

Educational Lingo
Pierce County Family Engagement

ACCESS	Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners
Accommodations	device, material or support process that helps a student accomplish a task more efficiently
ACT	American College Test
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
AE	Age Equivalent
AIMSweb	Progress monitoring system
Assessment	Gathering information about the level of performance of individual students
ASVAB	Armed Services Vocational Aptitude
BES	Blackshear Elementary School
Beta Club	Promotes the ideals of academic achievement, character, leadership and service among elementary and secondary school students - Junior Beta (grades 4-8) and Senior Beta (grades 9-12)
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
BOE	Board of Education
CDL	Commercial Driver's License
CTAE	Career, Technical, & Agricultural Education
CCRPI	College and Career Ready Performance Index
COMPASS	Computer Adaptive Placement Assessment and Support System
DECAL	Department of Early Care and Learning
DFCS	Department of Family and Children Services
DIBELS	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills – a way of evaluating the literacy skills of students
EHS	Early Head Start
EIP	Early Intervention Program
ERIC	Educational Resources Information Center
EL/ELL	English Learners/English Language Learners
ELT	Extended Learning Time
EOC	End of Course
EOG	End of Grade
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages
ESSA	Every Students Succeeds Act (2015)
FACS	Family and Consumer Sciences
FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Aid
FBLA	Future Business Leaders of America
FFA	Future Farmers of America
Formative Assessment	A pre-test; An evaluation completed by student to determine current student understanding and used to tweak teaching practices accordingly
FRL	Free and Reduced Lunch
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
FY	Fiscal Year
GaDOE	Georgia Department of Education http://www.gadoe.org/Pages/Home.aspx
GMAS	Georgia Milestones Assessment System
Ga. Milestones	Georgia Assessment System - spanning grades 3 through high school
GAA	Georgia Alternate Assessment
GATE	Gifted and Talented Education
GE	Grade Equivalency
GED	General Education Development test/General Education Diploma
GKIDS	Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills
GPA	Grade Point Average
Graphic Organizer	A way to visually organize data, notes, sketches, etc.
GSE	Georgia Standards of Excellence
Higher Order Thinking	A higher level of thinking than just memorizing facts- it has to do with being able to do something with those facts such as understand, connect, categorize, manipulate, evaluate, etc.
HOPE	Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally- provides merit based, in-state, postsecondary scholarships

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IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; Basically establishes current special education services in schools
IEP	Individualized Education Plan: A document that outlines specific learning objectives for a student and how those objectives will be carried out
ISS	In-School Suspension
KRT	Kindergarten Readiness Test
LEA	Local Education Agency
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
Lexile	The numeric representation of an individual's reading ability or a text's readability (or difficulty)
Literacy	Ability to read, write, and converse in a particular language (e.g., English) or subject (e.g., math, dance).
Manipulatives	Models, cubes, blocks, or artifacts for students to handle, especially in math
MES	Midway Elementary School
MI	Math Inventory (PCMS) - a computer-adaptive screener that measures students' readiness for math instruction.
NNAT2	Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test
NCE	Normal Curve Equivalence
NCLB	No Child Left Behind
OT/PT	Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy
OSS	Out of School Suspension
PALS	Peer Assisted Learning Strategies
PBIS	Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports
PD	Professional Development
PFE	Parent & Family Engagement
PES	Patterson Elementary School
PCHS	Pierce County High School
PCMS	Pierce County Middle School
PLD	Professional Learning Day
PSAT	Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test
RI	Reading Inventory - student assessment program that measures reading skills and progress
RIF	Reduction in Force
RTI	Response to Intervention
SACS	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (PCHS)
SAT	Scholastic Aptitude Test
SCT	School Community Team
School & District Report Cards	State-produced report on the status of the school/district, required annually (Can be found on your school & district websites)
SRI	Scholastic Reading Inventory (Currently known as RI – Reading Inventory)
STEAM	Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Mathematics
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Summative Assessment	Evaluation completed at the end of a unit to determine student's performance
SWD	Students with Disabilities
Title I, Part A	Title I is a part of the Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This Act provides federal funds through the Georgia Department of Education to districts with high numbers of low income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging State academic content and performance standards. Title I funds allow schools to offer a variety of services which may include additional teachers and support staff, extra time for instruction, training on a variety of instructional methods, and instructional materials.
USDE	United States Department of Education
WIDA	World-class Instructional Design and Assessment