

# The ABCs of ‘Educationese’

One of the challenges with any new career is learning the vernacular of the field, and education is no different. In an effort to help you develop fluency in “Educationese,” PAGE has assembled a reference list of commonly used acronyms — some specific to the field of education and some general.

<b>AASA:</b> American Association of School Administrators	<b>FGE:</b> Future Georgia Educators	<b>ITV:</b> Instructional Television	<b>RIF:</b> Reduction in Force
<b>ADA:</b> Americans with Disabilities Act	<b>FICA:</b> Federal Insurance Contributions Act (Social Security Tax)	<b>IU:</b> Instructional Unit	<b>RT3:</b> Race to the Top
<b>ADD:</b> Attention Deficit Disorder	<b>FIP:</b> Formative Instructional Practices	<b>LAPS:</b> Leader Assessment Performance Standard	<b>RTI:</b> Response to Intervention
<b>ADHD:</b> Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	<b>FTE:</b> Full Time Equivalent	<b>LBOE:</b> Local Board of Education	<b>SAAC:</b> Student Assessment Advisory Committee
<b>AP:</b> Accommodation Plan (Section 504 Students)	<b>FY:</b> Fiscal Year	<b>LD:</b> Learning Disability	<b>SBD:</b> Severe Behavior Disorder
<b>AP:</b> Advanced Placement	<b>GACE:</b> Georgia Advisory Council on Education	<b>LEP:</b> Limited English Proficiency	<b>SDD:</b> Significant Developmental Delay
<b>BEOG:</b> Basic Education Opportunity Grant	<b>GACE™:</b> Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators	<b>LKES:</b> Leader Keys Effectiveness System	<b>SEBD:</b> Severe Emotional Behavior Disorder
<b>BOE:</b> Board of Education	<b>GAEL:</b> Georgia Association of Educational Leaders	<b>LRE:</b> Least Restrictive Environment	<b>SED:</b> Severely Emotionally Disturbed
<b>BST:</b> Basic Skills Test	<b>GAESP:</b> Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals	<b>LUA:</b> Local Unit of Administration	<b>SGM:</b> Student Growth Model
<b>CAP:</b> Corrective Action Plan	<b>GAMSP:</b> Georgia Association of Middle School Principals	<b>MEA:</b> Migrant Education Agency	<b>SI:</b> Speech/Language Impairment
<b>CBA:</b> Curriculum-Based Assessment	<b>GAPIE:</b> Georgia Partners in Education	<b>MID:</b> Mildly Intellectually Disabled	<b>SIA:</b> Special Instructional Assistance
<b>CCGPS:</b> Common Core Georgia Performance Standards	<b>GASCD:</b> Georgia Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development	<b>MIMH:</b> Mildly Mentally Handicapped	<b>SID:</b> Severe Intellectual Disability
<b>CCRPI:</b> College and Career Readiness Performance Index	<b>GASPA:</b> Georgia Association of School Personnel Administrators	<b>MOD:</b> Modification	<b>SIP:</b> School Improvement Plan
<b>CEC:</b> Council for Exceptional Children	<b>GASSP:</b> Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals	<b>MoID:</b> Moderately Intellectually Disabled	<b>SIS:</b> Student Information System
<b>CEU:</b> Continuing Education Unit	<b>GaTAPP:</b> Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy	<b>NBPTS:</b> National Board for Professional Teaching Standards	<b>SLD:</b> Specific Learning Disability
<b>CO:</b> Central Office	<b>GBOE:</b> Georgia Board of Education	<b>NRT:</b> Norm-referenced Test	<b>SLO:</b> Student Learning Objective
<b>COE:</b> Code of Ethics or College of Education	<b>GKAP:</b> Georgia Kindergarten Assessment Program	<b>NTE:</b> National Teacher's Examination	<b>SLP:</b> Speech/Language Pathologist
<b>CPI:</b> Certified Personnel Information	<b>GPEE:</b> Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education	<b>OCGA:</b> Official Code of Georgia	<b>SOE:</b> Schools of Excellence
<b>CRCT:</b> Criterion-Referenced Competency Test	<b>GPS:</b> Georgia Performance Standards	<b>ODD:</b> Oppositional Defiant Disorder	<b>SOP:</b> Standard Operating Procedure
<b>CRT:</b> Criterion-Referenced Test	<b>GSSA:</b> Georgia School Superintendents Association	<b>OHI:</b> Other Health Impaired	<b>SPLOST:</b> Special Local Option Sales Tax
<b>DFCS:</b> Department of Family and Children Services	<b>GTAPP:</b> Georgia Teacher Alternative Preparation Program	<b>PAGE:</b> Professional Association of Georgia Educators	<b>SREB:</b> Southern Regional Education Board
<b>DOE:</b> Department of Education	<b>H/H:</b> Hospital/Homebound	<b>PDP:</b> Professional Development Plan	<b>SSI:</b> Supplemental Security Income (Social Security)
<b>EBD:</b> Emotional/Behavioral Disorders	<b>HI:</b> Health Insurance	<b>PFP:</b> Pay for Performance	<b>SST:</b> Student Support Team
<b>ECC:</b> Early Childhood Consultant	<b>HOPE:</b> Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally	<b>PL:</b> Public Law	<b>STAR:</b> Student Teacher Achievement Recognition
<b>ECE:</b> Early Childhood Education	<b>IAP:</b> Individualized Accommodation Plan	<b>PLU:</b> Professional Learning Unit	<b>STAR:</b> Student Transition And Recovery
<b>EIP:</b> Early Intervention Program	<b>IDEA:</b> Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	<b>PO:</b> Purchase Order	<b>S-T-W:</b> School to Work
<b>ELG:</b> Education's Leadership Georgia	<b>IEP:</b> Individualized Education Plan	<b>PR:</b> Percentile Rank	<b>SY:</b> School Year
<b>ELL:</b> English Language Learners	<b>ILT:</b> Instructional Lead Teacher	<b>PSC:</b> Professional Standards Commission	<b>TAP:</b> Teaching As a Profession
<b>EOCT:</b> End of Course Test	<b>ISS:</b> In-School Suspension	<b>PSERS:</b> Public School Employees Retirement System	<b>TAPS:</b> Teacher Assessment Performance Standard
<b>ESL:</b> English as a Second Language	<b>IT:</b> Instructional Teacher	<b>PSRS:</b> Public School Recruitment Services	<b>TESOL:</b> Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
<b>ESOL:</b> English to Speakers of Other Languages		<b>PTA:</b> Parent-Teacher Association	<b>TKES:</b> Teacher Keys Effectiveness System
<b>ESSA:</b> Every Student Succeeds Act		<b>PTO:</b> Parent-Teacher Organization	<b>TOTY:</b> Teacher of the Year
<b>F &amp; RP:</b> Free and Reduced Price Policy		<b>PTSA:</b> Parent-Teacher-Student Association	<b>TRS:</b> Teacher Retirement System
<b>FAPE:</b> Free Appropriate Public Education		<b>QBE:</b> Quality Basic Education	<b>VAM:</b> Value-Added Model
<b>FBA:</b> Functional Behavior Assessment		<b>QCC:</b> Quality Core Curriculum	<b>YAP:</b> Youth Apprenticeship Program
<b>FERPA:</b> Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act		<b>REP:</b> Remedial Education Program	<b>YTD:</b> Year to Date
		<b>RESA:</b> Regional Educational Service Agency	