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.

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