

EDUCATIONAL ACRONYMS SORTED ALPHABETICALLY BY ACRONYM

Acronym	Meaning	Definition / Why it Matters	Category
A2A	Assessment to Achievement	An initiative linking assessment results to instructional improvements and achievement goals.	Assessment & Accountability
AA	Alternative Assessments	Assessments designed for students with significant cognitive disabilities who cannot participate in standard testing, even with accommodations.	Special Education
AAC	Alternative and Augmentative Communication	A range of tools, strategies, and technologies used to support or replace speech for individuals with communication challenges (e.g., picture boards, speech-generating devices, communication apps).	Special Education
AAF	Applied and Advanced Courses	High school courses that provide practical, career-oriented, or advanced academic learning.	Curriculum & Instruction
AAPPL	Assessment of Performance Toward Proficiency in Languages	A language proficiency assessment that measures students' ability in world languages; useful for program evaluation and accountability.	Assessment & Accountability
AASA	American Association of School Administrators	A national organization supporting superintendents and education leaders.	Association
ACEI	Association for Childhood Education International	A professional organization promoting high-quality education for children worldwide.	Educational Entities
ACFR	Annual Comprehensive Financial Report	A detailed annual financial report for public entities; provides transparency on fiscal condition and compliance.	Business & Finance
ACT	American College Testing	A standardized college admissions exam measuring academic readiness.	Assessment & Accountability
ACTFL	American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages	A professional association promoting excellence in language education.	Educational Entities
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	Federal civil rights law prohibiting discrimination based on disability; ensures accessibility and nondiscrimination in schools.	Special Education
ADA	Average Daily Attendance (Not Regularly Used)	A metric representing average student attendance daily; sometimes used in historical funding or reporting contexts.	Enrollment
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	A neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity.	Special Education
ADM	Average Daily Membership (Full-Time Student)	The average number of students enrolled full-time; often used in state funding calculations.	Enrollment
AEL	Associate Educator License	A provisional type of educator license for those completing certification requirements; supports staffing flexibility.	Human Resources
AERA	American Educational Research Association	The largest national organization advancing educational research.	Educational Entities
AFR	Annual Financial Report (LEA Financial Details)	Yearly financial summary for a Local Education Agency; used for oversight, budgeting, and audits.	Business & Finance
AMAO	Annual Measureable Achievement Objectives	Accountability measures for English Language Learners (ELLs) under prior federal law (Title III).	Assessment & Accountability
AP	Advanced Placement	College-level courses in high school that give students the opportunity to earn college credit. Educators use AP to promote academic rigor and college readiness.	Curriculum & Instruction
APPEL	Alternative Pathway to Professional Educator License	An alternate route to teacher certification; helps attract qualified candidates from varied backgrounds.	Human Resources
APR	Annual Program Report (State Program Details)	A report summarizing program performance and outcomes; supports program monitoring and improvement.	Assessment & Accountability
ARL	Alternative Routes to Licensure	A pathway that allows individuals with a bachelor's degree to become licensed teachers through nontraditional routes.	Human Resources
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act	2009 federal stimulus legislation that provided funds for education, jobs, and infrastructure.	Educational Entities
ASP or ASSP	Afterschool Snack Program	A federal program funding snacks for afterschool programs; supports student nutrition and program participation.	Nutrition & Health
AT	Assistive Technology	Devices or software that support students with disabilities to access learning; essential for inclusive instruction.	Special Education
ATSI	Additional Targeted Support and Improvement	A federal/state designation for targeted interventions to help specific student subgroups improve.	Student Support Services
AYP	Annual Yearly Progress	A former federal accountability metric measuring year-over-year student achievement; used historically for school performance.	Assessment & Accountability
BIE	Bureau of Indian Education	Federal agency providing education services to Native American students; collaborates with local schools and communities.	Student Support Services
BNL	Beginning Nonlapsing Balance	Funds carried into the new fiscal year that do not lapse; important for multi-year program funding.	Business & Finance
BTS	Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program	A program integrating arts into education to enhance student engagement and learning.	Curriculum & Instruction
BY	Budget Year	The fiscal year for which a budget is planned or enacted; critical for financial planning and reporting.	Business & Finance
CACFP	Child and Adult Care Food Program	A federally funded program ensuring nutritious meals in child care and after-school settings	Nutrition & Health
