



Education Acronyms – What They Mean

Below are some of the many acronyms and abbreviations used at Grant Wood AEA.

AAC	Agency Advisory Council
AASA	American Association of School Administrators
ACEM	AEA Collaborative for Educational Media
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act (protects rights and requires accommodations for disabled persons.)
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit with or without Hyperactivity Disorder
AEA	Area Education Agency
AEPS	Assessment Evaluation and Programming System
AESA	Association of Educational Service Agencies
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge
APR	Annual Progress Report
ARC	Association for Retarded Citizens (now Arc)
ASBO	Association of School Business Officials
ASCD	Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Autism Spectrum (A disorder affecting an individual's ability to relate to people, things and events.)
AWARE	Adolescents with Autism Regional Education class
AYP	Annual Yearly Progress
BD	Behavior Disorder
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
BIRT	Brain Injury Resource Team
BLC	Behavior Learning Center
BOEE	Board of Educational Examiners
BRI	Basic Reading Inventory
C4K	Collaborating for Iowa's Kids
CART	Childcare Alliance Response Team (GWAEA)
CASIT	Consultants and School Improvement Team
CBE	Curriculum Based Evaluation

CBAM	Concerns-Based Adoption Model
CBM	Curriculum Based Measurement
CCC	Content Coordinating Committee
CD	Conduct Disorder
CDD	Center for Disabilities and Development (UIHC)
CEC	Council for Exceptional Children, also Community Education Center in Iowa City
CHADD	Children & Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (support group)
CHNA	Child in Need of Assistance (most often pronounced China)
CHSC	Child Health Specialty Clinics
CIA	Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment
CISM	Critical Incident Stress Management
COTA	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CPI	Competent Private Instruction
CS	Self-Contained Special Class
CSD	Community School District
CSI	Corridor STEM Initiative (GWAEA)
CSIP	Comprehensive School Improvement Plan
CSL	Contemporary School Leadership
CSR	Comprehensive Service Review
CST	Child Study Team (a group of people including AEA and LEA personnel who meet to discuss student concerns and recommend interventions.)
DAYC	Developmental Assessment of Young Children
DD	Developmental Disabilities
DDL	Data Driven Leadership
DE	Department of Education
DECA	Devereux Early Childhood Assessment
DHS	Department of Human Services
DIBELS	Dynamic Indicators of Early Literacy Skills
DINA	District in Need of Assistance
E2T2	Enhancing Education Through Technology
EA	Early ACCESS
EBSCO	Online Database
ECO	Early Childhood Outcomes

EC	Early Childhood
ECSE	Early Childhood Special Education
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
EER	Educational Evaluation Report
ELI	Early Literacy Implementation
ELL	English Language Learners
ELP	Extended Learning Program
ERIC	Education Resource Information Clearinghouse
ESA	Educational Service Agency
ESL	English Second Language
ESY	Extended School Year
FAPE	Free, Appropriate Public Education
FAST	“Families and Schools Together”
FAST	Formative Assessment System for Teachers
FERPA	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (confidentiality of student records)
FBA	Functional Behavior Analysis
FIE	Full and Individual Evaluation (comprehensive assessment)
FINE	First in the Nation in Education
FRL	Free and Reduced Lunch
GED	General Equivalency Diploma
GEI	General Education Intervention
GWAEA	Grant Wood Area Education Agency
GWEA	Grant Wood Education Association
HAWK-I	Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (Federal health insurance program for uninsured children)
HI	Hearing Impaired
HR	Human Resources
IAEYC	Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children
IASB	Iowa Association of School Boards
IASBO	Iowa Association of School Business Officials
ICAM	Iowa Collaboration Assessment Modules
ICMaps	Innovation Configuration Maps
ICN	Iowa Communications Network
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Federal law mandating special education)

IDM	Instructional Decision Making
IEC	Iowa Educators Corporation
IEP	Individual Education Plan
IFSP	Individual Family Service Plan (for children 0-3 years)
IGDIs	Individual Growth & Development Indicators
IHP	Individual Health Plan
ILA	Iowa Leadership Academy
IMS	Information Management System
IPA	Iowa Protection and Advocacy
IPDM	Iowa Professional Development Model
IPERS	Iowa Public Employees Retirement System
IQC	Iowa Quality Center (Partnership between Grant Wood AEA and Kirkwood Community College)
IRI	Individualized Reading Inventory
ISEA	Iowa State Education Association
ISLLC	Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium
ITAG	Iowa Talented and Gifted Association
ITBS	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills
ITED	Iowa Tests of Education Development
IUAP	Iowa University Affiliated Programs
IYS	Iowa Youth Survey
LD	Learning Disability
LDA	Learning Disability Association (formerly ACLD)
LEA	Local Education Agency (school district)
LOFT	Launching Our Future Together (GWAEA)
LoU	Level of Use
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment-part of Federal law (IDEA)
LSW	Licensed Social Worker
MAP	Measures of Academic Progress
MC/GF	Multi-cultural, Gender-fair
MCREL	Mid-Continent Research for Education and Learning
MD	Mental Disability
MIIP	Metro Inter-Agency Insurance Program
MTSS	Multi-Tiered System of Supports

NCLB	No Child Left Behind (replaces ESEA as umbrella name for k-12 federal education legislation)
NCTM	National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
NEA	National Education Association
NSBA	National School Board Association
NWEA	Northwest Evaluation Association
OCD	Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
OCR	Office of Civil Rights
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OSEP	US Office of Special Education
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (U.S. Division for Special Education & Rehabilitation Services)
OT	Occupational Therapy
P & A	Protection and Advocacy
PBIS	Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (for more information see also www.pbis.org)
PCE	Parent/Child Educator
PD	Physical Disability
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PEC	Parent Education Consortium
PEP	Parent-Educator Partnership (GWAEA Program)
PL94-142	Public Law enacted in 1975 authorizing the Education for All Handicapped Children Act (see IDEA)
PLA	Principals' Leadership Academy
PLC	Professional Learning Community
PLEP	Present Level of Education Performance in IEP
PO	Purchase Order
PODD	Pragmatically Organized Dynamic Displays
PPEL	Property Plant and Equipment Levy
PSA	Programs/Services Administrator
PT	Physical Therapy
PWPBIS	Program-Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports
R & D	Research and Development
RA	Regional Administrator (GWAEA)
RFP	Request for Proposals (usually to get funding)
RIOT	Review Interview Observation Testing (assessment strategy)
RLD	Region Leadership Development

RM	Resource Multi-categorical
RSI	Rural Schools of Iowa
RTP	Resource Teacher Program
SAI	School Administrators of Iowa
SCI	Special Class with Integration
SCLI	Special Class with Little Integration
SDC	Staff Distribution Center
SEAD	Students with Emotional and Autism Disorders (St. Luke's Day Treatment)
SIAC	School Improvement Advisory Committee
SEBT	Special Education Behavior Team
SEMS	Substitute Employee Management System
SINA	Schools in Need of Assistance
SLP	Speech-Language Pathologist
SM	Special Class with Integration, Multi-categorical
SoC	Stages of Concern
SP	Severe and Profound-generally referred to as Severe Disabilities
SRI	Scholastic Reading Inventory
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income (federal program)
SSI	Supplemental Security Income (federal program)
SSW	School Social Worker
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (GWAEA)
STW	School-to-Work
SWPBIS	School-Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports
T&G	Talented and Gifted
TAG	Talented and Gifted
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TIMP	Technology Integration Mentorship Program
TITLE XIX	Section of Federal Social Security Act relating to medical services- for low income and families with special needs
UEN	Urban Education Network
UICDD	University of Iowa Center for Disabilities and Development (formerly University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics)
VAST	Van Allen Science Teaching Center
VI	Visually Impaired



VITAL	Vocational Individualized Training and Learning Program
VR	Virtual Reality
VR/DVR	Vocational Rehabilitation/Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
WIC	Women, Infant, Children Nutrition Program
WISC-IV	Wechsler Individual Intelligence Test, 4th Edition
Y.E.S.	Youth Emergency Shelter, Iowa City

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