

Glossary of Acronyms & Terms



504 Plan	Accommodation plan required for people with disabilities under Fed Rehab Act of 1973
AHSEP	Alternative High School Equivalency Preparation
ADA	Average Daily Attendance
ADM	Average Daily Membership
AIR	American Institutes for Research (GRS vendor)
AIS	Academic Intervention Services
ALT ED	Alternative Education
AMO	Annual Measurable Objective
AOR	Accountability & Overview Report
AP	Advanced Placement
APR	Annual Performance Report for Special Education
APPR	Annual Professional Performance Review
Article 81 Schools	Residential schools that accept students from the courts or other State agencies and provide educational services to students pursuant to Article 81 of the educational law. These schools have CSE responsibility for students with disabilities who are placed by the court or a State agency.
ASP	Adult Services Program
AVR	Accountability Verification Report
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress
Backmapping	Backmapping is a process used to assign accountability status to feeder schools within a district. Backmapping attributes the grade 3 assessment score of a student to the feeder school in which the student was enrolled in earlier grades as well as to the school in which the student took the assessment.
BEDS	Basic Education Data System
BEDS Code	A 12-digit Basic Educational Data System (BEDS) code assigned by the New York State Education Department that uniquely identifies schools, districts, and other institutions.
BEST	BOCES Effective Support Team
"Big 5"	Large support organizations covering Buffalo, New York City, Rochester, Syracuse, and Yonkers.
BMA	BOCES Management Association
BNS	BOCES Network Support

BOCES	Board of Cooperative Educational Services
BOR	Bill of Rights
BSSA	BOCES Support Services Association
BT	Broome-Tioga
CARs	Corrective Action Review
CBA	Collective Bargaining Agreement
CBO	Central Business Office
CBVH	Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped
CC	Common Core
CCR	College & Career Readiness
CCSS	Common Core State Standards
CENTER	The Center for Educational Support & Technology
CEIS	Coordinated Early Intervening Services
CEP	Center for Exceptional Programs
CEP	Community Eligibility Provision
CIO	Chief Information Officer (now DDC)
CIP	Classification of Instructional Programs
CLO	Common Learning Objectives
CMO	Charter Management Organization
Con Ed	Continuing Education
Continuously Enrolled Students	At the elementary/middle level, continuously enrolled students are those enrolled in the school or district on BEDS day (usually the first Wednesday in October) of the school year and during the testing period for the New York State Testing Program assessments.
COSER	Cooperative Service
COSF	Child Outcomes Summary Form
CPO	Chief Privacy Officer
CPSE	Committee on Preschool Special Education
CRDC	Civil Rights Data Collection
CSE	Committee on Special Education
CSO	Chief School Officer (Superintendents)
CTB/McGraw Hill	California Testing Bureau, div. of McGraw-Hill
CTE	Career & Technical Education
DAS	Data & Application Services
DASA	Dignity for All Students Act

DCMO	Delaware-Chenango (Madison-Otsego) BOCES
DCMP	Direct Certification Matching Process
DDC	District Data Coordinator (CIO)
DEP	Division of Education Programs (Alt Ed + CEP)
DL	Distance Learning
DOC	Department of Corrections
Dropout	Any student, regardless of age, who left school prior to graduation for any reason except death or leaving the country and has not been documented to have entered another program leading to a high school diploma or an approved program leading to a high school equivalency diploma.
DSC	District Superintendents Cabinet ("the Cabinet")
DSS	Department of Social Services
EI	Early Intervention
ELA	English Language Arts
ELC	Endicott Learning Center
ELL	English Language Learner
Embargoed Data	Embargoed data are data that cannot be discussed at public meetings or released to the public or the media until the NYSED public release date.
Epmf	Electronic Personnel Master File
EPO	Educational Partnership Organization
EPP	Employment Preparation Program
ESL	English as a Second Language
eScholar	A company contracted by SED to build the SIRS Data Warehouse utilizing defined formats ("templates") to standardize consistent collection of data for subsequent reporting.
ESS	Employee Self Service
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act (replaced NCLB)
EST	Educational Services Technology
Ever ELL	Students who were ever identified as English Language Learners (ELL) (reported with a Program Service Code 0231) are considered "Ever ELL."
Feeder School	An early-grade elementary school that does not serve students in grade 3 or above (i.e., its enrollment is restricted to PK-1, K-1, PK-2, K-2, or 1-2) and, therefore, does not administer State assessments.
FM	Finance Manager (app)
FRPL	Free or Reduced-Price Lunch