CACTUS	Comprehensive Administration of Credentials for Teachers in Utah Schools	State system for tracking educator credentials and licenses; used for HR compliance and verification.	Human Resources
CAFR	Comprehensive Annual Financial Report	Another term for ACFR; provides comprehensive fiscal reporting for transparency and governance.	Business & Finance
CAL	Center for Applied Linguistics	A nonprofit promoting language learning, cultural understanding, and assessment.	English Language Learners

CARLA	Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition	A research center at the University of Minnesota advancing language teaching and immersion practices.	Educational Entities
CAT	Computer Adaptive Test	An assessment that adapts item difficulty to student responses, providing efficient, individualized measurement.	Assessment & Accountability
CBT	Computer Based Testing	Online test administration for statewide and local assessments.	Assessment & Accountability
CCD	Common Core of Data (Federal Database)	National database with statistics about public elementary and secondary education; used for reporting and analysis.	Data & Statistics
CCGP	Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Program	A school counseling framework supporting student academic, career, and social-emotional development.	Student Support Services
CCR	College and Career Readiness	An outcome-focused framework to prepare students for postsecondary education and careers.	Curriculum & Instruction
CCSI	Center for Continuous School Improvement	An organization or initiative focused on ongoing improvement of school practices and student outcomes.	Assessment & Accountability
CCSSO	Council of Chief State School Officers	A national organization of public education leaders (state superintendents).	Educational Entities
CDC	Common Data Committee	A committee that oversees consistent data definitions and practices across systems to ensure data quality.	Data & Statistics
CE	Concurrent Enrollment	Allows high school students to take college courses for dual credit. Educators collaborate with colleges to expand access and support college readiness pathways.	Curriculum & Instruction
CFDA	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance	Federal catalog listing grant programs and funding opportunities; used for identifying federal funding sources.	Business & Finance
CLAU	Children's Literature Association of Utah	A nonprofit promoting quality children's literature through programs like the Beehive Book Awards.	Curriculum & Instruction
CMAC	Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee	A Utah advisory group that advocates for equitable education opportunities for students of color.	Student Support Services
CNL	Closing Nonlapsing Balance	Remaining funds designated to close out or carry forward under specific rules; matters for accounting accuracy.	Business & Finance
CNP	Child Nutrition Program	Programs providing school meals and snacks; important for student health and eligibility for federal reimbursements.	Nutrition & Health
CO	Capital Outlay	Funds allocated for building, repair, and capital projects; affects facilities planning.	Business & Finance
COBI	Compendium of Budget Information	A document compiling budget details and line items used in financial planning and transparency.	Business & Finance
COSF	Child Outcome Summary Form	A tool used to measure progress of young children with disabilities receiving early intervention or preschool special education services.	Special Education
CRESST	Center for Research on Evaluations, Standards and Student Testing	A national research center focused on improving assessment and accountability systems.	Assessment & Accountability
CRT	Criterion Referenced Test	An assessment measuring student performance against a set standard or criteria rather than other students.	Assessment & Accountability
CS	Charter School	A public school operating under a charter with greater autonomy and accountability for performance.	General Education
CSI	Comprehensive Support and Improvement	A federal/state improvement designation for schools requiring broad academic improvement strategies.	Assessment & Accountability
CSJET	Council on Standards for International Educational Travel	Establishes standards for international student exchange programs.	Educational Entities
CSLR	Charter School Local Replacement	State funding mechanism to replace local revenue not collected by charter schools; key to charter finance.	Business & Finance
CSPR	Consolidated State Performance Report	Annual federal reporting tool that tracks states' progress on federal education programs.	Assessment & Accountability
CSR	Class Size Reduction	Programs and funding aimed at reducing class sizes to improve student outcomes.	Student Support Services
CTE	Career and Technical Education	Programs preparing students for careers with technical skills and certifications; connects education to workforce needs.	Curriculum & Instruction
CY	Calendar Year	A January–December year reference used for reporting and comparison across datasets.	General Education
DFCM	Division of Facilities Construction and Management	State division overseeing design, construction, and maintenance of public facilities, including schools.	Operations
DIBELS	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Learning Skills	Short, reliable measures of early literacy skills used to screen and monitor K–3 students.	Curriculum & Instruction
DP	Data Processing (DP Current Expense)	Budget/expense category for data processing and technology costs.	Business & Finance
DRS	Division of Rehabilitation Services	A Utah state agency supporting individuals with disabilities in achieving employment and independence.	Educational Entities
DSBVI	Division of Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired	A division within the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation providing training, adaptive technology, and employment services for individuals with vision loss	Special Education
DT&L	Digital Teaching and Learning	An initiative or department focused on integrating digital tools into instruction and curriculum.	Technology
DTS	Division of Technology Services	State division providing technology services and support for education systems.	Technology
DWA	Direct Writing Assessment	Assessment focusing on students' written expression; used to evaluate writing skills.	Assessment & Accountability
DWS	Department of Workforce Services	State agency focused on employment and workforce development; partners with education for career pathways.	General Education
EAC	Executive Appropriations Committee	Legislative committee that develops the state budget; decisions affect education funding.	Business & Finance
EDGAR	Education Department General Administrative Regulations	Federal regulations that guide how U.S. Department of Education funds must be managed and administered.	Educational Entities
EELA	Elementary English Language Arts	Refers to K–6 curriculum standards and instructional practices in reading, writing, and language	Curriculum & Instruction
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity	Federal and state laws that prohibit workplace discrimination.	Human Resources
EFAP	Emergency Food Assistance Program	A federal program providing USDA foods to low-income households during emergencies	Nutrition & Health
EFL	English as a Foreign Language	teaching or learning English in a non-English-speaking country.	English Language Learners

EG	Enrollment Growth	Increase in student enrollment over time; impacts staffing, facilities, and funding.	Enrollment
ELL	English Language Learner	Students whose primary language is not English and who may need language support services.	English Language Learners
ELLWD	English Language Learner with Disabilities	Refers to students who are both English learners and have identified disabilities under IDEA	Special Education
ELP	English Language Proficiency	The level of English language ability a student has; used to place and monitor ELL supports.	English Language Learners
EPMSLA	Elementary Principals Mathematics and Science Leadership Academy	A professional learning initiative supporting elementary principals in instructional leadership for math and science.	Educational Entities
ERIC	Educational Resources Information Center	An online digital library of education research, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences.	Educational Entities
ESA	Educator Salary Adjustments	Programs or funds for adjusting educator pay; impacts recruitment and retention.	Human Resources
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act	Major federal education law authorizing funding and programs for K–12 education.	General Education
ESL	English as a Second Language	Instructional programs designed to help English learners develop proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.	English Language Learners
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act	Current federal K–12 education law providing state flexibility and accountability provisions.	General Education
ESSER	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (Federal COVID-19 Funding)	Federal relief funds provided in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to support student learning and recovery.	Business & Finance
EYE	Entry Years Enhancement	A Utah mentoring and professional growth program for new teachers during their first three years	Human Resources
EYP	Extended-Year Program	Programs that extend learning time beyond the regular school year, such as summer school or extended-day programs.	Curriculum & Instruction
F2F	Farm to Fork	Local food program or initiative connecting schools with fresh, local produce for meals.	Nutrition & Health
FAIN	Federal Award Identification Numbers	Unique identifiers for federal grants and awards; used for tracking and compliance.	Business & Finance
FAPE	Free and Appropriate Public Education	A legal standard guaranteeing special education services to eligible students at no cost.	Special Education
FDCH	Family Day Care Home	Home-based child care providers approved to participate in USDA food programs	Nutrition & Health
FDK	Full Day Kindergarten	Expands learning time for young students, supporting academic and social-emotional growth. Educators see improved readiness and continuity for early learners.	Curriculum & Instruction
FDP	Food Distribution Program	Federal program distributing food to schools and institutions to support nutrition programs.	Nutrition & Health
FE	Fall Enrollment	Headcount of students enrolled in the fall; commonly used in reporting and funding calculations. (October 1 Count)	Enrollment
FERPA	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act	Federal law protecting privacy of student education records and governing access and disclosure.	General Education
FFVP	Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	A USDA-funded initiative providing free fresh fruits and vegetables to students in eligible elementary schools.	Nutrition & Health
