

ACRONYMS

The education field uses a lot of acronyms. Commonly used education acronyms are listed below. (Some may only be used locally.) Sometimes just knowing the words does not help, so we will be adding more detail about each acronym.

ADD/ADHD - Attention deficit disorder and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder are medical conditions characterized by a child's inability to focus, while possessing impulsivity, fidgeting and inattention.

ADE - Arizona Department of Education.

AR - Accelerated Reader.

AzCIS- Arizona Career Information System.

BIP - Behavior Intervention Plan.

CICO - Check in, Check Out Tier 2 intervention.

CTE - Career and Technical Education. Classes that allow students to explore interests and careers while building and strengthening their career-specific knowledge and skills.

CTSO - Career and Technical Student Organizations.

DD - Developmental Disability.

DECA - Distributive Education Clubs of America. [Website](#)

DIBELS - Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills. A set of procedures and measures for assessing the acquisition of early literacy skills from kindergarten through sixth grade.

DPC - District Parent Council.

ECAP - Education Career Action Plan.

ELL - English Language Learner. Student whose first language is one other than English and who needs language assistance to participate fully in the regular curriculum. Often used interchangeably with ESL.

ESL - English as a Second Language. Student's native language is not English. Often used interchangeably with ELL.

ESEA - Elementary and Secondary Education Act. This is the principal federal law affecting K-12 education. When the ESEA of 1965 was reauthorized and amended in 2002, it was renamed the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. In 2009, the program was again referenced as the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

ESY - Extended School Year.

FBLA - Future Business Leaders of America.

FCCLA - Family Career and Community Leaders of America, a national Career and Technical Student Organization that provides personal growth, leadership development, and career preparation opportunities for students in Family and Consumer Sciences education.

GREAT - Gang Resistance Education Training.

HOSA - Health Occupation Students of America.

HART - Havasu Agency Resource Team.

IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. A federal law designed to ensure that all children with disabilities have available to them a free and appropriate public education.

IEE - Independent Educational Evaluation. An evaluation conducted by a qualified examiner who is not employed by the school district.

IEP - Individualized Education Program. The written document that states goals, objectives, and services for students receiving special education.

ILLPS - Individual Language Learning Plans.

JTED - Joint Technical Education District.

LEA - Local Education Agency/Authority. Synonymous with a local school system or a local school district, indicating that a public board of education or other public authority maintains administrative control of the public schools in a city or county.

NEHS- National Elementary Honor Society

NHS - National Honor Society.

NJHS - National Junior Honor Society.

NOVA - Nurture, Opportunities, Values, Accountability. An interactive program taught by uniformed Law Enforcement Officers in the classroom. N.O.V.A. Principles encourages youth to abstain from the use of harmful substances, become active in productive and positive self-esteem building activities, and to stay on a successful path of making good decisions.

PACE - Parent and Community Engagement.

PBIS - Positive Behavior Intervention Support. A program for recognizing good behavior and correcting inappropriate behavior.

PEA - Public Education Agency (District)

PIC - Parent Involvement Committee.

PTA - Parent Teacher Association.

PTAC - Parent Teacher Association Council.

PTSO - Parent-Teacher-Student Organization.

RED - Review of Existing Data.

RTI - Response to Intervention. A multi-tier approach to the early identification and support of students with learning and behavior needs.

SAP - Student Assistance Program.

SDC - Special Day Class. A self-contained special education class which provides services to students with intensive needs that cannot be met by the general education program.

SEI - Structured English Immersion. A technique for rapidly teaching English to English Language Learners where significant amounts of the school day are dedicated to the explicit teaching of the English language.

SIT - Student Intervention Team.

SPED - Special Education.

STAR - Standardized Testing and Reporting. Also, an assessment test from Renaissance Learning.

STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics. STEM curriculum emphasizes connections within and between the fields of mathematics and science; integrates technology; introduces and engages students in the engineering design process; cultivates creativity; and develops skills that drive innovation.

Title I - The largest federal education funding program for schools. Its aim is to help students who are behind academically or at risk of falling behind. School funding is based on the number of low-income children, generally those eligible for the free and reduced price lunch program. Title I used to be known as Chapter I.

Title III - the section of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act that provides funding and addresses English language acquisition and standards and accountability requirements for limited English proficient students.

WAVE - Western Arizona Vocational Education (Usually seen joined to another acronym JTED.) [Website](#)