

Education Acronyms



Education has a number of commonly used acronyms on the federal, state and local level. Although not an exhaustive list, below are the most commonly used and those found throughout the budget document.

<i>504</i>	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1972 is a statute that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities.
<i>ACT</i>	American College Test
<i>ACTFL</i>	American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
<i>ADA</i>	American with Disabilities Act
<i>AESOP</i>	Automated Substitute Placement & Absence Management
<i>AFSCME Cafeteria</i>	American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Cafeteria
<i>AFSCME Custodian</i>	American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Custodian
<i>AP</i>	Advanced Placement, a curriculum sponsored by College Board
<i>APE</i>	Adaptive Physical Education
<i>ASBO</i>	Association of School Business Officials
<i>ASCD</i>	Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
<i>AT</i>	Assistive Technology
<i>AUP</i>	Acceptable Use Policy
<i>BCBA</i>	Board Certified Behavioral Analyst
<i>BWMPO</i>	Boston Weston METCO Parent Organization
<i>CFR</i>	Code of Federal Regulations
<i>CIP</i>	Capital Improvement Program
<i>CMR</i>	Code of Massachusetts Regulations
<i>CNI</i>	Curriculum and Instruction
<i>ConCom</i>	Conservation Commission
<i>CP</i>	College Placement
<i>CY</i>	Current Year
<i>DESE</i>	Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
<i>DI</i>	Differentiated Instruction
<i>DLS</i>	Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services
<i>DOR</i>	Department of Revenue
<i>DPH</i>	Massachusetts Department of Public Health
<i>DSP</i>	Directed Support Program
<i>EDGAR</i>	Education Department General Administrative Regulations
<i>ELA</i>	English Language Arts

<i>ELL</i>	English Language Learner
<i>ESEA</i>	Elementary Secondary Education Act
<i>EPIMS</i>	Educator Personnel Information Management System
<i>F-1</i>	A nonimmigrant visa for those wishing to study in the United States
<i>FAPE</i>	Free Appropriate Public Education
<i>FERPA</i>	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
<i>FinCom</i>	Finance Committee
<i>FOIA</i>	Freedom of Information Act
<i>FTE</i>	Full-Time Equivalent
<i>FY</i>	Fiscal Year (July 1 through June 30)
<i>FFY</i>	Federal Fiscal Year (October 1 through September 30)
<i>GAAP</i>	Generally Accepted Accounting Procedures
<i>GFOA</i>	Government Finance Officers Association
<i>GIC</i>	Group Insurance Commission
<i>GPA</i>	Grade Point Average
<i>HIPAA</i>	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
<i>HQT</i>	Highly Qualified Teacher
<i>HR</i>	Human Resources
<i>IDEA</i>	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
<i>IEP</i>	Individualized Education Plan
<i>IST</i>	Instructional Support Teams
<i>J-1</i>	A non-immigrant visa category is for individuals approved to participate in study-based exchange visitor programs
<i>K-12</i>	Kindergarten through 12 th Grade
<i>LBC</i>	Language Based Classroom
<i>LEA</i>	Local Education Agency
<i>LEP</i>	Limited English Proficient
<i>LRE</i>	Least Restrictive Environment
<i>MASBO</i>	Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials
<i>MAPPO</i>	Massachusetts Association of Public Purchasing Officials
<i>MASC</i>	Massachusetts Association of School Committees
<i>MASS</i>	Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents
<i>MSBA</i>	Massachusetts School Building Authority
<i>MCAS</i>	Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System
<i>METCO</i>	Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity
<i>MGL</i>	Massachusetts General Laws
<i>MLP</i>	My Learning Plan

<i>MOU</i>	Memorandum of Understanding
<i>MTEL</i>	Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure
<i>MTRB</i>	Massachusetts Teachers Retirement Board
<i>MTRS</i>	Massachusetts Teachers Retirement Service
<i>NCES</i>	National Center for Educational Statistics
<i>NCTE</i>	National Council of Teachers of English
<i>NEASC</i>	New England Association of Schools and Colleges
<i>NESDEC</i>	New England School Development Council
<i>NSLP</i>	National School Lunch Program
<i>NSS</i>	Net School Spending
<i>OCR</i>	Office of Civil Rights
<i>OOD</i>	Out of District Placement
<i>OT</i>	Occupational Therapist; Occupational Therapy
<i>PBC</i>	Permanent Building Committee
<i>PBL</i>	Project or Problem Based Learning
<i>PD</i>	Professional Development
<i>PERAC</i>	Massachusetts Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission
<i>PO</i>	Purchase Order
<i>PPE</i>	Per Pupil Expenditure
<i>PSAT</i>	Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
<i>PT</i>	Physical Therapist; Physical Therapy
<i>PTO</i>	Parent Teacher Organization
<i>PY</i>	Prior Year
<i>RIF</i>	Reduction in Force
<i>RtI</i>	Response to Intervention
<i>SAC</i>	School Advisory Council
<i>SAT</i>	Scholastic Aptitude Test
<i>Sch. Comm./SC</i>	School Committee
<i>SEVIS</i>	Student and Exchange Visitor Program
<i>SIP</i>	School Improvement Plan
<i>SIMS</i>	Student Information Management System
<i>SLD</i>	Specific Learning Disability
<i>SLP</i>	Speech and Language
<i>SNAP</i>	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
<i>SOAR</i>	Summer Opportunities for Academics and Recreation
<i>SPED</i>	Special Education
<i>SPED PAC</i>	Special Education Parent Advisory Committee

<i>STEM</i>	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
<i>STEAM</i>	Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics
<i>SY</i>	School Year
<i>TEC</i>	The Enrichment Center
<i>TL</i>	Teaching and Learning
<i>UDL</i>	Universal Design for Learning
<i>USDA</i>	Unites States Department of Agriculture
<i>WAPA</i>	Weston Aides and Paraprofessionals
<i>WEA</i>	Weston Education Association
<i>WEAAA</i>	Weston Education Administrative Assistants Association
<i>WEEFC</i>	Weston Education Enrichment Fund Committee
<i>WPS</i>	Weston Public Schools
<i>WSBDA</i>	Weston School Bus Drivers Association