



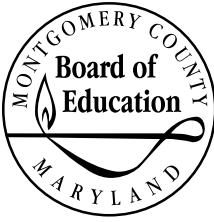
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# MCPS ACRONYMS

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# A

- AA** Administrative Assistant  
Appropriate Action
- AAAS** American Association for the Advancement of Science
- AACC** Assessment and Accountability Comprehensive Center
- AAHPERD** American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance
- AAP/CEC** African American Parents/Community Education Consortium
- AAS** Academic achievement specialist
- AASAAG** African American Student Achievement Action Group
- 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
- ACCESS** Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State to State
- ACCG** Advisory Committee on Counseling and Guidance
- ACE** Adverse Childhood Experiences
- ACEI** Association for Childhood Education International
- ACES** Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success
- ACET** Alternative Certification for Effective Teaching
- ACS** Access Control System
- ACT-SO** Afro-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*
- ADD** Attention Deficit Disorder
- ADHD** Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- 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
- AEP** Alternative Education Program
- AERA** American Educational Research Association
- AFB** American Foundation for the Blind
- AFEP** Achievement-focused Extracurricular Programming
- AFT** American Federation of Teachers
- AGB** Alternative Governance Board
- AICE** Advanced International Certificate of Education
- AIEP** American Indian Education Program
- AIP** Attendance Intervention Plan
- AIX** Advanced Interactive eXecutive (operating system)
- ALA** American Library Association
- ALO** Alternate Learning Objectives
- ALOS** Alternative Learning Outcomes
- ALT-MSA** Alternate Maryland School Assessment
- AMO** Annual Measurable Objectives

**AMPE** Art, Music, and Physical Education

**AOF** Academy of Finance

**AOIT** Academy of Information Technology

**AP** Advanced Placement

**AP** Assistant principal

**APA** Asian Pacific American

**APASAAG** Asian Pacific American Student Achievement Action Group

**APC** Advanced Professional Certificate

**APE** Adapted Physical Education

**APEX** Advanced Placement Experience (program at Walter Johnson HS)

**APP** Alternative Placement Program

**AP-PR** Assessment Program in Primary Reading

**APQC** American Productivity and Quality Center

**APR** Annual performance report

**APS** Adult Protective Services

**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

**ASCA** American School Counselor Association

**ASCD** Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

**ASD** Autism spectrum disorder

**ASHA** American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

**ASL** American Sign Language

**ASM** Administrative services manager

**ASVAB** Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery

**AT** Assistive technology

**ATF** (Montgomery County Students) Automotive Trades Foundation

**ATM** automated teller machine

**ATS** Applicant Tracking System

**AVA** American Vocational Association  
Association of Vietnamese Americans

**AVID** Advancement Via Individual Determination

**AYP** Adequate Yearly Progress

## B

**BAT** Bilingual Assessment Team

**BCR** Brief Constructed Response

**BELL** Building Educated Leaders for Life

**BES** Benefit Enrollment System

**BESC** Bilingual Education Service Center

**BES** Benefits Enrollment System

**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)

**BOND** Building Our Network of Diversity

**BOSS** Brotherhood of Super Stars

**BRAC** Base Realignment and Closure

**BRFA** *Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2002*

**BROTHERS** Blacks Reaching Out To Help Each Reach Success (at Albert Einstein and Gaithersburg high schools)

**BRP** Business Resumption Plan

**BSAM** Building service assistant manager

- 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
- CABHS** (Montgomery County) Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Services
- CAC** Curriculum Advisory Committee
- CAD** Computer-aided design  
Computer-aided drafting
- CAFR** Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
- CARS** Cross-Agency Resource Sharing (committee)
- CAPP** Collaborative Autism Preschool Program
- CAI** Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction
- CAL** Center for Applied Linguistics
- CAP** Collaborative Action Process and Communication Arts Program (DCC program at Montgomery Blair HS)
- CAPPIES** Critics and Awards Program for High School Theater and Journalism
- CAPSA** Chinese American Parents and Students Association
- CARECEN** Central American Resource Center
- CARTS** Computer-assisted Routing Transportation System
- CAS** Core academic subjects
- CASA** Central American Solidarity Association
- CASE** Coalition for Alternatives in Special Education  
Council for Advancement and Support of Education  
Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education

- CAT** Community Action Team
- CBD** Commerce Business Daily
- CBE** Council for Basic Education
- CBI** Community-based instruction
- CBMI** Comprehensive Behavior Management Intervention
- CBO** Community-based organization
- CCAPS** Concerned Citizens for the Arts in Public Schools
- CCIC** College career information coordinator
- CCR** College and career ready
- CCRCCA** *College and Career Readiness and College Completion Act of 2013*
- CCRD** College/ Career Research and Development
- 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
- CEO** Community engagement officer
- CES** Centers for Enriched Studies
- CESSC** Carver Educational Services Center
- CEU** Continuing Education Unit (credit)
- CFDA** Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
- CFR** Code of Federal Regulations
- CFW** Commission for Women (Montgomery County Government)
- CGCP** Comprehensive Guidance Counseling Program, K–12

