

GLOSSARY OF EDUCATIONAL ACRONYMS

Have you ever been reading an education article in a magazine or online and run across a bunch of initials that make no sense? Acronyms are words made up of the first initials of several words and are often used as shortcuts. Below is a list of education-related acronyms that may be useful. The base list was established by the Minnesota School Board Association, but the list has been edited and revised to be related to ROCORI School District.

General Special Education ROCORI Minnesota Testing Financial

ACT - American College Test

AD - Activities Director

ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act

ADD - Attention Deficit Disorder

ADHD - Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder

ADM - Average Daily Membership

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

AMCPU – Adjusted Marginal Cost Pupil Units

ANTC - Adjusted Net Tax Capacity

BCA - Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

BSED – Benton-Stearns Education District

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

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

CD - Certificate of Deposit

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

CIA – Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Program

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

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

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

CLICS – Cyber-Linked Interactive Child Nutrition System

CS - Child Study

CSE – Cold Spring Elementary School

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

DCD – Developmental Cognitive Delay (Severe or Moderate)

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

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

D/HH - Deaf/Hard of Hearing

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

DIRS – Disciplinary Incident Reporting System

DOE / USDOE – United States Department of Education

E-3 – Early childhood education through third grade

EBD - Emotional Behavior Disorder

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

ECFE - Early Childhood Family Education

ECP—Exposure Control Plan (OSHA requirements)

ECSE - Early Childhood Special Education

EDRS - Electronic Data Reporting Service

EEO - Equal Employment Opportunity

EIS - Early Intervention Services

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

EM - Education Minnesota

EOY – End of Year

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

ERISA - Employee Retirement Security Act

ESLP (SLP) - Educational Speech - Language Pathologist

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

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

ETS - Educational Telecommunications System

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

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

FTE - Full Time Equivalent

FY - Fiscal Year

GED - General Education Diploma

GHS—Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals

GPA - Grade Point Average

HACA - Homestead Agricultural Credit Act

HCS—Hazard Communication System

HI - Hearing Impaired

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

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

IEP - Individual Education Plan

IFSP - Individual Family Service Plan

ISD - Independent School District

ISDN - Integrated Service Digital Network

IT - Information Technology

ITBS - Iowa Tests of Basic Skills

ITV - Interactive Television

JCE – John Clark Elementary School

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

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

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

LD - Learning Disability

LTD - Long Term Disability

MAEOP - Minnesota Association of Educational Office Professionals

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

MARSS - Minnesota Automated Reporting Student Systems

MASA - Minnesota Association of School Administrators

MASBO - Minnesota Association of School Business Officials

MASSP - Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals

MCA - Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments

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

MEEP - Minnesota Education Effectiveness Plan

MESPA – Minnesota Elementary School Principal Association

MinnSPRA - Minnesota School Public Relations Association

MITN - Minnesota Interactive Television Networks

MLA - Minnesota Library Association

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

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

MNSCU - Minnesota State Colleges and University System

MREA - Minnesota Rural Education Association

MRNet - Minnesota Regional Network

MSBA - Minnesota School Boards Association

MSBAIT - Minnesota School Boards Association Insurance Trust

MSDLAF - Minnesota School Deposit Liquid Asset Fund

MSHSCA – Minnesota State High School Coaches Association

MSHSL - Minnesota State High School League

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

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

OSHA—Occupational Safety and Health Administration

OT - Occupational Therapy

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

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

PELRA - Public Employee Labor Relations Act

PERA – Public Employee Retirement Association

PFDA - Pupil Fair Dismissal Act

PIMS – Computer chips within the HVAC system at CSE

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

POHI - Physical or Other Health Impaired

PPE—Personal Protective Equipment

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

PT - Physical Therapy

PU - Pupil Unit

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

RFP - Request For Proposal

RHS – ROCORI High School

RI or RE – Richmond Elementary

RMCPU - Resident Marginal Cost Pupil Units

RMS – ROCORI Middle School

RMV - Referendum Market Value

RO – Rockville (John Clark) Elementary

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

SADD – Students Against Drunk Driving (Destructive Decisions)

SAT - Scholastic Aptitude Test

SAT - Student Assistance Team

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

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

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

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

SRO – School Resource Officer

STW - School To Work

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

SY – School Year

T & E - Training and Experience

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

TAG - Telecommunications Access Grant

TIES - Technology and Information Educational Services

TIF - Tax Increment Financing

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

TRA - Teachers Retirement Association

TSA - Tax Sheltered Annuity

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

UFARS - Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting System

URL - Universal Resource Locator

VI - Visually Impaired

WADM - Weighted Average Daily Membership

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