

Terms and Acronyms Used in the Career Technical Education World

Term	Definition
A	
AACC	American Association of Community Colleges
AACU	Association of American Colleges and Universities
AAS	Associate of Applied Science degree
AASA	American Association of School Administrators
ABE	Adult Basic Education
ACA	American Counseling Association
ACRN	America's Career Resource Network
ACT	American College Testing
ACTE	Association for Career and Technical Education
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADP	American Diploma Project
AERA	American Educational Research Association
AFNR	Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
AFT	American Federation of Teachers
AMO	Annual Measureable Objectives; aka "Perkins Measures"
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
AP	Advanced Placement
APE	Approved Program Evaluation
ASE	Automotive Service Excellence
AVTS	Area Vocational Technical School
AYES	Automotive Youth Educational System
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress
AYPF	American Youth Policy Forum
B	
BCTE	Bureau of Career and Technical Education, PA Department of Education
BPA	Business Professionals of America
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics (U.S.)
C	
CATS	Career and Technical Statistics, PA Department of Education
CBE	Competency Based Education
CBTE	Competency Based Teacher Education
CCSSO	Council of Chief State School Officers
CEW	Career Education and Work standards, PA Department of Education
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CIP	Classification of Instructional Programs
Cisco	Cisco Systems, a corporate name
COEI	Center for Occupational and Employment Information
CORD	Center for Occupational Research and Development
CTC	Career and Technology Center, formerly Area Vocational Technical School
CTE	Career Technical Education
CTI	Career Technical Institute, formerly Area Vocational Technical School
CTSO	Career Technical Student Organization

CQ	Congressional Quarterly
Capstone	Capstone Cooperative Education
Chapter 4	Chapter 339 of the Pennsylvania School Code; state approved qualifications for professional school personnel
Chapter 339	Chapter 339 of the Pennsylvania School Code; state approved standards for Career and Technical Education
Comprehensive CTC	Career and Technical Center that offers all academic requirements and awards diploma from that school
Comprehensive School	Traditional high school that offers state-approved CTE programs in-house
D	
DCED	Department of Community and Economic Development (PA)
DECA	Distributive Education Clubs of America (now just called DECA)
DO	Diversified Occupations Cooperative Education
DOE	Department of Education
DOL	U.S. Department of Labor
DLI	Department of Labor and Industry (PA)
DQI	Data Quality Institute
E	
ECS	Education Commission of the States
EDGAR	Education Department General Administrative Regulations
Eligible Agency	A State board designated or created consistent with State law as the sole State agency responsible for the administration, or the supervision of the administration, of career and technical education in the State.
EL or ELL	English Language Learner
EPINET	Education Personnel Information Network
ERIC	Educational Resources Information Center
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; renewed in 2001 and called No Child Left Behind
ESL	English as a second language
ETS	Educational Testing Service
F	
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FBLA	Future Business Leaders of America
FCCLA	Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
FCS	Family and Consumer Sciences
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FFA	National FFA Organization (formerly Future Farmers of America)
G	
Gear Up	Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs
GED	General Educational Development or General Equivalency Diploma
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
GPA	Grade Point Average
GPS	Global Positioning Systems
H	
HOSA	Health Occupations Students of America

HPO	High Priority Occupation
HSTW	High Schools That Work
I	
IASA	Improving America's Schools Act of 1994
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IES	Institute for Educational Statistics
ISBN	International Standard Book Number
ITEA	International Technology Education Association
IU	Intermediate Unit
J	
JFF	Jobs for the Future, Inc.
JOC	Joint Operating Committee
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
K	
K-12	Kindergarten through grade 12
KSA	Knowledge, skills and attitude
Keystone Exam	Assessment of end-of-course competency, will replace PSSA
KUDER	KUDER is a registered trademark for the KUDER Career Planning System
L	
LAC	Local Advisory Committee
LAN	Local Area Network
LEA	Local educational agency
L&I	(Pennsylvania Department of) Labor and Industry
M	
MAVCC	Career and technical education curriculum provider
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
N	
NACTEI	National Association for Career and Technical Education Information
NAF	National Academy Foundation
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress
NAICS	North American Industry Classification System
NAPE	National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity
NASBE	National Association of State Boards of Education
NASDCTEc	National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium
NASSP	National Association of Secondary School Principals
NAVE	National Assessment of Vocational Education
NBPTS	National Board of Professional Teacher Standards
NCES	National Center for Educational Statistics
NCLB	No Child Left Behind (Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 2001)
NCSDAE	National Council of State Directors of Adult Education
NCTEF	National Career Technical Education Foundation
NEA	National Education Association
NGA	National Governor's Association

NGO	Notice of Grant Opportunity
NCPN	National Career Pathways Network (formerly National Tech Prep Network)
NCRC	Nontraditional Career Resource Center
NIMS	National Institute of Metalworking Skills; PA-approved end-of-program assessment for Machining programs
NIWTTS	National Institute for Women in Trades, Technology and Science
NMSA	National Middle School Association
NOCTI	National Occupational Competency Testing Institute
NRCCTE	National Research Center for Career and Technical Education
NSBA	National School Boards Association
NSF	National Science Foundation
NSSB	National Skills Standards Board
NTPN	National Tech Prep Network, now called National Career Pathways Network
NWLC	National Women's Law Center
O	
OAC	Occupational Advisory Committee
O*NET	Occupation Information Network, http://online.onetcenter.org/
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OVAE	Office of Vocational and Adult Education
P	
P-20	"P" in P-20 stands for preschool, and the "20" refers to a 20th year of education – with high school graduation at 12 years and an undergraduate college degree at 16.
PA ACTE	Pennsylvania Chapter of the Association for Career and Technical Education
PACTA	PA Association of Career and Technical Administrators
PA*CTEC	PA Career and Technical Education Conference (June of every year)
PDE	Pennsylvania Department of Education
PDF	Portable Document Format
Perkins IV	Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 2006
POS	Program of Study
PPDC	Professional Personnel Development Center (Penn State, IUP, and Temple U.)
Project 720	PA high school reform initiative, "720" = combined # of school days in grades 9–12
PLTW	Project Lead the Way
PL	Public Law (U.S.)
PSAA	Public Schools Accountability Act
PSEA	Pennsylvania State Education Association
PSSA	Pennsylvania System of Skills Assessment
PTA	National Parent-Teacher Association
R	
3 Rs	Rigor, Relevance, Relationships
RFP	Request for Proposal
S	
SAS	Standards Aligned System, PDE
SAT	Scholastic Achievement Test
SCANS	Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills

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