<b>CHADD</b>	Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders	<b>COSA</b>	Change of School Assignment
<b>CHC</b>	Community health coordinator	<b>COVID-19</b>	Coronavirus disease 2019
<b>CHE</b>	Comprehensive Health Education	<b>CPD</b>	Continuing professional development
<b>CIA</b>	Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment	<b>CPF</b>	Central Production Facility
<b>CIEP</b>	Central Individualized Education Program	<b>CP</b>	Consulting principal
<b>CIF</b>	Centralized Investment Fund	<b>CPH</b>	Certified professional horticulturalist
<b>CIP</b>	Capital Improvement Program	<b>CPI</b>	Cumulative Promotion Index Crisis Prevention Intervention
<b>CIP</b>	Classification of Instructional Programs	<b>CPP</b>	Career Pathways Program Career and Postsecondary Partnerships
<b>CIPA</b>	<i>Children's Internet Protection Act</i>	<b>CPS</b>	Collaborative Problem Solving Child Protective Services
<b>CIRF</b>	Conflict Intervention, Resolution, and Follow-up	<b>CPU</b>	Central Placement Unit
<b>CIS</b>	Cafeteria Information System	<b>CREA</b>	Career Readiness Education Academy
<b>CISM</b>	Critical Incident Stress Management	<b>CREATE</b>	Center for Research on Educational Accountability and Teacher Evaluation
<b>CISMC</b>	Communities in Schools of Montgomery County, Inc.	<b>CRI</b>	Criterion referenced inventory
<b>CITE</b>	Creative Initiatives in Teacher Education	<b>CRT</b>	Critical Race Theory
<b>CL</b>	College level	<b>CS</b>	Computer Science
<b>CLASS</b>	Classroom Assessment Scoring System	<b>CS</b>	Content specialist
<b>CLEP</b>	College-level Examination Program	<b>CSAAC</b>	Community Services for Autistic Adults and Children
<b>CLM</b>	College-level Math (ACCUPLACER)	<b>CSE</b>	Common Sense Education
<b>CLPP</b>	Career Lattice Project Panel	<b>CSIT</b>	Choice Study Implementation Team
<b>CLS</b>	Classroom learning system	<b>CSMP</b>	Comprehensive School Mathematics Program Central Services Meeting with Principals
<b>CMCC</b>	Collaborative Management Coordinating Committee	<b>CSPA</b>	Columbia Scholastic Press Association
<b>CMMS</b>	Computerized maintenance management system	<b>CSS</b>	College Scholarship Service
<b>COB</b>	Close of business Council Office Building	<b>CSST</b>	Coordinated Student Services Teams
<b>COBRA</b>	<i>Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act</i>	<b>CSTL</b>	Center for Skillful Teaching and Learning
<b>COLA</b>	Cost-of-living adjustment	<b>CT</b>	Consulting teacher
<b>COMAR</b>	Code of Maryland Regulations	<b>CTE</b>	Career and Technology Education
<b>CompTIA</b>	Computing Technology Industry Association		
<b>CONUS</b>	Continental United States		



- CTF** (Montgomery County Students) Construction Trades Foundation
- CTI** Center for Technology Innovation
- CTL** Councils on Teaching and Learning
- CTLS** Chief of Teaching, Learning, and Schools
- CTY** Center for Talented Youth (Johns Hopkins)
- CUPF** Community Use of Public Facilities
- CWE** Cooperative work experience
- CWS** Child Welfare Services

## D

- DBFIS** Division of Business, Fiscal, and Information Systems
- DBIS** Department of Business Information Systems
- DCAEC** Division of the Cares Act, Early Childhood, and Title I
- DCC** Downcounty Consortium
- DCCAPS** Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services
- DCCRDP** Department of College and Career Readiness and Districtwide Programs
- DCI** Department of Compliance and Investigations
- DCCP** Division of Capital Planning and Real Estate
- DCCS** Department of Certification and Staffing
- DDC** Division of Design and Construction
- DEA** Drug Enforcement Administration
- DECA** Distributive Education Clubs of America
- DECDP** Department of Elementary Curriculum and Districtwide Programs
- DECTIRF** Division of Early Childhood, Title I Programs, and Recovery Funds

