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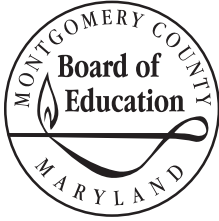
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# *General Guidance*

## **ON HOW TO USE MCPS ACRONYMS IN YOUR DOCUMENT**

- Spell out acronyms at first mention, with the acronym in parentheses (except in the subject line).
- Use the acronym at any further mention of the name.



# A

- AA** Administrative Assistant
- AAAS** American Association for the Advancement of Science
- AACC** Assessment and Accountability Comprehensive Center
- AAEA** Asian American Education Association
- AAFAE** African American Festival of Academic Excellence
- AAHPERD** American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance
- AAP/CEC** African American Parents/Community Education Consortium
- AAS** Academic Achievement Specialist
- AASA** American Association of School Administrators
- AASL** American Association of School Librarians
- AASPA** American Association of School Personnel Administrators
- AAUW** American Association of University Women
- ABE** Adult Basic Education
- ACA** American Counselors Association
- ACB** American Council of the Blind
- ACCG** Advisory Committee on Counseling and Guidance
- ACEI** Association for Childhood Education International
- ACET** Alternative Certification for Effective Teaching
- ACS** Access Control System
- ACT** American College Testing or Assistants' Collaboration Team
- ACT-SO** Academic, Cultural, Technological, and Scientific Olympics
- ACTFL** American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
- ACF** Administration for Children and Families
- AD** Athletic Director
- ADA** *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990*
- ADAAA** *Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008*
- ADD** Attention Deficit Disorder
- ADHD** Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- ADL** Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
- ADR** Alternative Dispute Resolution
- AECT** Association for Educational Communications and Technology
- AED** Automated External Defibrillator
- AEI** Accelerated and Enriched Instruction
- AEILC** Accelerated and Enriched Instruction Literacy Coach
- AEIMCS** Accelerated and Enriched Instruction Mathematics Content Specialist
- AEIST** Acceleration and Enriched Instruction Support Teacher
- AERA** American Educational Research Association
- AFB** American Foundation for the Blind
- AFT** American Federation of Teachers
- AICE** Advanced International Certificate of Education
- AIX** Advanced Interactive eXecutive Operating System
- ALA** American Library Association
- Alt-MSA** Alternate Maryland School Assessment
- AMA0** Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives
- AMO** Annual Measurable Objectives
- AOF** Academy of Finance
- AOIT** Academy of Information Technology
- AOS** Available on site

- AP** Advanced Placement or Assistant principal
- APAHC** Asian Pacific American Heritage Council, Inc.
- APC** Advanced Professional Certificate
- APEX** Advanced Placement Experience (program at Walter Johnson HS)
- AP-PR** Assessment Program in Primary Reading
- APQC** American Productivity and Quality Center
- APR** Annual Performance Report
- ARRA** *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*
- AR** Administrative Review
- A&S** Administrative and Supervisory
- A&S PGS** Administrative and Supervisory Professional Growth System
- ASA** Assistant School Administrator
- ASBO** Association of School Business Officials
- ASC** Achievement Steering Committee
- ASCD** Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- ASD** Autism Spectrum Disorders
- ASHA** American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- ASL** American Sign Language
- ASVAB** Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery
- AT** Assistive Technology
- ATF** (Montgomery County) Students Automotive Trades Foundation
- ATS** Applicant Tracking System
- AVA** American Vocational Association
- AVID** Advancement Via Individual Determination
- AYP** Adequate Yearly Progress

## B

- BAPA** Bethesda Academy of Performing Arts
- BAT** Bilingual Assessment Team
- BCR** Brief Constructed Response
- BESC** Bilingual Education Service Center
- BIP** Behavioral Intervention Plan
- BIT** Board of Investment Trustees
- BMP** Building Maintenance Plan
- BMPI** Building Modifications and Program Improvements
- BOAST** Building Opportunities for All Students and Teachers
- BOD** Board of Directors
- BOE** Board of Education (Board)
- BOSS** Brotherhood of Super Stars
- BRAC** Base Realignment and Closure
- BRC** Board Review Committee
- BRFA** *Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2002*
- BROTHERS** Blacks Reaching Out To Help Each Reach Success (at Albert Einstein HS)
- BRP** Business Resumption Plan
- BSM** Building Service Manager
- BST** Behavioral Support Teacher
- BTE** *Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act of 2002 (Thornton Act)*

## C

- CAA** Curriculum Advisory Assembly
- CAB** Cluster Advisory Board
- CAC** Curriculum Advisory Committee
- CACFLHD** Citizens Advisory Committee on Family Life and Human Development
- CAD** Computer-Aided Design or Computer-Aided Drafting
- CAFR** Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

**CARS** Cross-Agency Resource Sharing (committee)

**CAPP** Collaborative Autism Preschool Program

**CAI** Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction

**CAP** Collaborative Action Process

**CAPPIES** Critics and Awards Program for High School Theater and Journalism

**CARTS** Computer-Assisted Routing Transportation System

**CAS** Core Academic Subjects

**CASE** Coalition for Alternatives in Special Education or Council for Advancement and Support of Education

**CAT** Community Action Team

**CATG** Community Action Task Group (gang prevention)

**CBD** Commerce Business Daily

**CBE** Council for Basic Education

**CBMI** Comprehensive Behavior Management Intervention

**CBO** Community-based Organization

**CC** Chamber of Commerce

**CCAPS** Concerned Citizens for the Arts in Public Schools

**CCSS** Common Core State Standards

**CCSSO** Council of Chief State School Officers

**CDC** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**CEASOM** Council of Educational, Administrative, and Supervisory Organizations of Maryland

**CEC** Council for Exceptional Children

**CEEB** College Entrance Examination Board

**CEEM** Council of Economic Education in Maryland

**CEIS** Coordinated Early Interviewing Services

**CESC** Carver Educational Services Center

**CEU** Continuing Education Unit Credit

**CFDA** Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

**CFO** Chief Financial Officer

**CFR** Code of Federal Regulations

**CFW** Commission for Women (Montgomery County Government)

**CGCP** Comprehensive Guidance Counseling Program, K–12

**CHADD** Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorders

**CIEP** Central Individualized Education Program

**CIF** Centralized Investment Fund

**CIP** Capital Improvements Program

**CIPA** *Children's Internet Protection Act*

**CIRF** Conflict Intervention, Resolution, and Follow-up

**CIS** Cafeteria Information System

**CISM** Critical Incident Stress Management

**CISMC** Community in Schools Montgomery County, Inc.

**CITE** Creative Initiatives in Teacher Education

**CLS** Classroom Learning System

**CMCC** Collaborative Management Coordinating Committee

**CMMS** Computerized Maintenance Management System

**COB** Council Office Building

**COE** Cooperative Office Education

**COMAR** Code of Maryland Regulations

**COO** Chief Operating Officer

**COSA** Change of School Assignment

**CPD** Continuing Professional Development

**CPF** Central Production Facility

**CP** Consulting Principal

**CPP** Career Pathways Program

- CPS** Collaborative Problem Solving or Child Protective Services
- CREATE** Center for Research on Educational Accountability and Teacher Evaluation
- CRI** Criterion Referenced Inventory
- CSAAC** Community Services for Autistic Adults and Children
- CSMP** Comprehensive School Mathematics Program or Central Services Meeting with Principals
- CSPA** Columbia Scholastic Press Association
- CST** Center for Skillful Teaching
- CT** Consulting Teacher
- CTI** Center for Technology Innovation
- CTBS** Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills
- CTE** Career and Technology Education
- CTF** (Montgomery County) Students Construction Trades Foundation
- CTL** Councils on Teaching and Learning
- CTO** Chief Technology Officer
- CUPF** Community Use of Public Facilities
- CWE** Cooperative Work Experience
- CWS** Child Welfare Services

## D

- DAP** Department of Alternative Programs
- DARE** Drug Abuse Resistance Education
- DBFIS** Division of Business, Fiscal and Information Systems
- DCC** Downcounty Consortium
- DCCAPS** Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services
- DCCE** Department of Certification and Continuing Education

- DCI** Department of Curriculum and Instruction
- DDDM** Data-driven Decision Making
- DECA** Distributive Education Clubs of America
- DEIP** Department of Enriched and Innovative Programs
- DESC** Developmental Evaluation Services for Children
- DFCP** Department of Family and Community Partnerships
- DFM** Department of Facilities Management
- DFNS** Division of Food and Nutrition Services
- DFS** Department of Financial Services
- D/HH** Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- DHHS** Department of Health and Human Services (Montgomery County)
- DHMH** Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- DHOH** Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- DIBELS** Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
- DIME** Dual Independent Map Encoding File
- DJJ** Department of Juvenile Justice
- DJS** Department of Juvenile Services
- DLRP** Division of Long-range Planning
- DLT** Deputy's Leadership Team
- DMBP** Department of Management, Budget, and Planning
- DMM** Department of Materials Management
- DOC** Division of Construction
- DOE** Department of Education
- DOT** Department of Transportation
- DPGS** Department of Professional Growth Systems
- DPT** Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus
- DRC** Dispute Resolution Conference
- DRP** Disaster Recovery Process

- DRS** Department of Recruitment and Staffing
- DRSAU** Disciplinary Review and School Assignment Unit
- DSES** Department of Special Education Services
- DSPO** Division of School Plant Operations
- DSS** Department of Student Services
- DSSS** Department of School Safety and Security

# E

- EAF** Entrepreneurial Activities Fund
- EAP** Employee Assistance Program
- EBAC** ESOL Bilingual Advisory Committee
- EBP** Employee Benefit Plan
- ECA** Extracurricular Activity
- ECAP** Early Childhood Assessment Program
- ECCFT** Early Childhood Cross-functional Team
- ECE** Early Childhood Education
- ECOR** Early Childhood Observation Record
- ECPD** Equitable Classroom Practices Document
- ECPS** Early Childhood Programs and Services
- ECR** Extended Constructed Response
- ECS** Education Commission of the States
- ED** Emotional Disabilities
- EDGAR** Education Department General Administrative Regulations
- EEEP** Extended Elementary Education Program
- EEO** Equal Employment Opportunity
- EEOC** Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- EEK** Early Entrance to Kindergarten
- EEP** Educational Empowerment Program (run by the Housing Opportunities Commission)
- EFR** Elected Facility Representative
- EGPS** Editorial, Graphics & Publishing Services
- EI** Education International
- EIC** Elementary Integrated Curriculum
- EIIP** Early Identification and Intervention Program
- EIU** Equity Initiatives Unit
- ELC** Elementary Learning Center
- ELCP** Educational Leadership Certificate Program
- ELI** Educational Leadership Institute
- ELL** English Language Learners
- ELO** Extended Learning Opportunities
- ELO-SAIL** Extended Learning Opportunities-Summer Adventures in Learning
- ELP** English Language Proficiency
- ELT** Executive Leadership Team
- EMT** Educational Management Team
- ENN** ESOL News Network
- EOB** Executive Office Building
- EPA** Environmental Protection Agency
- EPAT** Elementary Principals Action Team
- EPIC** Evaluation Procedures Imprinted on Computer
- ERB** Expulsion Review Board
- ERIC** Educational Resources Information Center
- ERP** Enterprise Resource Planning
- ERSC** Employee and Retiree Service Center
- ES** Elementary School
- E&S** Evaluation and Selection
- ESEA** *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (of 1965)*
- ESIA** Elementary School Instruction and Achievement

- ESIP** Elementary Science Integration Project
- ESIT** Enhanced School Improvement Team
- ESL** English as a Second Language
- ESLP** Elementary Science Leadership Program
- ESMP** Elementary School Mathematics Project
- ESOL** English for Speakers of Other Languages
- ESPP** Early Success Performance Plan
- ESR** Elected Support Representative
- ESS** Extended Summer Schedule
- ESY** Extended School Year
- ETI** Experienced Teacher Institute
- E-TIPS** Educators Using Technology to Improve the Performance of Students
- ETM** Education That is Multicultural
- ETS** Educational Testing Service
- EXCEL** Extended Careers Experience and Learning

## F

- FACS** Family and Consumer Sciences or Family and Consumer Services
- FACT** Facilities Assessment and Criteria Testing
- FAESD** *Fitness and Athletics Equity for Students with Disabilities Act*
- FAPE** Free and Appropriate Public Education
- FAQ** Frequently Asked Questions
- FARMS** Free and Reduced-price Meals System
- FBA** Functional Behavioral Assessment
- FBLA** Future Business Leaders of America
- FCPAC** Family and Community Partnerships Advisory Council
- FERPA** *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*

- FFA** Future Farmers of America
- FFVP** Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
- FHA** Future Homemakers of America
- FIS** Financial Information System
- FL** Facilitative Leadership
- FLES** Foreign Language in the Elementary School
- FLS** Fundamental Life Skills
- FLSA** *Fair Labor Standards Act*
- FMLA** *Family and Medical Leave Act*
- FMS** Financial Management System
- FOIA** *Freedom of Information Act*
- FORTIS** An enterprise document management solution developed by Westbrook Technologies
- FPA** Family Partnership Agreement
- FREED** Family Resource for Education on Eating Disorders
- FRS** Functional Remediation System
- FS** Financial Specialist
- FSA** Flexible Spending Account
- FTA** Future Teachers of America
- FTE** Full-time Equivalent
- FY** Fiscal Year

## G

- GAC** Guidance Advisory Committee
- GASB** Government Accounting Standards Board
- GBTLA** The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy
- GCEI** Geographic Cost of Education Index
- GED** General Equivalency Diploma
- GEF** Get into Excellence Plan
- GESA** Generating Expectations for Student Achievement
- GESP** Global Ecology Studies Program (at Poolesville HS)
- GFOA** Government Finance Officers Association

- GO** General Obligation
- GORT** Gray Oral Reading Test
- GPA** Grade Point Average
- GPS** Guiding the Pathways of Success to College
- GT** Gifted and Talented
- GWU** The George Washington University

## H

- HAPIT** Honors/Advanced Placement Identification Tool
- HAZMAT** Hazardous Materials (Response Team)
- HEA** Hispanic Employees Association (of MCPS)
- HEEA** Home Economics Education Association
- HELP** Help Elementaries Lead Prevention
- HHMI** Howard Hughes Medical Institute
- HHPC** Healthy High Performance Cleaning
- HHT** Home and Hospital Teaching
- HIAT** High Incidence Assessible Technology
- HIF** Health Inventory Form
- HLA** Higher-level Assignment
- HOIS** Higher Order Intellectual Skills
- HOPE** Hispanic Organization of Parents and Educators, Inc.
- HOUSSE** High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation
- HQ** Highly Qualified
- HRC** Human Relations Commission (of the Montgomery County Government)
- HRIS** Human Resources Information System (SUN)
- HRO** Human Resources Online
- HS** Head Start or High School
- HSA** High School Assessment
- HS+** High School Plus

- HSMP** High School Mathematics Project
- HSTAR** Homeless Student Transportation Action Request
- HVAC** Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning

## I

- IAC** Interagency Committee on Public School Construction or Induction Advisory Committee
- IAES** Interim Alternative Educational Setting
- IAF** Independent Activity Fund
- IAJE** International Association of Jazz Educators
- IAQ** Indoor Air Quality
- IAR** International Applicant Records
- IB** International Baccalaureate
- IBMYP** IB Middle Years Programme
- IC** Instruction Center (on *myMCPS*)
- ICATS** Instructional Computers And Technical Services
- ICB** Interagency Coordinating Board (for community use of public facilities)
- ICB/CUPF** Interagency Coordinating Board/Community Use of Public Facilities (Montgomery County Government)
- ICE** International Certificate of Education
- ICS** Incident Command System
- IDA** Instructional Data Assistant
- IDEA** *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*
- IEL** Institute of Educational Leadership
- IELC** Intensive English Language Center
- IEP** Individualized Education Program
- IFSP** Individual Family Service Plan

**IGCS** Institute for Global and Cultural Studies (at Wheaton HS)

**IGOE** Inputs, Guides, Outputs, and Enablers

**IHE** Institution of Higher Education

**IIRF** Intake and Referral Form

**IM** Investigations into Mathematics

**IMAP** Independence Mastery Assessment Program

**INTERACT** Interdisciplinary Augmentative Communication Team

**(INTERRELATED)** (Interrelated) Arts

**ARTS** Resource Teams in Schools

**I-PAS** Increasing Proficiency for All Students

**IPD** Instruction and Professional Development

**IPM** Instructional Planning Model

**IPR** Instructional Program Reviews

**IPT** IDEA Proficiency Test

**IRA** Instructionally Related Activity or Independent Reading Activity

**IRO** International Reading Organization

**IRS** Internal Revenue Service

**IRT** Interdisciplinary Resource Teacher

**ISEF** International Science and Engineering Fair

**ISLLC** Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium

**ISM** Instructional System in Mathematics

**IST** Instructional Support Teacher

**ISTE** International Society for Technology in Education

**ITEA** International Technology Education Association

**ITF** (Montgomery County Students) Information Technology Foundation

**ITPS** Integrated Test Processing System

**ITSS** Information Technology Systems Specialist

## J

**JEBC** Joint Employee Benefit Committee

**JETS** Junior Engineering and Technical Society

**JLMCC** Joint Labor/Management Collaboration Committee

**JROTC** Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps

**JSA** Juvenile Services Administration

**JTPA** *Job Training Partnership Act*

**JV** Junior Varsity

## K

**KFA** Kids First Alliance

**KIPP** Knowledge is Power Program

## L

**LAD** Learning and Academic Disabilities

**LAFF** Local Application for Federal Funds

**LAN** Local Area Network

**LAS** (Links) Language Assessment System

**LASU** Language Assistance Services Unit

**LCC** Local Coordinating Council

**LD** Learning Disabled

**LD/GT** Learning Disabled/Gifted and Talented

**LDAMC** Learning Disabilities Association of Montgomery County

**LDP** Leadership Development Program

**LDS** Longitudinal Data System

**LEA** Local Education Agency

- LEED** Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
- LES** Lockdown–Evacuate–Shelter
- LEP** Limited English Proficient
- LETRS** Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling
- LFI** Learning for Independence
- LICC** Local Interagency Coordinating Council
- LMC** Labor/Management Committee
- LMCAPS** Library Media Center Automated Processing Services
- LMCC** Labor Management Collaboration Council
- LOAD** Legal Oversight and Decision (team)
- LOI** Levels of Implementation
- LRE** Least Restrictive Environment
- LRH** Learning Resource Hub
- LSP** Local School Program
- LSST** Local School Support Team
- LTI** Leadership Training Institute (at Kennedy HS)
- LTS** Long-term Substitute
- LTL** Linkages to Learning
- LULAC** League of United Latin American Citizens



- M-Stat** MCPS Process to monitor key data points, hold schools and central office accountable together for results, share and recognize best practices
- MAA** Mathematical Association of America
- MABE** Maryland Association of Boards of Education
- MAC** Medical Advisory Committee (of the Board of Education)
- MACO** Maryland Association of Counties
- MACP** Maryland Assessment Center Program
- MADD** Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- MAEA** Maryland Art Education Association
- MAEOE** Maryland Association of Environmental and Outdoor Education
- MAEUC** Maryland Association for Educational Uses of Computers
- MAFSA** Metropolitan Association of Foreign Student Advisors
- MAHPERD** Maryland Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance
- MAP-M** Measures of Academic Progress—Mathematics
- MAP-P** Measures of Academic Progress—Primary Grades
- MAP-R** Measures of Academic Progress—Reading
- MARC** Maryland Association for Retarded Citizens
- MAS** Maryland Adolescent Survey
- MASC** Maryland Association of Student Councils (State level of SGA)
- MASCD** Maryland Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- MBE** Minority Business Enterprise
- MC** Montgomery County or Montgomery College
- MCAAP** Montgomery County Association of Administrators and Principals (formerly MCAASP)
- MCABSE** Montgomery County Alliance of Black School Educators
- MCAEA** Montgomery County Art Education Association
- MCAHIC** Montgomery County Association for Hearing Impaired Children
- MCAP** Montgomery County Assessment Program
- MCBETA** Montgomery County Business Education Teachers Association
- MCBOA** Montgomery County Business and Operations Administrators

**MCBRE** Montgomery County Business Roundtable for Education

**MCC** Mathematics Content Coaches

**MCCCEC** Montgomery County Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children

**MCCF** Montgomery County Civic Federation or Montgomery County Correctional Facility

**MCCIRA** Montgomery County Council of the International Reading Association

**MCCL** Montgomery County Consejos Latinos

**MCCPTA** Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Associations

**MCCSSE** Montgomery County Council of Supporting Services Employees (Now SEIU 500)

**MCEA** Montgomery County Education Association

**MCEMSA** Montgomery County Educational Media Specialists Association

**MCFT** Montgomery County Federation of Teachers

**MCG** Montgomery County Government

**MCGATE** Maryland Coalition for Gifted and Talented Education

**MCIE** Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education

**MCITP** Montgomery County Infant and Toddlers Program

**MCJC** Montgomery County Juvenile Court

**MCJC** Montgomery County Junior Councils

**MCMTA** Montgomery County Mathematics Teachers Association

**MCPD** Montgomery County Police Department

**MCPEC** Montgomery County Public Employees Council

**MCPPWA** Montgomery County Pupil Personnel Workers Association

**MCPS** Montgomery County Public Schools

**MCPS** MCPS Assessment Program-Primary Reading

**AP-PR**

**MCPSER/PS** Montgomery County Public Schools Employees Retirement/Pension Systems

**MCPSPA** Montgomery County Public Schools Psychologists Association

**MCPSTV** Montgomery County Public Schools Television

**MCPSSAA** Montgomery County Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association

**MCR** Montgomery County Region, Maryland Association of Student Councils

**MCRD** Montgomery County Recreation Department

**MCRTA** Montgomery County Retired Teachers Association

**MCSCFT** Montgomery County Students Construction Trades Foundation

**MCSIP** Montgomery County Self-Insurance Program

**MCTFCU** Montgomery County Teachers Federal Credit Union

**M-DOT** Maryland Department of Transportation

**MEC** Maryland Education Coalition, Montgomery Education Connection, or Minimum English Competency

**MEDIA COM** Multimedia and Telecommunications Academy (Kennedy HS)

**MEMO** Maryland Educational Media Organization

**MENC** Music Educators National Conference

**MEPN** Maryland Equity Programs Network

**MEQ** Master's Equivalency

**MESA** Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement (Maryland)

**METC** Modern Educational Technology Center, Inc.

**METS** Multidisciplinary Educational Training and Support

**MFD** Minority/Female/Disabled (Person-owned businesses)

**MFP** Management and Fiscal Policy

**MFT** Maryland Functional Tests

**MHT** Maryland Historical Trust

**MICA** Maryland Institute College of Art

**MIBR** Maryland Institute for Better Reading

**MICCA** Maryland Instructional Computer Coordinators' Association

**MIRN** Maryland Instructional Resources Network

**MIT** Math Implementation Team

**MLC** Modern Learning Center or Maryland Library Consortium

**MMAP** Monitoring Minority Achievement and Participation

**MMEA** Maryland Music Education Association

**MMFA** Maryland Meals For Achievement

**MMS** Materials Management System

**MMSR** Maryland Model for School Readiness

**M-NCPPC** Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

**Mod-HSA** Modified High School Assessment

**Mod-MSA** Modified Maryland School Assessment

**MOE** Maintenance of Effort

**MOSCK** Maryland Observational Screening Checklist for Kindergarten

**MOU** Memorandum of Understanding

**MOVE** Mobility Opportunities Via Education

**MPA** Marking Period Average

**MPDS** Maryland Professional Development Standards

**MPIA** *Maryland Public Information Act*

**MPSSAA** Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association

**MRB** Management Review Board (for Computer Technology)

**MRSA** Methicillin-Resistant Staph Aureus

**MRTA** Maryland Retired Teachers Association

**MS** Middle School

**MSA** Maryland School Assessment

**MSAC** Maryland State Arts Council

**MSAP** Maryland Student Assistance Program

**MSB** Maryland School for the Blind

**MSD** Maryland School for the Deaf

**MSDE** Maryland State Department of Education

**MSI** Montgomery SUCCESS, Inc.

**MSIA** Middle School Instruction and Achievement

**MSMC** Middle School Magnet Consortium

**MSMP** Middle School Mathematics Program

**MSPA** Maryland Scholastic Press Association

**MSPDI** Middle School Professional Development Institute

**MSPRP** Maryland School Performance Recognition Program

**MSRS** Maryland State Retirement System

**MSS** Mainframe Security System

**MSSEI** Middle School Special Education Institute

**MSSHCH** Maryland State School Health Council

**MST** Media Services Technician

**MSTA** Maryland State Teachers Association

**MTLSS** Maryland Technology Literacy Standards for Students

**MTPDS** Maryland Teacher Professional Development Standards

**MTTS** Maryland Teacher Technology Standards

**MVLO** Maryland Virtual Learning Opportunities

**MYP** Middle Years Programme (part of the IB program)

# N

- NAACP** National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- NAAPAE** National Association for Asian and Pacific American Education
- NABSE** National Alliance of Black School Educators
- NAD** National Association of the Deaf
- NAEA** National Art Education Association
- NAEP** National Assessment of Educational Progress
- NAESP** National Association of Elementary School Principals
- NAFEO** National Association For Equal Opportunity (in Higher Education)
- NAFSA** National Association of Foreign Student Achievers
- NAGC** National Association for the Gifted Coalition
- NALS** National Adult Literacy Survey
- NAPE** National Association for Primary Education
- NASA** National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- NASP** National Association of School Psychologists
- NASSP** National Association of Secondary School Principals
- NASTID** National Association of State Title I Directors
- NAVAE** National Association for Vietnamese American Education
- NBA** National Braille Association
- NBCT** Nationally Board-certified Teacher
- NBPTS** National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
- NCAA** National Collegiate Athletic Association
- NCATE** National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Education
- NCE** Normal Curve Equivalent
- NCES** National Center for Education Statistics
- NCLB** *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*
- NCLR** National Council of La Raza
- NCME** National Council on Measurement in Education
- NCSEA** National Council of State Education Associations
- NCSM** National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics
- NCTE** National Council of Teachers of English
- NCTM** National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
- NCUEA** National Council of Urban Education Associations
- NCUST** National Center for Urban School Transformation
- NEA** National Education Association
- NEA-R** National Education Association-Retired
- NEC** Northeast Consortium
- NEC/DCC** Northeast/Downcounty Consortia
- NEO** New Educator Orientation
- NEH** National Endowment for the Humanities
- NETS\*A** National Educational Technology Standards for Administrators
- NFB** National Federation of the Blind
- NFIE** National Foundation for the Improvement of Education
- NFUSSD** National Federation of Urban-Suburban School Districts
- NGO** Nongovernmental Organization
- NIH** National Institutes of Health
- NIMH** National Institute of Mental Health
- NIMS** National Incident Management System

- NIST** National Institute of Standards and Technology
- NJROTC** Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps
- NMSA** National Middle School Association
- NOAA** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- NP** National Percentile
- NPP** Nonpublic Placement
- NPR** No Pay Reported
- NSBA** National School Boards Association
- NSDC** National Staff Development Council
- NSF** National Science Foundation
- NSL** National, State, and Local (refers to National/State/Local Government exam)
- NSPA** National Student Press Association
- NSPRA** National School Public Relations Association
- NSTA** National Science Teachers Association
- NTE** National Teachers Examination
- NTI** New Teacher Induction
- NTTI** National Teacher Training Institute
- NWEA** Northwest Evaluation Association

## O

- OARS** Online Achievement and Reporting System
- OASDI** Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance Program
- OASIS** Online Administrative Student Information System or Older Adult Service and Information System
- OAT** Observing and Analyzing Teaching
- OCA** Organization of Chinese Americans/Our Call to Action

- OCIP** Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs
- OCOO** Office of the Chief Operating Officer
- OCR** Office for Civil Rights
- OCTO** Office of the Chief Technology Officer
- ODSS** Office of the Deputy Superintendent of Schools
- OEA** Outdoor Education Association
- OHRD** Office of Human Resources and Development
- OIG** Office of the Inspector General
- OJT** On-the-job training
- OLC** Online Learning Community
- OLO** Office of Legislative Oversight
- OM** Odyssey of the Mind
- OMS** Occupational Medical Section
- OPEB** Other Post-employment Benefits
- OPTG** Online Pathway to Graduation
- OSESS** Office of Special Education and Student Services
- OSET** On-site Emergency Team
- OSHA** Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- OSA** Office of Shared Accountability
- O/SS** Online Administrative Student Information System/Special Service
- OSP** Office of School Performance
- OT** Occupational Therapy
- OT/PT** Occupational Therapy/ Physical Therapy

## P

- PAC** Parent Advisory Council
- PAGE** Provocative, Ambiguous, Complex, Emotional
- PACS** Payroll Attendance Collection System
- PADI** Program of Assessment, Diagnosis, and Instruction
- PALKIT** Play and Learn Kit

<b>PAN</b>	Personnel Action Notice	<b>PIO/Web</b>	Public Information Office and Web Services
<b>PAR</b>	Peer Assistance and Review	<b>PIP</b>	Performance Improvement Process
<b>PARCC</b>	Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers	<b>PISCES</b>	People for Inclusive School and Community Education Services
<b>PASU</b>	Placement and Assessment Services Unit (MCPS)	<b>PITC</b>	Parent Information and Training Center (aka Partners for Success)
<b>PBIS</b>	Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports	<b>PLAR</b>	Planned Life-cycle Asset Replacement
<b>PCC</b>	Parent Community Coordinator	<b>PLC</b>	Professional Learning Communities
<b>PDCC</b>	Professional Development Coordinating Committee	<b>PLCI</b>	Professional Learning Communities Institute
<b>PDEI</b>	Professional Development and Educational Improvement (committee)	<b>PLTW</b>	Project Lead The Way
<b>PDF</b>	Portable Document Format or Project Description Forms	<b>PMHS</b>	Public Mental Health Services
<b>PDIP</b>	Process Design and Improvement Process	<b>PMS</b>	Program Mission Summary
<b>PDK</b>	Phi Delta Kappa (honorary association in education)	<b>PMI</b>	Process Management and Improvement
<b>PDO</b>	Professional Development Online	<b>PO</b>	Purchase Order
<b>PDP</b>	Professional Development Plan	<b>POC</b>	Purchase of Care (or Point of Contact)
<b>PDS</b>	Professional Development School	<b>POS</b>	Program of Studies
<b>PDSA</b>	Plan Do Study Act	<b>POSE</b>	Parents for Options in Special Education
<b>PDT</b>	Professional Development and Training (committee)	<b>PPW</b>	Pupil Personnel Worker
<b>PEAC</b>	Program Evaluation Advisory Committee	<b>PQI</b>	Program Quality Index
<b>PEAR</b>	Program Efficiency, Abandonment, and Redirection	<b>PSAT</b>	Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test
<b>PEARLS</b>	Parent Education and Responsive Life Skills Program	<b>PRISM</b>	Program Review Instrument for Systems Management
<b>PELP</b>	Public Education Leadership Program (Harvard)	<b>Project ALERT</b>	Adolescent Learning Experience Resistance Training
<b>PEO</b>	Plant Equipment Operator	<b>Project BASIC</b>	Businesses and Schools Investing in Children
<b>PEP</b>	Preschool Education Program	<b>Project IMPACT</b>	Increasing the Mathematical Power of All Children and Teachers
<b>PGC</b>	Professional Growth Consultant	<b>Project SHARE</b>	Students Help And Reach Elders
<b>PGS</b>	Professional Growth System	<b>Project TNT</b>	Toward No Tobacco Use
<b>PIIE</b>	Process Improvement and Innovation in Education	<b>PROMAT</b>	Professional experience Master of Arts in Teaching
<b>PILOT</b>	Providing Inclusive Learning Opportunities for Threes		

- PROSEMS** Professional Immersion Special Education Master of Science
- PSAC** Pilot School Advisory Committee
- PSAT** Preliminary SAT
- PSSAM** Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland
- PST** Public Schools Television
- PSTEB** Professional Standards Teacher Education Board
- PT** Physical Therapist or Physical Therapy
- PTA** Parent Teacher Association
- PTSA** Parent Teacher Student Association
- PV** Photovoltaic System
- PYP** Primary Years Programme (Part of International Baccalaureate Organization Continuum of Programs)

## Q

- QIE** Quality Integrated Education
- QMC** Quality Management Council
- QSP** Quality School Portfolio
- QZAB** Qualified Zone Academy Bond

## R

- RAISE** Recognize Achievement with Incentives for Students' Efforts
- RAP** Response Abilities Pathway
- RC** Resource Counselor
- RDA** Recommended Daily Allowance
- R-ELL** Redesignated-English Language Learner
- REHS** Regional Evening High School
- RFA/RFP** Request for Application/ Request for Proposal
- RFQ** Request for Quote
- RHRC** Rocking Horse Road Center
- RIA** Residency and International Admissions

- RIC** Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents
- RIT** Rasch Unit
- RLA** Reading/Language Arts
- RT** Resource Teacher
- RTSE** Resource Teacher in Special Education
- RTTT** Race to the Top

## S

- SADD** Students Against Drunk Driving
- SAFE** School Accountability Funding for Excellence
- SAG** Spending Affordability Guideline
- SAIL** Students Achieving Independence in Learning or Summer Adventures in Learning
- SALT** School Assessment Leadership Team
- SAMM** Statistics and Mathematical Modeling
- SAN** Student Achievement Needs
- SAP** Student Assistance Program
- SBA** School Business Administrator
- SBLC** School-Based Learning Center
- SBOE** State Board of Education
- SBRR** Scientifically Based Reading Research
- SCALE-UP** The Scaling up Curriculum for Achievement, Learning, and Equity project
- SCAT** School Community Action Team
- SCBP** School Community-Based Program
- SCC** State Coordinating Council
- SCE** State Compensatory Education
- SCIS** Science Curriculum Improvement Study (program)
- SCMS** Substitute Call Management System

<b>SDA</b>	Service Delivery Area	<b>SLC</b>	Smaller Learning Communities or Secondary Learning Center
<b>SDRT</b>	Stanford Diagnostic Reading Test	<b>SLD</b>	Specific Learning Disability
<b>SDST</b>	Staff Development Substitute Time	<b>SLI</b>	Speech and Language Impaired
<b>SDT</b>	Staff Development Teacher	<b>SLMP</b>	School Library Media Programs
<b>SEA</b>	State Education Agency	<b>SLP</b>	Speech Language Pathologist
<b>SEAC</b>	Special Education Advisory Committee	<b>SLS</b>	School Learning Systems
<b>SEIU</b>	Service Employees International Union (Local 500) (Formerly MCCSSE)	<b>SLTI</b>	School Leadership Team Institute
<b>SEM</b>	Standard Error of Measurement	<b>SMACS</b>	Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science (magnet program)
<b>SEMS</b>	Substitute Employee Management System	<b>SMART</b>	Self-Management and Resistance Training
<b>SEPA</b>	Students Engaged in Pathways to Achievement	<b>SMI</b>	School Meal Initiative
<b>SERP</b>	Strategic Education Research Partnership (Harvard Graduate School of Education)	<b>SMOB</b>	Student Member of the Board
<b>SERT</b>	School Energy and Recycling Team or School Eco-response Team	<b>SNAP</b>	School Nutrition Accountability Program
<b>SES</b>	Supplemental Educational Services or Success for Every Student	<b>SNEAKERS</b>	Self-esteem, Nurturance, Expectations, Assertiveness, Knowledge, Economics, Responsibility, and Success (program)
<b>SET-IT</b>	Special Education Teacher-Immersion Training	<b>SOAR</b>	Student Outcome and Achievement Report
<b>SGA</b>	Student Government Association	<b>SOL</b>	Student Online Learning
<b>SFSF</b>	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund	<b>SOMIRAC</b>	State of Maryland International Reading Association Council
<b>SGGR</b>	Student Grades and Graduation Report	<b>SPC</b>	Standard Professional Certificate
<b>SHOP</b>	Students Helping Other People	<b>SPED</b>	Special Education
<b>SHOUT</b>	Students Helping Others Unite Today	<b>SPO</b>	School Plant Operations
<b>SIIR</b>	Supervisors Incident Investigation Report	<b>SPP</b>	Strategic Planning Process or State Performance Plan
<b>SIN</b>	Salary Information Notice	<b>SQL</b>	Standard Query Language
<b>SIMS</b>	Student Information Management System or Student-based Instructional Monitoring System	<b>SR</b>	Selected Response
<b>SIP</b>	School Improvement Plan	<b>SRC</b>	State-rated Capacity
<b>SIPPI</b>	Student Instructional Program Planning and Implementation	<b>SRI</b>	Systems Reform Initiative
		<b>SRO</b>	School Resource Officer (Formerly EFO)
		<b>SRR</b>	Student Rights & Responsibilities
		<b>SRSI</b>	Self-regulated Strategy Instruction

- SSA** System of Shared Accountability
- SSAC** Safe School Action Committee or Site Selection Advisory Committee
- SSE** Summer Supplemental Employment or Surveys of School Environment
- SSIG** State School Improvement Grant
- SSL** Student Service Learning
- SSLI** Society of School Librarians International
- SSPGS** Supporting Services Professional Growth System
- SSSIP** Space Science Student Involvement Program
- SST** Special Services Tracking system or Studying Skillful Teaching
- STARS** Students That Achieve Real Success
- STC** School Test Coordinator
- STEM** Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
- STSRC** Support to Schools Request Center
- SY** School Year
- SWIFE** Students with Interrupted Formal Education

## T

- TARP** Technology and Research Partnership (program) or Troubled Asset Relief Program
- TASH** The Association for Severe Handicaps
- TASS** Thinking and Academic Success Skills
- TC** Teacher Competency (courses)
- TCCI** The College Counselor's Internet
- TDA** Tax-Deferred Annuity
- TDD/TTY** Telecommunications Device for the Deaf/Teletypewriter

- TEAM** Technology Education Association of Maryland
- TECHMOD** Technology Modernization
- TEHST** Thomas Edison High School of Technology
- TELP** Technology Education Leadership Project
- TESA** Teacher Expectations and Student Achievement
- TESOL** Teachers of English for Speakers of Other Languages
- TIMS** Trends in Mathematics and Science
- TIP** Targeted Improvement Program
- TMS** Translation Management System
- TN/2** TerraNova, second edition
- TOEFL** Test of English as a Foreign Language
- TOWK** Test of Word Knowledge
- TPE** Telework Partnership with Employees
- TPGS** Teacher Professional Growth System
- TPM** Transition Planning Meeting
- TPT** Temporary Part Time
- TRI-M** Medical Careers, Sports Medicine, and Management
- TRS** Translation Request System
- TST** Transition Support Teacher

## U

- UDL** Universal Design for Learning
- URSC** Upcounty Regional Services Center
- USDA** United States Department of Agriculture
- USDE** United States Department of Education
- USGBC** United States Green Building Council
- USPS** United States Postal Service

# V

- VAC** Visual Art Center
- VIEW** Vocational Interest Exploration Workshop
- VIPK16** Vertically Integrated Partnership K-16 (High School)
- VMS** Visitor Management System
- VOC** Volatile Organic Compounds
- VSC** Vision Services Center or Voluntary State Curriculum
- VSM** Valley Stream Mapping
- VVV** Voices vs. Violence

# W

- WAN** Wide Area Network
- WE** Workforce Excellence
- WGPA** Weighted Grade Point Average
- WIDA** World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment
- WOW** Warehouse on Wheels
- WPA** Working Parents Assistance
- WSS** Work Sampling System
- WWW** World Wide Web

# Y

- YRBS** Youth Risk Behavior Survey
- YRE** Year-Round Education

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