

Education Acronyms

a's

ACT

American College Test

An assessment taken by students as a precursor to college/university admission.

ADA

Americans with Disabilities Act

ADD/ADHD

Attention Deficit/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

ADM

Average Daily Membership

The number of days a student is in membership at a school divided by the number of days in a school month or school year.

AP

Advanced Placement

A program that helps high school students to complete college-level courses for college placement and/or credit.

APE

Adaptive Physical Education

ASL

American Sign Language

AS

Asperger's Syndrome

AT

Assistive Technology

AYP

Adequate Yearly Progress

All public schools, in South Carolina and throughout the nation, must measure and report AYP as outlined in the federal *No Child Left Behind* law. AYP measures the yearly progress of different groups of students at the school, district and state levels against yearly targets in reading and math. Target goals are set for attendance and graduation rates as well. If a school misses one target, it does not make AYP.

c's

CEC

Council for Exceptional Children

CERRA

Center for Educator Recruitment & Retention

A state program located at Winthrop University, it includes

- **ProTeam** – a curriculum-based middle school recruitment program encouraging exemplary students in seventh and eighth grades to attend college and consider education as a career option.
- **Teacher Cadet Program** – a nationally-recognized high school teacher recruitment program designed to help students understand the unique opportunities of teaching as a career option offered at nearly 175 high schools in South Carolina.
- **Future Educators Association** – sponsored by CERRA, which provides information to the state's more than 50 high school and college FEA chapters and assists with registration costs and hosted the first-ever statewide FEA Conference on the campus of the College of Charleston, serving nearly 100 high school students.
- **S.C. Teaching Fellows Program** – awards a forgivable scholarship/loan up to \$6,000 annually to select high school seniors who

- exhibit a strong desire to become teachers
- **Online Job Bank** – outlet for districts to post teacher vacancies and for teacher candidates to locate teaching positions in all 85 school districts.
- **S.C. Teacher Expo** – a one-day job fair designed to match teacher candidates to current district vacancies held annually on the first Monday of June in Columbia,
- **S.C. Educator Employment and Certification Application System** – one-stop-shop allowing job candidates to apply to all districts in South Carolina through a single application.
- **State Teacher Forum** – supports development of teacher leadership for State Teacher Forum through workshop and training experiences. Teacher Leaders receiving support and professional development from CERRA also include National Board teachers, district liaisons, and loan applicants; public school and education institution instructors for CERRA's programs; trained mentors; and other district level liaisons involved in retention and advancement programs.

CF

Cystic Fibrosis

CP

Cerebral Palsy

d's

DB

Deaf-Blind

DD

Developmental Delay

DD Act

Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act

DS

Down Syndrome

DSS

Department of Social Services

e's

EAGLE

Enrichment & Acceleration for the Gifted Learners Education

EBD

Emotional and Behavioral Disorders

ECE

Early Childhood Education

ED

Emotional Disability

ELL

English Language Learner

Student whose first language is not English and who needs language help

EMH

Educable Mentally Disabled

EOC

Education Oversight Committee

EOC Tests

End-of-Course Tests

Designed to measure the performance of S.C. students in Algebra I, Algebra II, English I, Biology, Chemistry, Geometry, Physical Science, Physics, Civics and Economics, and U.S. History. Tests are taken during the last two weeks of school for students on a traditional calendar and the last week for

students on the block schedule and summer school students.

EOG End-of-Grade

Tests in reading and mathematics that are taken by students in Grades 3-8 during the last three weeks of the school year.

ERIC

**Educational Resources
Information Center**

ESD

Extended School Day

ESEA

**Elementary and Secondary
Education Act**

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.

ESL

English as a Second Language

Program with specialized instruction for students who are learning English as a new language.

ETS

Educational Testing Service

f's

FAPE

**Families and Advocates
Partnership for Education**

FBA

**Functional Behavioral
Assessment**

FERPA

Family Educational Rights and

Privacy Act

FOIA

Freedom of Information Act

FRL

Free and Reduced Priced Lunch

g's

GED

General Education Diploma

GPA

Grade Point Average

GRE

Graduate Record Exam

Exam that must be taken for admission into a graduate program

GT

Gifted and Talented Education

h's

HI

Hearing Impaired

HO

Hearing Officer

HOH

Hard of Hearing

i's

IDEA

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

This federal law, reauthorized in 2004, is designed to ensure that all children with disabilities have available to them a free and appropriate public education that emphasizes special education and related services.

IEP

Individualized Education Program

A written statement required by federal law for a student with a disability developed, at least annually, by a team of professionals knowledgeable about the student and the parent. The plan describes the strengths of the child and the parents' concerns for enhancing the education of their child, and when, where, and how often services will be provided.

IFSP

Individualized Family Service Plan

IPT

IDEA Proficiency Test

Test used to determine the appropriate assessment for limited English proficient students.

IQ

Intelligence Quotient

ITP

Individualized Transition Plan

l's

LD

Learning Disability

LEA

Local Education Agency

A local school system or a local school district

LEP

Limited English Proficient

Student whose first language is not English who needs language help to take part in the regular curriculum and the statewide assessment system.

LRE

Least Restrictive Environment

m's

MBD

Minimal Brain Dysfunction

MD

Muscular Dystrophy

MD

Multiple Disabilities

MH

Multiply Handicapped

n's

NAEP

National Assessment of Educational Progress

Assesses achievement of elementary and secondary students in various subject areas and provides data for comparing the performance of S.C. students to students nationally – called the Nation's Report Card

NCLB

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

NIH

National Institutes of Health

NLD; NVLD

Nonverbal Learning Disability

o's

OCD

Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder

OCR

Office for Civil Rights

ODD

Oppositional Defiant Disorder

OHI

Other Health Impaired

OI

Orthopedic Impairment

O & M

Orientation and Mobility

OT

Occupational Therapist; Occupational Therapy

p's

P & A

Protection and Advocacy

PAC

Parent Advisory Committee

PASS

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards

PD

Physical Disability

PDD

Pervasive Developmental Disorder

Perkins Act

Carl Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act

PDA

Personal Data Assistant

PMD

Profoundly Mentally Disabled

PSAT

Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test

PT

Physical Therapist; Physical Therapy

PTA

Parent-Teacher Association

PTSD

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

PALS

Peer-Assisted Learning System

s's

SAT

Scholastic Aptitude Test

SAT

Student Assistance Team

SCDE

**S.C. Department
of Education**

SCSBA

S.C. School Boards Association

SED

Severely Emotionally Disturbed

S/L I

Speech/Language Impairment

SLP

Speech and Language Program

SSDI

**Social Security Disability
Income**

SSI

Supplemental Security Income
(related to Social Security)

t's

TBI

Traumatic Brain Injury

TDD

**Telecommunication Devices
for the Deaf**

TMH

Trainable Mentally Disabled

TS

Tourette Syndrome

TTY

**Teletypewriter (phone system
for the hard of hearing)**

v's

VI

Visual Impairment

VR

Vocational Rehabilitation

V/V

Verbalization/Visualization