- DESC** Developmental Evaluation Services for Children
- DFNS** Division of Food and Nutrition Services
- DHCM** Department of Human Capital Management
- DHHS** Department of Health and Human Services (Montgomery County)
- D/HOH** Deaf/hard of hearing
- DIBELS** Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
- DIME** Dual Independent Map Encoding File
- DIO** Department of Infrastructure and Operations
- DJJ** Department of Juvenile Justice
- DJS** Department of Juvenile Services
- DMM** Department of Materials Management
- DMO** Division of Maintenance and Operations
- DNU** Do Not Use
- DOC** Division of Construction  
Division of Controller
- DOE** Department of Education
- DOI** Documentation of Intervention
- DOT** Department of Transportation
- DPK12C** Department of PreK-12 Curriculum
- DPPAS** Division of Pupil Personnel and Attendance Services
- DPS** Division of Psychological Services
- DPT** Diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus
- DRC** Dispute Resolution Conference
- DRP** Disaster Recovery Process  
Dispute Resolution Program
- DRSAU** Disciplinary Review and School Assignment Unit
- DSCDP** Department of Secondary Curriculum and Districtwide Programs
- DSC** Division of Sustainability and Compliance

- DSEPPS** Division of Special Education  
Prekindergarten, Programs and  
Services
- DSMV** Diagnostic and Statistical  
Manual of Mental Disorders
- DSSEM** Department of Systemwide  
Safety and Emergency  
Management
- DTILMS** Department of Technology,  
Integration, and Learning  
Management Systems

# E

- EAF** Entrepreneurial Activities Fund
- EAP** Employee Assistance Program
- EBAC** ESOL Bilingual Advisory  
Committee
- EBB** Excel Beyond the Bell
- EBP** Employee Benefit Plan
- EBRW** Evidence-based Reading and  
Writing
- 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
- ECR** Extended Constructed  
Response
- ECS** Education Commission of the  
States
- ED** Emotional Disabilities  
(U.S.) Department of Education
- EDGAR** Education Department General  
Administrative Regulations
- EEEP** Extended Elementary  
Education Program
- EEK** Early Entrance to Kindergarten
- EEO** Equal Employment  
Opportunity
- EEOC** Equal Employment  
Opportunity Commission

- EEP** Educational Empowerment  
Program (run by the Housing  
Opportunities Commission)
- EFR** Elected Facility Representative
- EGPS** Editorial, Graphics &  
Publishing Services
- EIC** Elementary Integrated  
Curriculum
- EIIP** Early Identification and  
Intervention Program
- EIU** Equity Initiatives Unit
- EL** English learners
- ELA** Early Learning Assessment
- ELC** Enriched Literacy Curriculum
- ELCP** Educational Leadership  
Certificate Program
- ELD** English Language Development
- 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
- ELPA** English language proficiency  
assessments
- ELT** Executive Leadership Team
- EMAT** Elementary Mathematics  
Assessment Tasks
- EML** Emergent Multilingual Learners
- EMT** Educational Management Team
- EOB** Executive office building
- EOL** Evidence of Learning
- EOS** Equal Opportunity Schools
- EOY** End of Year
- EPA** Environmental Protection  
Agency
- EPAT** Elementary Principals Action  
Team
- EPIC** Evaluation Procedures  
Imprinted on Computer
- EPF** Enhanced Program Proposal
- EQ** Essential Questions

**ERB** Expulsion Review Board

**ERIC** Educational Resources Information Center

**ERP** Enterprise Resource Planning

**ERSC** Employee and Retiree Service Center

**ERT** Emergency Response Team

**ES** Elementary school

**E&S** Evaluation and Selection

**ESEA** *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965*

**ESFCU** Educational Systems Federal Credit Union

**ESIP** Elementary Science Integration Project

Equitable Services Implementation Plan

**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

**ESR** Elected support representative

**ESS** Extended summer schedule

**ESSA** *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015*

**ESSER** Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund

**ESY** Extended school year

**ETAC** ESOL Testing and Accountability Center

**ETC** ESOL transition counselor

**ETI** Experienced Teacher Institute

**E-TIPS** Educators Using Technology to Improve the Performance of Students

**ETM** Education That is Multicultural

**ETS** Educational Testing Service

**EU** Enduring Understandings

**EWI** Early Warning Indicators

**EXCEL** Extended Careers Experience and Learning

# F

**FACS** Family and Consumer Sciences  
Family and Consumer Services

**FACT** Facilities Assessment and Criteria Testing

**FAESD** *Fitness and Athletics Equity for Students with Disabilities Act*

**FAFSA** Free Application for Federal Student Aid

**FAPE** Free Appropriate Public Education

**FAQ** Frequently asked questions

**FARMS** Free and Reduced-price Meals System

**FASTT** Fluency and Automaticity through Systematic Teaching and Technology

**FAW** Future Administrators Workshop

**FBA** Functional Behavioral Assessment

**FBLA** Future Business Leaders of America

**FCCLA** Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (formerly Future Homemakers of America)

**FCPAC** Family and Community Partnerships Advisory Council

**FCU** Federal Credit Union

**FCWG** Faith Community Working Group

**FERPA** *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*

**FFA** Future Farmers of America

**FFVP** Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

**FHRM** Foundation of Hospitality and Restaurant Management

**FIS** Financial Information System

**FL** Facilitative leadership

**FLES** Foreign Language in Elementary Schools

**FLS** Fundamental life skills

**FLSA** *Fair Labor Standards Act*

- FMCLB** Family Medical Crisis Leave Bank
- FMLA** *Family and Medical Leave Act*
- FMS** Financial Management System
- FOIA** *Freedom of Information Act*
- FOT** Foundations of Technology
- FPA** Family Partnership Agreement (Head Start)
- 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
- FTF** Field Trip Fund
- FY** Fiscal year

## G

- GAC** Guidance Advisory Committee
- GAFE** Google Apps for Education
- GASB** Government Accounting Standards Board
- GBTLA** The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy
- GCEI** Geographic Cost of Education Index
- GED** General Equivalency Diploma or General Educational Development (test)
- 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
- GT** Gifted and Talented
- GT/LD** Gifted and Talented/Learning Disabled
- GWU** The George Washington University

## H

- HAPIT** Honors/Advanced Placement Identification Tool
- HAZMAT** Hazardous Materials (Response Team)
- HBCU** Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- HEA** Hispanic Employees Association (of MCPS)
- HELP** Help Elementaries Lead  
Prevention  
Honors Executive Leadership Program
- HHMI** Howard Hughes Medical Institute
- HHPC** Healthy High Performance Cleaning
- HHS** Health and Human Services
- HIAT** High Incidence Accessible Technology
- HIF** Health Inventory Form
- HILA** Higher-level Assignment
- HLS** Home Language Survey
- HMO** Health Maintenance Organization
- HN** Handle and Notify
- HOC** Housing Opportunities Commission
- 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
- HS** High school
- HSA** High School Assessment
- HSM** Home School Model

- HSMP** High School Mathematics Project
- HS+** High School Plus
- HSTAR** Homeless Student Transportation Action Request
- HVAC** Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning

# I

- IAC** Interagency Committee on Public School Construction  
Induction Advisory Committee
- IAE** International Admissions and Enrollment
- IAES** Interim Alternative Educational Setting
- IAF** Independent Activity Fund
- IAJE** International Association of Jazz Educators
- IAQ** Indoor Air Quality
- IAR** International Applicant Records
- IAU** Internal Audit Unit
- IB** International Baccalaureate
- IBMP** 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
- ICT** Instructional Core Team
- IDEA** *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*
- IEL** Institute of Educational Leadership
- IEP** Individualized Education Program

- IFSP** Individualized Family Service Plan
- IFPS** Interagency Family Preservation Services
- IGCS** Institute for Global and Cultural Studies (at Wheaton HS)
- IGOE** Inputs, guides, outputs, and enablers
- IHE** Institution of higher education
- IIRF** (International Admissions) Intake and Referral Form
- IIS** Interim Instructional Services (homeschooling)
- ILT** Instructional Leadership Team
- IM** Investigations into Mathematics
- IMAP** Independence Mastery Assessment Program
- IMS** Instructional Management System  
Information Management System
- INTERACT** Interdisciplinary Augmentative Communication Team
- IPD** Instruction and professional development
- IPM** Instructional Planning Model
- IPR** Instructional program reviews
- IPT** IDEA Proficiency Test
- IRA** Instructionally related activity  
Independent reading activity
- IRO** International Reading Organization
- IRS** Internal Revenue Service
- IRT** Interdisciplinary resource teacher
- ISCT** Instructional Support Coordination Team
- ISEF** International Science and Engineering Fair
- ISLLC** Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium
- ISO** In search of
- 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

- KEA** Kindergarten Entry Assessment
- KEPRO** Keystone Peer Review Organization
- KFA** Kids First Alliance
- KFI** Key facility indicator
- KIPP** Knowledge is Power Program
- KRA** Kindergarten Readiness Assessment

## 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
- LDAC** Leadership Development Advisory Committee
- LDAMC** Learning Disabilities Association of Montgomery County
- LDP** Leadership Development Program
- LDS** Longitudinal Data System
- LDU** Leadership development unit
- LEA** Local education agency
- LEAAP** League of Educators for Asian American Progress
- LEED** Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
- LEP** Limited English proficient
- LES** Lockdown–Evacuate–Shelter
- LETRS** Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling
- LFI** Learning for Independence
- LGBTQ+** Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning
- 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
- LOU** Letter of Understanding
- LRE** Least-restrictive environment
- LRH** Learning resource hub
- LSAAG** Latino Student Achievement Action Group
- 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
- LSWC** Local School Wellness Council

# M

- 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
- MAG** Management Action Group  
Maryland Assessment Group
- 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
- MAS** Maryland Adolescent Survey
- MASC** Maryland Association of Student Councils (state level of SGA)
- MASCD** Maryland Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- MBDA** Maryland Band Directors Association
- MBE** Minority Business Enterprise
- MC** Montgomery County  
Montgomery College
- MCAP** Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program
- MCAAP** Montgomery County Association of Administrators and Principals (formerly MCAASP)
- MCABSE** Montgomery County Alliance of Black School Educators
- MCAEA** Montgomery County Art Education Association
- MCAEL** Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy
- MCAHIC** Montgomery County Association for Hearing Impaired Children
- MCAP** Maryland Comprehensive 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
- MCCB** Montgomery County Collaboration Board
- MCCCEC** Montgomery County Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children
- MCCE** Maryland Center for Computing Education
- MCCF** Montgomery County Civic Federation  
Montgomery County Correctional Facility
- MCCIRA** Montgomery County Council of the International Reading Association
- MCCL** Montgomery County Consejo Latino, Inc.

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

**MCCPTSA** Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher-Student Associations

**MCCRS** Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards

**MCEA** Montgomery County Education Association

**MCECAC** Montgomery County Early Childhood Advisory Council

**MCEMSA** Montgomery County Educational Media Specialists Association

**MCFL** Maryland Coalition for Financial Literacy

**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 Infants and Toddlers Program

**MCJC** Montgomery County Juvenile Court  
Montgomery County Junior Councils

**MCMTA** Montgomery County Mathematics Teachers Association

**MCPD** Montgomery County Police Department

**MCPEC** Montgomery County Public Employees Council

**MCPFWA** Montgomery County Pupil Personnel Workers Association

**MCPS** Montgomery County Public Schools

**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 Regional (Maryland Association of Student Councils)

**MCRD** Montgomery County Recreation Department

**MCRTA** Montgomery County Retired Teachers Association

**MCSCTF** Montgomery County Students Construction Trades Foundation

**MCSIP** Montgomery County Self-Insurance Program

**MCSPA** Montgomery County School Psychologists' Association

**MCSS** Maryland Center for School Safety

**MDH** Maryland Department of Health

**MDOT** Maryland Department of Transportation

**MEC** Maryland Education Coalition  
Montgomery Education Connection  
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



<b>MHAMD</b>	Mental Health Association of Maryland	<b>MPDS</b>	Maryland Professional Development Standards
<b>MHT</b>	Maryland Historical Trust	<b>MPIA</b>	<i>Maryland Public Information Act</i>
<b>MIBR</b>	Maryland Institute for Better Reading	<b>MPSSAA</b>	Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association
<b>MICA</b>	Maryland Institute College of Art	<b>MRB</b>	Management Review Board (for Computer Technology)
<b>MICCA</b>	Maryland Instructional Computer Coordinators' Association	<b>MRSA</b>	Methicillin-Resistant Staph Aureus
<b>MIRL</b>	Monitoring Instructional Reading Levels	<b>MRTA</b>	Maryland Retired Teachers Association
<b>MIRN</b>	Maryland Instructional Resources Network	<b>MS</b>	Middle school
<b>MISA</b>	Maryland Integrated Science Assessment	<b>MSA</b>	Maryland School Assessment
<b>MIT</b>	Math Implementation Team	<b>MSAC</b>	Maryland State Arts Council
<b>MLC</b>	Modern Learning Center Maryland Library Consortium	<b>MSAP</b>	Maryland Student Assistance Program
<b>MLM</b>	Mid-level Management	<b>MSB</b>	Maryland School for the Blind
<b>MMAP</b>	Monitoring Minority Achievement and Participation	<b>MSCA</b>	Maryland School Counselor Association
<b>MMEA</b>	Maryland Music Education Association	<b>MSD</b>	Maryland School for the Deaf
<b>MMFA</b>	Maryland Meals For Achievement	<b>MSDE</b>	Maryland State Department of Education
<b>MMS</b>	Materials Management System	<b>MSI</b>	Montgomery SUCCESS, Inc.
<b>MMSR</b>	Maryland Model for School Readiness	<b>MSIA</b>	Middle School Instruction and Achievement
<b>M-NCPPC</b>	Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission	<b>MSMC</b>	Middle School Magnet Consortium
<b>MOA</b>	Memorandum of Agreement	<b>MSMP</b>	Middle School Mathematics Program
<b>Mod-HSA</b>	Modified High School Assessment	<b>MSOIEP</b>	Maryland State Online Individualized Education Program
<b>Mod-MSA</b>	Modified Maryland School Assessment	<b>MSPA</b>	Maryland Scholastic Press Association
<b>MODA</b>	Maryland Orchestra Directors Association	<b>MSPDI</b>	Middle School Professional Development Institute
<b>MOE</b>	Maintenance of Effort	<b>MSPRP</b>	Maryland School Performance Recognition Program
<b>MOIEP</b>	Maryland Online Individualized Education Program	<b>MSRS</b>	Maryland State Retirement System
<b>MOOC</b>	Massive Open Online Courses	<b>MSS</b>	Mainframe Security System
<b>MOSCK</b>	Maryland Observational Screening Checklist for Kindergarten	<b>MSSA</b>	Maryland State Alternative Assessment
<b>MOU</b>	Memorandum of Understanding	<b>MSSEI</b>	Middle School Special Education Institute
<b>MOVE</b>	Mobility Opportunities Via Education	<b>MSSHC</b>	Maryland State School Health Council
<b>MPA</b>	Marking period average		

