervention Longitudinal Study

NPRM - Notice of Proposed Rule Making

NPSO - National Post-School Outcomes Center

NRP - Non-Renewable Permit

OCIO - Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Education

OCR - Office of Civil Rights

OEYP - Optional Extended Year Program offers students additional time to master the state's challenging content standards and student performance standards.

OHI - Other Health Impairment

OI - Orthopedic Impairment

OIG - Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Education

OMB - Office of Management and Budget

ORR - Open Records Request

OSEP - Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education

OSERS - Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

OSS - Out-of-school Suspension

PACER - Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights

PBIS - Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports

PBM - Performance-Based Monitoring

PBMAS - Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System

PBS - Positive Behavior Support

PDI - Post Degree Intern

Pearland ISD - Pearland Independent School District, spelled *Pearland* rather than *PISD*. PISD is common to Pasadena, Pflugerville and Plano school districts and does not translate accurately in text to voice messages.

PEIMS - Public Education Information Management Systems encompasses all data requested and received by Texas Education Agency about public education, including student demographics and academic performance, personnel, financial and organizational information.

PETs - Projects for Educational Technology demonstration models or pilots allow Texas students, teachers and administrators to test the uses, effectiveness and feasibility of technologies in education and use them to restructure educational systems.

PIL - Parent Information Line (1-800-252-9668) - Texas Education Agency parent special education information line

PIA - Public Information Act

PIRTS - Public Information Request Tracking System

PMWG - Performance Measurement Work Group

PPCD - Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities

P-PST - Pre-Professional Skills Test is used for out-of-state individuals who seek admission to an alternative certification program in Texas.

REED - Review of Existing Evaluation Data

RPTE - Reading Proficiency Tests in English for limited English proficiency students

RTI - Response to Intervention

SAT - Scholastic Aptitude Test

SBEC - State Board for Educator Certification

SBOE - State Board of Education

SDFSC - Title IV - Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities (1) supports programs that prevent violence in and around schools; (2) prevents the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs; (3) involves parents; and (4) cooperates with related federal, state and community efforts to promote safe, drug-free schools and communities.

SES - Supplemental Educational Services

SHAC - Student Health Advisory Council -- a Pearland ISD committee that seeks to improve student health and wellness in district schools

SHARS - Student Health and Related Services

SI - Speech or Language Impairment

SIP - School Improvement Program

SIFA - Schools Interoperability Framework Association

SPP - State Performance Plan

SRCS - School Readiness Certification System

SSA - Shared Service Arrangement

STAAR - State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness replaced the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills as the state's academic assessment program, beginning in the 2011-12 school year.

STAAR A -- An online accommodated version of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness available for students with disabilities who meet eligibility requirements. STAAR A provides embedded supports to help students with disabilities access the content being assessed.

STAAR-EOC - End of Course State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness

TA&D Centers - Technical Assistance and Dissemination Centers

TAC - Texas Administrative Code is the official compilation of all final state agency rules published in the Texas Register.

TAGT - Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented

TAPR - Texas Academic Performance Reports combine details of district and campus academic performance with financial reports and information about staff, programs and demographics. They were formerly known as Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) reports.

TASA - Texas Association of School Administrators

TASB - Texas Association of School Boards

TASC - Texas Assessment of Sign Communications for certification of sign language teachers

TASC-ASL - Texas Assessment of Sign Communications - American Sign Language for certification of sign language teachers

TASP - The Texas Academic Skills Program - a test of reading, writing and mathematics - must be passed before taking any professional development coursework, entering any teacher preparation program or beginning an alternative certification program.

TASPA - Texas Association of School Personnel Administrators

TASSP - Texas Association of Secondary School Principals

TBI - Traumatic Brain Injury

TBSI - Texas Behavior Supports Initiative

TCAP - Temporary Classroom Assignment Permit

TCASE - Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education

TCIP - Texas Continuous Improvement Process

TCP - Time Clock Plus

TCRLA - Texas Center for Reading and Language Arts (now Vaughn Gross Center for Reading and Language Arts at the University of Texas-Austin)

TEA - Texas Education Agency

TEC - Texas Education Code

TED - Texas Educational Directory system provides current directory and mailing information for Texas education-related organizations such as schools, districts and regional education service centers.

TEKS - Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills are the state standards for what students should know and be able to do. Districts are required to use the essential knowledge and skills as guidelines for instruction in each grade level.

TELPAS - Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System

TESS - The Educational Software Selector is a comprehensive listing of approximately 20,000 school software products from more than 1,000 publishers.

TETN - Texas Education Telecommunications Network

TIA - Teacher Incentive Allotment

TIE - Technology Integration in Education is information about how technology is being integrated into Texas schools.

TLA - Texas Library Association

TLC - Texas Library Connection

TMHP - Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership

TOPT - Texas Oral Proficiency Test - part of the teacher certification process - must be passed to obtain an elementary or secondary French, elementary or secondary Spanish or bilingual teaching certificate.

TRS - Teacher Retirement System of Texas

TSBVI - Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

TSD - Texas School for the Deaf

TSIA - Texas Success Initiative Assessment

TSII - Texas School Improvement Initiative is (1) a statewide educational leadership network; (2) a group of school district representatives trained in effective school practices; (3) practitioners with expertise in analyzing student outcomes, planning, decision-making and evaluating programs; and (4) practitioners who participate in on-site peer review evaluations.

TSSAS - Texas Successful Schools Award System (under the Texas Education Code, Section 39.092), provides financial awards to schools that have demonstrated the highest sustained success or the greatest improvement in achieving education goals.

TSTA - Texas State Teacher Association

T-PESS - Texas Principal Evaluation and Support System

T-STAR - Texas School Telecommunications Access Resource is a statewide satellite network linking Texas districts, regional education service centers and the Texas Education Agency to satellite service providers across the country.

T-TESS - Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System replaces PDAS as the state's teacher evaluation system supporting teachers in their professional growth. It measures teacher effectiveness through observation, teacher self-assessment and student growth.

TX1YR - Out-of-state certified

TXDP - Texas Department of Public Safety

TxVSN - Texas Virtual School Network

TYC - Texas Youth Commission

UIL - University Interscholastic League

USDE - United States Department of Education

VI - Visual impairment

VR - Vocational rehabilitation

WADA - Weighted Average Daily Attendance measures the extent that a district's students in average daily attendance participate in special programs (e.g., special education, career and technical education and bilingual, compensatory and gifted education). WADA is used to calculate a district's TIER II entitlement and determine wealth status and recapture amounts.

WSD - The Windham School District was established by the Texas Legislature as an entity separate and distinct from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The Texas Board of Criminal Justice serves as WSD's board of trustees.

Also See:

Texas Education Agency Glossary of Acronyms:

http://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Glossary_of_Acronyms/

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