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year (Oct 1-Sept 30)	Guides the release of federal education funds (e.g., Title I, IDEA). Understanding this schedule helps schools plan for grant cycles and compliance deadlines.	Business & Finance
FNS	Food and Nutrition Service (Federal)	Federal agency administering child nutrition programs like NSLP and SFSP.	Nutrition & Health
FRPL	Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	A measure of student socioeconomic need used in program eligibility and reporting.	Nutrition & Health
FTE	Full Time Equivalent	A unit that indicates the workload of an employed person; used in staffing and budgeting.	Human Resources
FY	Fiscal Year	The accounting year for budgeting and financial reporting; varies by state.	Business & Finance
G.O.	General Obligation Bond	Debt instrument used to finance public capital projects, such as school construction.	Business & Finance
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles	Accounting standards used to prepare financial statements; ensures consistency and comparability.	Business & Finance
GASB	Governmental Accounting Standards Board	Organization that sets accounting standards for governmental entities, including public education.	General Education
GED	General Educational Development	A set of tests providing certification for high school-level academic skills.	Assessment & Accountability
GF	General Fund	Primary operating fund used to support general education services.	Business & Finance
GFR	General Fund Restricted	Portion of the general fund restricted for specific purposes by law or policy.	Business & Finance
GOPB	Governor's Office of Planning and Budget	State office that develops fiscal policy and budget proposals affecting education.	Business & Finance
GRAMA	Governmental Records Access and Management Act	Utah's open records law that governs public access to government documents.	General Education
HIS	Highly Impacted Schools	Schools serving large numbers of high-need students and receiving focused resources or policy attention.	General Education
HQT	Highly Qualified Teacher	A historical federal term indicating teachers met subject and certification standards.	Human Resources
IB	International Baccalaureate	A globally recognized program focused on critical thinking, inquiry, and international-mindedness. Educators use IB to foster a rigorous, holistic learning environment.	Curriculum & Instruction
ICP	Indirect Cost Pool	Accounting method allocating indirect costs across programs; affects grant budgeting and reimbursement.	Business & Finance
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	Federal law ensuring services and protections for students with disabilities.	Special Education
IEP	Individual Education Program	Individualized plan describing special education services and supports for eligible students.	Special Education
IGP	Intergenerational Poverty	A policy or program focus on addressing the effects of poverty across generations through education and supports.	Student Support Services
ILO	Intended Learning Outcome	A clearly defined statement of what students should know or be able to do after instruction	Curriculum & Instruction

IMC	Instructional Materials Center	A district or regional resource center providing curriculum materials, textbooks, and media resources for educators. A district or regional resource center providing curriculum materials, textbooks, and media resources for educators.	Curriculum & Instruction
IRT	Item Response Theory	A statistical model used to analyze test questions and student performance.	Assessment & Accountability
iSEE	Informal Science Education Enhancement	Programs or initiatives that broaden access to informal science learning opportunities.	Curriculum & Instruction
ISF	Internal Service Fund	Fund used by an organization to account for services provided internally (e.g., IT, maintenance).	Business & Finance
ITBS	Iowa Test of Basic Skills	A nationally norm-referenced assessment measuring student achievement in core academic areas.	Assessment & Accountability
ITC	Integrating Technology in the Curriculum	The intentional use of digital tools to enhance teaching and learning.	Technology
ITED	Iowa Tests of Educational Development	A standardized test series for high school students assessing higher-order thinking and problem-solving.	Assessment & Accountability
ITF	Income Tax Fund	State fund sourced from income tax revenues, used to support public services including education.	Business & Finance
ITFR	Income Tax Restricted	Portion of income tax revenue restricted for certain uses by law.	Business & Finance
JLC	Joint Legislative Committee (USBA/USSA/UASBO)	A collaborative committee representing education organizations that advises legislators on education policy.	General Education
JMS	Jean Massieu School, Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind	Specialized school serving deaf and blind students, providing specialized educational services.	Special Education
LAG	Legislative Auditor General	State official responsible for auditing public agencies, including education entities, for performance and compliance.	General Education
LAND	Learning and Nurturing Development (School LAND Trust Program)	A statewide program providing resources for local school improvement and student learning initiatives.	Student Support Services
LEA	Local Education Agency	A district or charter organization responsible for delivering public education and administering local programs.	General Education
LEP	Limited English Proficiency	A federal term for students whose primary language is not English and who need language support services.	English Language Learners
LFA	Legislative Fiscal Analyst	Analyst providing fiscal research and budget analysis to the legislature on education funding.	Business & Finance
LRBI	Least Restrictive Behavioral Interventions	Approach to behavior supports that seeks the least restrictive method necessary for student safety and learning.	Special Education
LRE (LRA)	Least Restrictive Environment	Special education principle ensuring students are educated with peers to the greatest extent appropriate.	Special Education
MESA	Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement	A program that promotes STEM education and opportunities for underrepresented students.	Student Support Services
MIDAS	Massively Integrated Data Analytics System	An online catalog of professional learning opportunities / registration and tracking system for educators to log completed professional development and micro-credentials.	Human Resources
MSP	Minimum School Program	Utah's primary K–12 funding formula allocating state resources to districts and charter schools.	Business & Finance
MTSS	Multi-Tiered System of Supports	A framework for delivering academic and behavioral interventions at increasing levels of intensity.	Special Education
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress	National assessment providing comparative data on student achievement across states.	Assessment & Accountability
NAESP	National Association of Elementary School Principals	A national professional organization for elementary and middle-level principals	National Associations & Centers
NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children	The leading organization for early childhood education standards and accreditation.	National Associations & Centers
NAGB	National Assessment Governing Board	The body overseeing the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).	National Associations & Centers
NASBE	National Association of State Boards of Education	Represents state boards in shaping national education policy.	National Associations & Centers
NASDSE	National Association of State Directors of Special Education	A national organization supporting leadership in special education.	National Associations & Centers
NASP	National Association for School Psychologists	A professional organization promoting effective practices to improve students' learning, behavior, and mental health.	National Associations & Centers
NCAA	National Collegiate Athletic Association	The governing body for college athletics, which sets eligibility standards for student-athletes	National Associations & Centers
NCES	National Center for Education Statistics	Federal agency collecting and analyzing education data used for research and policy.	General Education
NCFL	National Center for Family Literacy	A nonprofit advancing literacy through family engagement and community partnerships.	Educational Entities
NCLB	No Child Left Behind	The 2001 federal education law emphasizing accountability and standardized testing.	National Associations & Centers
NESS	Necessarily Existent Small Schools	A classification for rural or small schools that require special considerations in funding and policy.	General Education
NIEERR	National Institute for Early Education Research	A research organization evaluating early childhood education quality and policy.	National Associations & Centers
NIMAC	National Instructional Materials Access Center	A federally funded center providing accessible digital textbooks for students with print disabilities.	Special Education
NIMAS	National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard	Standards ensuring instructional materials are available in accessible formats for students with print disabilities.	Special Education
NRT	Norm-Referenced Test	An assessment comparing a student's performance to a national sample.	Assessment & Accountability
NSBP	National School Breakfast Program	Federal program providing breakfast to students, supporting nutrition and readiness.	Nutrition & Health
NSLP	National School Lunch Program	Federal school lunch program providing meals to students, supporting health and learning.	Nutrition & Health
NWAC	Northwest Accreditation Commission	An accrediting body ensuring school quality and continuous improvement.	Assessment & Accountability
O&M	Operations and Maintenance	Expenses and activities related to operating and maintaining school facilities.	Operations

OCR	Office of Civil Rights	A U.S. Department of Education office enforcing civil rights laws in schools.	National Associations & Centers
OEK	Optional Extended-day Kindergarten	Program offering additional kindergarten time to support early learning outcomes.	Student Support Services
OIE	Office of Indian Education	A federal program supporting the academic and cultural needs of American Indian and Alaska Native students.	National Associations & Centers
OLRGC	Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel	Legislative office providing research and legal counsel to lawmakers on education policy.	General Education
OPEB	Other Post-Employment Benefits	Benefits (other than pensions) provided to retired employees; significant for long-term fiscal planning.	Human Resources
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs	A federal office administering IDEA and overseeing special education implementation.	Special Education
OUS	Office of Under Secretary	A division within the U.S. Department of Education overseeing higher education and policy initiatives.	National Associations & Centers
PBT	Paper-based Testing	Traditional test format using printed materials instead of digital platforms	Assessment & Accountability
PD	Professional Development	Ongoing training for educators to improve instruction and student outcomes.	Human Resources
PEA	Public Education Appropriations (Subcommittee)	Legislative subcommittee that makes recommendations on education funding and appropriations.	Business & Finance
PETTS	Paraeducators to Teacher Scholarship Opportunities	A Utah scholarship initiative helping paraeducators earn teaching credentials.	Human Resources
PIP	Parent Infant Program	Early childhood program supporting parent and infant development and early learning.	General Education
PLS	Preschool Language Scale	A standardized assessment measuring language development in young children	Assessment & Accountability
POPS	Professional Outreach Programs in the Schools	Programs connecting professionals with schools to expand student learning and community engagement.	General Education
PPE	Per Pupil Expenditures	Measure of spending per student; used for budgeting and comparing resource allocation.	Business & Finance
PTA	Parent-Teacher Association	Volunteer organization that supports school activities and fosters family engagement.	General Education
PTO	Parent-Teacher Organization	Similar to PTA, a parent group supporting school programs and community involvement.	General Education
PTR	Pupil Teacher Ratio	Ratio of students to teachers in a classroom; influences class size and instructional planning.	Human Resources
RESA	Regional Education Service Agency	Organizations providing shared services and support to school districts and charters in a region.	General Education
RFI	Request for Information	A procurement or information-gathering process used before formal solicitation.	Business & Finance
RFP	Request for Proposal	A formal procurement method soliciting proposals for goods or services; used in contracting.	Business & Finance
RIMS	Recommended Instructional Materials System	Utah's online system for reviewing and approving instructional materials for schools.	Curriculum & Instruction
RISE	Readiness Improvement Success Empowerment (State Assessment)	Utah's state assessment system measuring student proficiency and growth across grades.	Assessment & Accountability
SAT	Scholastic Aptitude Test	A standardized college entrance exam assessing reading, writing, and math skills.	Assessment & Accountability
SCSB	State Charter School Board	State-level board that authorizes and oversees charter schools, ensuring accountability.	Educational Entities
SCT	School Children's Trust	Trust fund or program providing financial support for school-related needs.	Business & Finance
SDBO	School District Building Official	Official responsible for building code compliance and safety in school construction and facilities.	Educational Entities
SEA	State Education Agency	State-level agency overseeing public education, policy, and compliance.	Educational Entities
SEATS	Student Enrollment, Approval, and Tracking System	System for tracking student enrollment and approvals used for state reporting and program management.	Enrollment
SELA	Secondary English Language Arts	Curriculum and instruction for grades 7–12 focused on reading, writing, and critical thinking.	Curriculum & Instruction
SEOP	Student Education Occupation Plan	A plan for students mapping their academic and career goals.	Student Support Services
SEP	Student Education Plan	A personalized academic and career plan for each student, typically developed in grades 7–12.	Student Support Services
SES	Special Education Services	Programs and services supporting students with disabilities.	Special Education
SETDA	State Educational Technology Directors Association	A national organization of state education technology leaders	Educational Entities
SFSP	Summer Food Service Program	A federally funded program providing free meals to children during summer months	Nutrition & Health
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SFY	State Fiscal Year (Jul 1-Jun 30)	Determines when state education funds are allocated and spent. Educators and administrators use this timeline for budgeting, staffing, and program planning.	Business & Finance
SGP	Student Growth Percentiles	Measurement of student growth compared to peers; useful for assessing instructional impact.	Assessment & Accountability
SHINE	Salary Supplement for Highly Needed Educators	Program providing additional pay to educators in high-need subject areas or locations.	Human Resources
SIS	Student Information System	Software used to manage student data, schedules, grades, and reporting.	Technology
SLM	School of Library Media	Refers to the library media program within schools that supports literacy, research, and information literacy.	Curriculum & Instruction
SMECC	State Mathematics Education Coordinating Committee	A Utah-based committee that coordinates efforts to improve mathematics education statewide.	Curriculum & Instruction
SMP	Special Milk Program	Federal program providing milk to students in eligible schools or programs.	Nutrition & Health
SOEP	Statewide Online Education Program	Program offering online courses statewide, expanding access to instruction.	Curriculum & Instruction
SPED	Special Education	Services and supports for students with disabilities to ensure educational access.	Special Education
SPP	State Performance Plan	A federally required document outlining how the state will improve outcomes for students with disabilities under IDEA.	Special Education

SSECC	State Science Education Coordinators Committee	A Utah committee that supports coordination of science instruction and standards implementation.	Curriculum & Instruction
SSID	State Student Identification Number	A unique, confidential student number assigned to each Utah public school student.	Enrollment
SSIP	State Systemic Improvement Plan	A statewide plan to improve special education systems and outcomes.	Special Education
SSO	Seamless Summer Option	An option for providing summer meals through simplified administrative requirements.	Nutrition & Health
Standford 9	Stanford Achievement Test	A norm-referenced standardized test measuring academic achievement in core subjects.	Assessment & Accountability
STAR	Student Tutoring Achievement for Reading	A Utah-based literacy initiative providing targeted reading interventions through tutoring.	Student Support Services
STEM	Science Technology Engineering and Math	An educational focus area emphasizing interdisciplinary skills and college/career readiness.	General Education
STR	Student Teacher Ratio	Similar to PTR, indicates the number of students per teacher for planning and quality.	Human Resources
SWD	Students with Disabilities	Refers to learners identified under IDEA or Section 504 as needing specialized instruction or accommodations.	Special Education
SY	School Year	The academic year used for instruction and reporting.	General Education
TEDI	Transition from Early Intervention Data Information	A Utah system tracking children as they transition from early intervention (Part C) to preschool special education (Part B).	Student Support Services
TEFAP	The Emergency Food Assistance Program	Federal program that distributes emergency food to eligible communities and programs.	Nutrition & Health
TSI	Targeted Support and Improvement	Designation for schools needing targeted assistance to improve specific areas of performance.	General Education
TSSP	Teacher Salary Supplement Program (Replaced by SHINE)	Historical program that provided additional compensation to teachers; now replaced by SHINE.	Human Resources
TSSP	Teacher and Student Success Program	Program focused on improving teacher effectiveness and student outcomes (note: acronym reused).	Human Resources
TY	Tax Year	The year for tax reporting purposes; relevant for financial planning and reporting.	Business & Finance
U-PASS	Utah Performance Assessment System for Students	The former statewide testing and accountability system used to measure student achievement.	Assessment & Accountability
U-RAPT	Utah Registered Apprenticeship Program for Teachers	Program linking apprenticeship models to teacher preparation and pathways.	Human Resources
UAA	Utah Alternative Assessment	An assessment designed for students with significant cognitive disabilities aligned with alternate achievement standards	Assessment & Accountability
UALPA	Utah Academic Language Proficiency Assessment	The former statewide English language proficiency test measuring listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills of English learners.	Assessment & Accountability
UAPCS	Utah Association of Public Charter Schools	State organization supporting public charter schools through advocacy and services.	Educational Entities
UAPlus	Utah Aspire Plus	A program or initiative in Utah supporting student access to courses or resources.	Assessment & Accountability
UASBO	Utah Association of School Business Officials	Organization for school business professionals focused on best practices in finance and operations.	Educational Entities
UBHE	Utah Board of Higher Education	State board overseeing higher education institutions and policy.	Educational Entities
UBSCT	Utah Basic Skills Competency Test	A former state assessment measuring high school students' proficiency in reading, writing, and math.	Assessment & Accountability
UCA	Utah Consolidated Application	State application consolidating federal grant applications and reporting requirements.	Business & Finance
UCA	Utah Consolidated Application	The state's annual online grant management system for federal and state education programs.	Business & Finance
UCET	Utah Coalition for Educational Technology	A statewide professional organization promoting effective technology integration in education.	Technology
UCN	Utah Charter Network	A network or support organization for charter schools in Utah.	Educational Entities
UDL	University Design for Learning	A research-based educational framework that guides the design of flexible learning environments to accommodate individual learning differences.	Student Support Services
UEA	Utah Education Association	State teachers' association representing educators' professional interests.	Educational Entities
UELMA	Utah Educational Library Media Association	A professional organization supporting Utah library media educators.	Educational Entities
UEN	Utah Education Network	Statewide educational technology network providing resources and services to schools.	Curriculum & Instruction
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UFLA	Utah Foreign Language Association	A statewide professional association supporting world language educators	Educational Entities
UHEA	Utah Home Education Association	A nonprofit organization supporting families who homeschool their children in Utah.	Educational Entities
UIMC	Utah Instructional Media Consortium	A statewide consortium that shares and develops instructional media and educational technology resources.	Curriculum & Instruction
UMEP	Utah Mathematics Endorsement Project	A professional development program designed to help Utah teachers earn math endorsements and strengthen content knowledge.	Human Resources
UPC	Utah Parent Center	A parent-directed nonprofit that provides training and information to families of children with disabilities	Special Education
UPDC	Utah Personnel Development Center	A statewide center providing professional learning and technical assistance for special education personnel.	Special Education
UPED	Utah Professional Educator Development	A statewide initiative promoting ongoing professional learning and leadership growth among Utah educators.	Human Resources
UPEFS	Utah Public Education Finance System	State system for tracking education finance data and payments.	Business & Finance
UPIPS	Utah Program Improvement Planning System	System for planning and tracking program improvement efforts across schools.	Special Education

UPOD	Utah Preschool Outcomes Data	A system for collecting and analyzing preschool special education performance outcomes.	Special Education
UPPAC	Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission	Commission advising on educator professional conduct and licensure matters.	Human Resources
URSA	Utah Rural Schools Association	A statewide organization representing rural districts and educators.	Educational Entities
USBA	Utah School Boards Association	Association representing local school boards and providing governance support.	Educational Entities
USBA	Utah State Boards Association	A nonprofit supporting local school boards through training, advocacy, and governance resources.	Educational Entities
USBE	Utah State Board of Education	State education agency governing K–12 education policies, standards, and accountability.	Educational Entities
USBE	Utah State Board of Education	The governing body overseeing public education in Utah. Establishes state education policy, curriculum standards, and educator licensing, guiding all Utah schools.	Educational Entities
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture	Federal agency administering child nutrition and agriculture-related programs impacting schools.	Nutrition & Health
USDB	Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind	Specialized state schools providing services and education to students who are deaf or blind.	Special Education
USDE	U.S. Department of Education	Federal agency overseeing education policy, funding, and federal program administration.	Educational Entities
USEAP	Utah Special Education Advisory Panel	Advisory committee for Students with Disabilities	Special Education
USEAP	Utah Special Education Advisory Panel	A federally mandated advisory panel that provides input on special education policy and services.	Educational Entities
USF	Uniform School Fund	Primary state funding source for K–12 education in Utah.	Business & Finance
USFR	Uniform School Fund Restricted	Portion of the Uniform School Fund that is legally restricted for specific uses.	Business & Finance
USHE	Utah System of Higher Education	State system overseeing public higher education institutions and coordination.	General Education
USIMAC	Utah State Instructional Materials Access Center	Center that provides accessible instructional materials for students with print disabilities.	Special Education
USIMAC	Utah State Instructional Materials Access Center	Provides accessible versions of instructional materials for Utah students with print disabilities.	Special Education
USIMS	Utah Schools Information Management System	Replacing CACTUS: Empowers educators, administrators, parents/guardians, and more by giving them useful, accurate, safe-guarded information—all in one place.	Human Resources
USOE	Utah State Office of Education	The former name of the Utah State Board of Education's administrative office (now USBE)	Educational Entities
USSA	Utah School Superintendents Association	Association representing superintendents and supporting district leadership.	Educational Entities
USTAR	Utah Science Technology and Research	A state-funded program promoting innovation and STEM education in schools and universities.	Educational Entities
UTIPS	Utah Test Item Pool Service	Service providing test item banks and assessments to support state testing programs.	Assessment & Accountability
UTIPS	Utah Test Item Pool Server	An online platform providing educators with test questions aligned to Utah Core Standards for classroom assessments.	Assessment & Accountability
UTOS	Utah Test Ordering System	A system used by Utah districts and schools to order testing materials and manage assessment logistics.	Assessment & Accountability
UTREx	Utah eTranscript and Record Exchange	Platform supporting electronic transcript exchange and student record portability.	General Education
V&B	Voted and Board	A term likely referencing voted and board-authorized funds or actions in a budgeting context.	Governance & Policy
WIDA	World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment	A national consortium that develops English language proficiency standards and assessments.	English Language Learners
WPU	Weighted Pupil Unit	The base unit used in Utah to calculate per-pupil funding; a foundational element of school finance.	Business & Finance
YIC	Youth-In-Custody/Youth-in-Care	Designation for students in custody or care settings; relevant to specialized education services and placements.	Student Support Services