- MST** Media services technician
- MSTA** Maryland State Teachers Association
- MTLSS** Maryland Technology Literacy Standards for Students
- MTPDS** Maryland Teacher Professional Development Standards
- MTSS** Multi-Tiered System of Support
- MTTS** Maryland Teacher Technology Standards
- MVLO** Maryland Virtual Learning Opportunities
- MYP** Middle Years Programme

## 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
- NACAC** National Association for College Admission Counseling
- 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)
- NAF** National Academy Foundation
- 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** National Board-Certified Teacher
- NBPTS** National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
- NCAA** National Collegiate Athletic Association
- NCATE** National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
- NCCEER** National Center for Construction Education and Research
- 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

**NEHS** National Elementary Honor Society

**NETS\*A** National Educational Technology Standards for Administrators

**NFB** National Federation of the Blind

**NFHS** National Federation of State High School Associations

**NFIE** National Foundation for the Improvement of Education

**NFUSSD** National Federation of Urban-Suburban School Districts

**NGO** Nongovernmental organization

**NGSS** Next Generation Science Standards

**NHS** National Honor Society

**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

**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



**OARS** Online Achievement and Reporting System

**OASDI** Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Program

**OASIS** Older Adult Service and Information System

**OAT** Observing and Analyzing Teaching

**OCA** Organization of Chinese Americans  
Our Call to Action

**OCR** Office for Civil Rights

**ODSS** Office of Districtwide Services and Supports

**OEA** Outdoor Education Association

**OECD** Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**OEEP** Outdoor Environmental Education Programs

**OEM** Original equipment manufacturer

**OFM** Office of Facilities Management

**OFFO** Office of Finance and Operations

**OGC** Office of General Counsel

**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

**OOC** Office of Communications

**OM** Odyssey of the Mind

**OMB** Ombudsman

**OMS** Occupational Medical Section

**OPEB** Other Post-employment Benefits

- OPTG** Online Pathway to Graduation
- ORR** Office of Refugee Resettlement
- OSA** Office of Shared Accountability
- OSEM** Office of Systemwide Emergency Management
- OSET** On-site Emergency Team
- OSFSE** Office of Student and Family Support and Engagement
- OSHA** Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- OSI** Office of Strategic Initiatives
- OSP** Online School Payment
- O/SS** Online Administrative Student Information System/Special Services
- OT** Occupational therapy or therapist
- OTI** Office of Technology and Innovation
- OTLS** Office of Teaching, Learning, and Schools
- OTLS-CIP** OTLS Curriculum and Instructional Programs
- OTLS-SE** OTLS Special Education
- OTLS-SFSE** OTLS Student and Family Support and Engagement
- OTLS-SSI** Office of Teaching, Learning, and Schools/School Support and Improvement
- OT/PT** Occupational therapy/physical therapy

## P

- PAC** Parent Advisory Council
- PACE** Provocative, Ambiguous, Complex, Emotional
- PAGS** Payroll Attendance Collection System
- PADI** Program of Assessment, Diagnosis, and Instruction
- PALKIT** Play and Learn Kit
- PAN** Personnel Action Notice
- PAR** Peer Assistance and Review

- PARCC** Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers
- PBA** Performance-based Assessment (PARCC)
- PBIS** Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
- PBL** Project-based learning
- PC** Progress Checks
- PCC** Parent community coordinator
- PCU** Principals' Curriculum Update
- PDCC** Professional Development Coordinating Committee
- PDEI** Professional Development and Educational Improvement (committee)
- PDF** Portable document format  
Project description forms
- PDIP** Process Design and Improvement Process
- PDK** Phi Delta Kappa (honorary association in education)
- PDO** Professional Development Online
- PDP** Professional Development Plan
- PDS** Professional Development School
- PDSA** Plan Do Study Act
- PDT** Professional Development and Training (committee)
- PEAC** Program Evaluation Advisory Committee
- PEAR** Program Efficiency, Abandonment, and Redirection
- PEARLS** Parent Education and Responsive Life Skills Program
- PELP** Public Education Leadership Program (Harvard)
- PEO** Plant equipment operator
- PEP** Preschool Education Program
- PGC** Professional growth consultant
- PGS** Professional Growth System
- PIIE** Process Improvement and Innovation in Education
- PIO** Public Information Office and Web Services