GED	General Education Diploma; now known as High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma.
Graduate	Student awarded a local or Regents diploma.
Group Home	A family-type home operated by the Department of Social Services (DSS) for the care and maintenance of no fewer than seven and no more than 12 children who are at least five year of age.
GRS	Growth Reporting System
Homebound Student	Also known as home-tutored students; fall into two categories: a) students who remain enrolled in a school but are provided temporary instruction in the home, and b) students who are unable to attend school for the remainder of the school year because of a physical, mental, or emotional illness or injury substantiated by a licensed physician or, for students with disabilities, are placed in homebound instruction by the CSE and are instructed at home or in a hospital by a tutor provided by the district of responsibility.
Home-schooled Student	A student who is instructed at home by a parent, guardian, or tutor employed by the parent or guardian and by request of the parent or guardian and has a home school plan approved and supervised by the district. Home-schooled students need to be reported in SIRS only if they take a State assessment.
Homeless Student	A student who; 1) lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including a student who is sharing the housing of other persons due to a loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason; living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; abandoned in hospitals; awaiting foster care placement; or a migratory child, or 2) has a primary nighttime location that is a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations including, but not limited to, shelters operated or approved by the State or local department of social services, and residential programs for runaway and homeless youth. Homeless students do not include children in foster care placement or receiving educational services.
HSE	High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma.
HRSS	Health Related Support Services
HSEPP	High School Equivalency Preparation Program (AHSEPP or other)
IB	International Baccalaureate
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IESP	Individualized Education Services Program
Immigrant	Children and youth who: a) are aged 3 through 21; b) were not born in any State; and c) have not been attending one or more schools in any one or more States for more than 3 full academic years. The months need not be consecutive. "State" means the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Children born to U.S. citizens abroad (including those born on military bases), the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, or any other U.S. territory that is not D.C. or Puerto Rico are considered immigrants.
INS	Instructional Networking Services
IPR	Interim Progress Reports

IRS	Information & Reporting System
ISC	Instructional Support Center
ISR	Individual Student Reports
ISS	Instructional Support Services
ITV	Instructional Television
JMT	Joint Management Team
L2RPT	Level 2 (SED) Reporting environment.
LEA	Local Education Agency
LEAP	Local Education Agency Program
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
Long-term Absence	Any student who has been absent without a valid excuse for twenty (20) or more consecutive days as of the last expected day of attendance for the school year should be coded as a "long-term absence."
LOTE	Language Other Than English
MA	Maximum Aidable
Medically Excused	Students who are incapacitated by illness or injury during the test administration and make-up periods at the elementary/middle level and have on file documentation from a medical practitioner that they were too incapacitated to complete the test at the school, at home, or in a medical setting are considered medically excused from testing.
Migrant	A student is a migrant child if the student is, or the student's parents, spouse, or guardian is, a migratory agricultural worker, including a migratory dairy worker or a migratory fisher, and who, in the preceding 36 months, in order to obtain, or accompany such parent, spouse, or guardian in order to obtain, temporary or seasonal employment in agricultural or fishing work: has moved from one school district to another; or resides in a school district of more than 15,000 square miles and migrates a distance of 20 miles or more to a temporary residence to engage in temporary or seasonal employment in agriculture or fishing.
MLP	My Learning Plan
MOE	Maintenance of Effort
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress
NC	Non Completer
NCLB	No Child Left Behind
Neglected /Delinquent	Neglected: Children who have been committed to an institution or voluntarily placed in the institution under applicable State law because of the abandonment by, or neglect by, or death of parents. Delinquent: Children who have been adjudicated delinquent or persons in need of supervision. The term "delinquent children" also refers to students who are placed in an adult correctional institution in which children reside.
NOC	Network & Operations Center

Noncompleter	Any student who dropped out or entered a high school equivalency preparation program will be counted as a high school noncompleter. Federal standards require that students leaving high school diploma programs to enter equivalency programs be counted as noncompleters.
NR	Non-Resident
NSLA	National School Lunch Act
NSLP	National School Lunch Program
NSS	Network Support Services
NYSAA	NYS Alternate Assessment
NYSED	NYS Education Department
NYSESLAT	NYS English as a Second Language Achievement Test
NYSITELL	NYS Identification Test for English Language Learners
NYSSIS	New York State Student Identifier System
NYSTP	NYS Testing Program
NYSUT	NYS United Teachers
NYSVLS	NYS Virtual Learning System
Occ Ed	Occupational Education
OCFS	Office of Children and Family Services
ODP	Out of District Placement
OIR	Organization of Instructional Representatives (usually assistant superintendents)
OLSAT	Otis-Lennon School Ability Test
OMH	Office of Mental Health
OMIG	Office of Medicaid Inspector General
ONC	Otsego-Northern Catskills BOCES
OPWDD	Office for Persons with Developmental Disabilities
OSA	Office of State Assessments
OSHA	Occupational Safety & Health Administration
PALS	Principle of the Alphabet Learning System
Part 200	Management System for Special Ed
PD	Persons with Disabilities
PI	Performance Index (0-200)
PLA	Persistently Lowest Achieving
PMF	Personnel Master File
PPD	Program & Professional Development service unit
P-Tech	Pathways in Technology

RAC	Regional Advisory Council
RCC	Regional Computer Center
RCT	Regents Competency Test (given to Special Ed students with an IEP)
RIC	Regional Information Center
RTI	Response to Intervention
RWADA	Resident Weighted Average Daily Attendance - used in NY to indicate the size of a school district.
SAANYS	School Administrators Association of NYS
SAAS	Software As A Service, "software on demand"
SABA	School and Business Alliance
Safe Harbor Target	For accountability groups whose Performance Index (PI) in English language arts or mathematics is below the Effective Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs), the Safe Harbor target is the PI the group must achieve as an alternate method for making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). The Safe Harbor Target is based on a ten percent improvement over the previous year's performance.
SAT9	Stanford Achievement Test Series 9
School Choice	Each school district with a Title I school in school improvement or corrective action status must authorize students in the school to transfer to another public school in the district that has not been identified for Title I improvement. In providing the transfer option, the district must give priority to the lowest achieving students from low-income families. The district must pay the cost of transportation for students participating in this option.
SCRIC	South Central Regional Information Center
SCT	Schuyler-Chemung (-Tioga) BOCES
SDM	Shared Decision Making
SED	State Education Department
SEDDAS	State Education Department Delegated Account System
SEGIS	Special Education School Improvement Specialist
SETRC	Special Education Training Resource Center
SGP	Student Growth Percentile
SIG	School Improvement Grant (federal funds)
SIRS	Student Information Repository System
SLC	Shared Learning Collaborative - "an alliance of states, districts, educators, foundations and content and tool providers to use technology to improve education."
SLO	Student Learning Objectives
SLP	Second Language Proficiency
SME	Subject Matter Expert
SMS	Student Management System

SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps)
SP	Services Plan
SPI	Standard Performance Index
SPP	State Performance Plan (for Special Education)
SSC or S/S/C	Staff/Student/Course
STEP	System for Tracking Education Performance
SURR	Schools Under Registration Review
SWD	Students With Disabilities
SY / School Year	A school year is July 1 through June 30.
TAA	Teacher Access & Authorization
TAC	Technical Assistance Center
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TCM	Targeted Case Management
Teacher of Record	An individual (or individuals, such as in co-teaching assignments) who has been assigned responsibility for a student's learning in a subject/course with aligned performance measures.
Template	A data definition file giving the layout and specifications for various data elements, field lengths, character types and formats to ensure consistency of data collected in the SIRS data warehouse for reporting.
TGS	Teacher Growth Scores
TIF	Teacher Incentive Fund (grant)
TLE	Teacher Leader Evaluation (team)
TIS	Technical Infrastructure Services
Transgender Students	Students whose gender identity does not correspond to their assigned sex at birth.
TSDL	Teacher-Student Data Linkages
TSRV	Teacher-Student Roster Verification
UIAS	Unique Identification Audit System
Universal Pre-K (UPK) Programs	Pre-K programs funded pursuant to Section 3602-e of Education Law. These programs are operated by the school district or by other eligible agencies under a contractual agreement with the school district.
USED	US Department of Education VADIR Violent and Disruptive Incident Reporting
Valid Score	A valid score is a score received on an assessment. Administrative errors, medically excused, refusals, and absences are not considered valid scores.
VESID	Vocational & Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities