

## **Nevada's Public Education System—Common Acronyms and Selected Terms**

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ACT	ACT® Exam (American College Test)
AFT	American Federation of Teachers
AP	Advanced Placement (Courses)
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Also see RTTT)
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress
CBE	Council for Basic Education
CCSSO	Council of Chief State School Officers
CRT	Criterion-Referenced Test
CSN	College of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas
CSR	Class-Size Reduction
CTE	Career and Technical Education
DOE	Department of Education
DRI	Desert Research Institute
DSA	Distributive School Account
ECE	Early Childhood Education
ECS	Education Commission of the States
ELL	English Language Learners (used interchangeably with ESL and LEP)
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
ESL	English as a Second Language (used interchangeably with ELL and LEP)
ETS	Educational Testing Service
FERPA	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
FRL	Free and Reduced-Price Lunch
GATE	Gifted and Talented Education
GBC	Great Basin College, Elko
GED	General Education Diploma
GPA	Grade Point Average
HOUSSE	High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation (applied to teachers)
HSPE	High School Proficiency Examination
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Federal Special Education Law)
IEP	Individualized Education Program
iNVEST	Investing in Nevada's Education, Students, and Teachers
IPEDS	Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Systems
ITBS	Iowa Test of Basic Skills
LAS	Language Assessment Scales
LBEAPE	Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation
LCE	Legislative Committee on Education
LEA	Local Education Agency (i.e., School District)
LEP	Limited English Proficient (used interchangeably with ELL and ESL)
LSST	Local School Support Tax
NAC	<i>Nevada Administrative Code</i>

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NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress
NASA	Nevada Association of School Administrators
NASB	Nevada Association of School Boards
NASS	Nevada Association of School Superintendents
NBPTS	National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
NCATE	National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
NCES	National Center for Education Statistics
NCHEMS	National Center for Higher Education Management Systems
NCLB	No Child Left Behind Act of 2001
NEA	National Education Association
NELIP	Nevada Early Literacy Intervention Program
NERA	Nevada Education Reform Act of 1997
NIAA	Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association
NRS	<i>Nevada Revised Statutes</i>
NRT	Norm Referenced Test
NSC	Nevada State College
NSEA	Nevada State Education Association
NSHE	Nevada System of Higher Education
NWEA	Northwest Evaluation Association
PSAT/NMSQT	PSAT® Exam (Preliminary SAT®/National Merit Scholarship Quality Test)
PTA	Parent Teacher Association
PTO	Parent Teacher Organization
RPDP	Regional Professional Development Program
RTTT	Race to the Top federal grant program (part of the ARRA)
SAGE	Student Achievement Gap Elimination
SAIN	System of Accountability Information for Nevada
SAT	SAT® Exam (SAT® Reasoning Test)
SBE	State Board of Education
SEA	State Education Agency (i.e., State Department of Education)
SHEEO	State Higher Education Executive Officers
SIOP	Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol
SIP	School or State Improvement Plan
SLDS	Statewide Longitudinal Data System
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
TESL	Teaching English as a Second Language
TMCC	Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno
UNLV	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
UNR	University of Nevada, Reno
USDE	United States Department of Education
WICHE	Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
WNC	Western Nevada College, Carson City