<b>PIP</b>	Performance Improvement Process
<b>PISA</b>	Programme for International Student Assessment
<b>PISCES</b>	People for Inclusive School and Community Education Services
<b>PITC</b>	Parent Information and Training Center (aka Partners for Success)
<b>PLAR</b>	Planned Life-cycle Asset Replacement
<b>PLC</b>	Professional learning community
<b>PLCI</b>	Professional Learning Communities Institute
<b>PLM</b>	Peak Load Management (MCPS program)
<b>PLTW</b>	Project Lead The Way
<b>PM</b>	Performance Matters
<b>PMC</b>	Policy Management Committee
<b>PMD</b>	Personal mobile device
<b>PMHS</b>	Public Mental Health Services
<b>PMI</b>	Process Management and Improvement
<b>PML</b>	Principals Memorandum Library
<b>PMS</b>	Program Mission Summary
<b>PO</b>	Purchase order
<b>POC</b>	Point of Contact
<b>POS</b>	Program of Studies
<b>POSE</b>	Parents for Options in Special Education
<b>PPAS</b>	Pupil Personnel and Attendance Services
<b>PPO</b>	Preferred Provider Organization
<b>PPRA</b>	Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment
<b>PPW</b>	Pupil personnel worker
<b>PQI</b>	Program Quality Index
<b>PRISM</b>	Program Review Instrument for Systems Management
<b>Project ALERT</b>	Adolescent Learning Experience Resistance Training
<b>Project BASIC</b>	Businesses and Schools Investing in Children
<b>Project</b>	Increasing the Mathematical

<b>IMPACT</b>	Power of All Children and Teachers
<b>Project SHARE</b>	Students Help And Reach Elders
<b>Project TNT</b>	Toward No Tobacco Use
<b>PROMAT</b>	Professional experience Master of Arts in Teaching
<b>PROSEMS</b>	Professional Immersion Special Education Master of Science
<b>PSAC</b>	Pilot School Advisory Committee
<b>PSAT</b>	Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test
<b>PSAT/NMSQT</b>	PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
<b>PSM</b>	Peer Support Model
<b>PSAM</b>	Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland
<b>PST</b>	Public Schools Television
<b>PSTEB</b>	Professional Standards Teacher Education Board
<b>PT</b>	Physical therapy or therapist
<b>PTA</b>	Parent Teacher Association
<b>PTE</b>	Professional technical educator
<b>PTSA</b>	Parent Teacher Student Association
<b>PV</b>	Photovoltaic system
<b>PYP</b>	Primary Years Programme (part of International Baccalaureate Organization Continuum of Programs)

## Q

<b>QIE</b>	Quality integrated education
<b>QMC</b>	Quality Management Council
<b>QR</b>	codes Quick Response Codes
<b>QSP</b>	Quality school portfolio
<b>QTIA</b>	<i>Quality Teacher Incentive Act of 1999</i>
<b>QTIP</b>	Quality Teacher Incentive Program
<b>QZAB</b>	Qualified Zone Academy Bond

# R

- R** Reply  
Respond
- RA** Respond Appropriately
- RAISE** Recognize Achievement with Incentives for Students' Efforts
- RAP** Response Abilities Pathway  
Recovery and Academic Program
- RC** Resource counselor
- RCC** Ready Common Core
- RDA** Recommended Dietary Allowance
- REHS** Regional Evening High School
- REIA** Residency Enrollment and International Admissions
- RELL** Reclassified English language learner
- REM** Real Estate Management
- RFA/RFP** Request for Application/  
Request for Proposal
- RFQ** Request for Quote
- RHRC** Rocking Horse Road Center
- RICA** Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents
- RIGOR** Reading Instructional Goals for Older Readers
- RIT** Rasch Unit (score)
- RLA** Reading/language arts
- ROTC** Reserve Officer Training Corps
- RQA** Required Quarterly Assessment
- RRC** Regulatory Review Committee
- RSS** Really Simple Syndication
- RT** Resource teacher
- RTI** Response to Intervention
- RTSE** Resource teacher in special education
- RTTT** Race to the Top

# S

- SADD** Students Against Destructive Decisions
- SAE** School Allocation Execution
- SAG** Spending Affordability Guideline
- SAIL** Summer Adventures in Learning
- SALT** School Assessment Leadership Team
- SAMM** Statistics and Mathematical Modeling
- SAN** Student Achievement Needs
- SAP** Student Assistance Program
- SAR** School Allocation Report
- SAS** Supplementary Aids and Services
- SASCA** Screening and Assessment Services for Children and Adolescents
- SBA** School business administrator
- SBEC** School-based ESOL counselor
- SBHC** School-based health center
- 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
- SCCE** State Compensatory Education
- SCHN** School community health nurse
- SCIS** Science Curriculum Improvement Study (program)
- SCMS** Substitute Call Management System
- SCSU** School Counseling Services Unit
- SDA** Service delivery area
- SDRT** Stanford Diagnostic Reading Test

**SDST** Staff development substitute time

**SDT** Staff development teacher

**SEA** State Education Agency

**SEAC** Special Education Advisory Committee

**SEBHA** Student Engagement, Behavioral Health, and Academics

**SEES** Statewide Educator Evaluation System

**SEFEL** Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning

**SEIU** Service Employees International Union (Local 500)

**SEL** Social Emotional Learning

**SELP** Student Emergent Leaders Program

**SEM** Standard Error of Measurement

**SEMS** Substitute Employee Management System

**SEP** Supervising and Evaluating Performance

**SEPA** Students Engaged in Pathways to Achievement

**SERT** School Energy and Recycling Team  
School Eco-response Team

**SES** Supplemental Educational Services  
Success for Every Student

**SET-IT** Special Education Teacher-Immersion Training

**SFO** School Funds Online

**SFSE** Student and Family Support and Engagement

**SFSF** State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Student, Family, and School Services

**SGA** Student Government Association

**SGGCR** Student Grades and Graduation Report

**SHRT** School health room technician

**SHOP** Students Helping Other People

**SHOUT** Students Helping Others Unite Today

**SHS** School Health Services

**SIIR** Supervisors Incident Investigation Report

**SIMS** Student-based Instructional Monitoring System

**SIN** Salary Information Notice

**SIOP** Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol

**SIP** School Improvement Plan

**SIPPI** Student Instructional Program Planning and Implementation

**SISP** Specialized instructional support personnel

**SIS** Student Information System

**SLA** Superintendent's Leadership Academy

**SLC** Smaller Learning Communities  
Secondary Learning Center

**SLD** Specific Learning Disability

**SLI** Speech and Language Impaired

**SLIFE** Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education

**SLMP** School Library Media Programs

**SLO** Student Learning Objective

**SLP** Speech language pathologist

**SLS** School Learning Systems

**SLT** Sample Learning Tasks  
Senior Leadership Team

**SLTI** School Leadership Teams Institute

**SMACS** Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science (magnet program)

**SMART** Self-Management and Resistance Training

**SMFO** Spring Mill Field Office

**SMI** School Meal Initiative

**SMOB** Student Member of the Board

**SNAP** School Nutrition Assistance Program

**SNEAKERS** Self-esteem, Nurturance, Expectations, Assertiveness, Knowledge, Economics, Responsibility, and Success (program)

**SOAR** Student Outcome and Achievement Report

**SOL** Student Online Learning

**SOMIRAC** State of Maryland International Reading Association Council

**SPC** Standard Professional Certificate

**SPED** Special Education

**SPF** Strategic Planning Framework

**SPI** School Progress Index

**SPO** School Plant Operations

**SPP** Strategic Planning Process  
State Performance Plan

**SQL** Standard Query Language

**SR** Selected Response

**SRC** State-rated Capacity

**SRCL** Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy (grant)

**SRI** Systems Reform Initiative

**SRO** School resource officer

**SRPS** (Maryland) State Retirement and Pension Systems

**SRR** Student Rights and Responsibilities

**SRSI** Self-regulated Strategy Instruction

**SSA** System of Shared Accountability

**SSAC** Safe School Action Committee  
Site Selection Advisory Committee

**SSAE** Student Support and Academic Enrichment

**SSE** School security employee  
Summer Supplemental Employment  
Surveys of School Environment

**SSIF** School Support and Improvement Framework

**SSIG** State School Improvement Grant

**SSL** Student Service Learning

**SSLI** Society of School Librarians International

**SSPGS** Supporting Services Professional Growth System

**SSPR** Self-service Password Reset

**SSSIP** Space Science Student Involvement Program

**SST** Special Services Tracking System  
Studying Skillful Teaching

**SSTC** Supporting Services Training Corps

**SSTD** Supporting Services Training and Development

**SSTP** Skillful Studying Teaching for Paraeducators

**STAR** Student Transportation Action Request

**STARS** Students That Achieve Real Success

**STC** School test coordinator

**STEAM** