

## Utah Public Education Terms

504: Section 504 of the Americans Disabilities Act, protecting students with disabilities from being discriminated against.

AAPAC: Assessment and Accountability Policy Advisory Committee, reviews current assessment and accountability policies and implementation decisions.

AAPPL: ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages, a foreign language fluency exam.

Acadience: standardized testing program, formerly called DIBELS.

ACT: American College Testing, a group administering a college entry exam.

APPEL: Alternate Pathway to Professional Educator License, for teachers who didn't major in education.

AVID: Advancement Via Individual Determination, an academic support program.

BIP: Behavior Intervention Plan.

BOB: Battle of the Books or Battle of the Bands. Battle of the Books is a reading program with quiz-style games to compete in reading trivia. Battle of the Bands is a PTA program where high school musicians compete for prizes.

BTS: Beverly Taylor Sorenson, a Utah grant program named for its founder which pays for elementary access to arts teachers.

CAFR: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, required by the State Treasurer. Compiled by school districts to highlight annual budgets and expenditures.

CAT: Computer Adaptive Test. Test items are selected by the computer to match the ability level of each student. Also called "tailored testing," required by 2012 Utah law.

CCRP: College and Career Readiness Plan, a personalized plan for each student regarding college and career preparation.

COBI: Compendium of Budget Information, details of Utah's budget and related financial authorizations.

CTE: Career and Technical Education, career focused programs that result in attainment of credentials.

DEI: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

DLI: Dual Language Immersion programs offering bilingual education.

ELA: English Language Arts.

ELL: English Language Learner, any students who are not native speakers but are currently learning how to speak English.

ESEA: Elementary and Secondary Education Act, a 1965 law. Pres. Johnson's "War on Poverty" funds primary and secondary education.

ESL: English as a Second Language, a process for non-native speakers to learn English.

ESSA: Every Student Succeeds Act, a 2015 law: Pres. Obama's reauthorization of ESEA. Required states to create their own plans for standards, accountability, testing, supporting struggling schools, and state and local rating systems within a federal framework.

FDK: Full Day Kindergarten.

FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, which protects the privacy of student education records.

FTE: Full Time Equivalent, or the number of full time teacher slots assigned to and paid for at each school.

GATE: Gifted And Talented Education.

IDEA: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, federal legislation that ensures students with disabilities are provided with Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).

IEP: Individualized Education Plan for students with disabilities listed in IDEA.

LEA: Local Education Agency, usually synonymous with your school district.

MI: Math Inventory, a score of math skills mastery.

NCLB: No Child Left Behind, a 2001 law. Pres. George W. Bush's reauthorization of ESEA. Required testing student in reading and math in grades 3-8 and once in high school, increased funding for poor school districts and higher achievement for poor and minority students, higher levels of school accountability.

PBIS: Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports, a reward program for good school behavior.

PD: Professional Development.

PE: Physical Education or Parent Education.

PLC: Professional Learning Community, a group of educators that work together to improve teaching skills and the academic performance of students.

PTA or PTSA: Parent Teacher Association (at elementary schools) or Parent Teacher Student Association (at secondary schools, where students are encouraged to be involved).

PTC: Parent Teacher Conferences, also called SEP sometimes.

Reflections: annual arts competition hosted by PTA.

RI: Reading Inventory, a score of reading mastery.

RIF: Reading is Fundamental literacy program.

RISE: Readiness Improvement Success Empowerment, state-wise standardized testing to assess student progress.

SAT: Scholastic Aptitude Test, a college entry exam.

SCC: School Community Council, an advisory body consisting of the principal, elected school employees and parents who determine the best use of the Trust Funds at their individual schools.

SEL: Social and Emotional Learning.

SEP: Student Educator Parent conferences, also called PTC sometimes.

SIP: School Improvement Plan, part of Utah Law. The school community council shall annually evaluate the school's statewide achievement test results, reading achievement plan, class size reduction needs, and technology needs, and use the evaluations in developing a school improvement plan to improve teaching and learning conditions.

SITFO: Utah School and Institutional Trust Funds Office, group that invests the Permanent School Fund.

SITLA: School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, the group that oversees money generated by 3.3 million acres of government-owned property in Utah through oil, gas, and mineral leases; rents; royalties; real estate development and sales. This money is allocated to schools.

SPED: Special Education, which is defined and regulated by IDEA. Special education refers to a range of services provided to children with specific disabilities, ages 3-21, for educational purposes.

SST: Student Success Team or Student Study Team to assist with behavioral interventions.

STEM or STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math programs (sometimes adding in art as the A).

Title: Specific sections of federal education law. ESSA contains 9 Titles.

UCAW: Utah College Application Week.

USBE: Utah State Board of Education, elected officials who set state policy regarding assessment, accountability, standards, & funding.

USDOE: U.S. Department of Education, the federal government officials who give federal assistance, collect data, and enforce educational laws regarding privacy and civil rights.

Utah Core: Utah Core Standards represent the standards of learning that are essential for all students.

WPU: Weighted Pupil Unit, how much money the Utah legislature allocates to each school district per child to pay for the education of that child. Some programs are funded separately from the WPU.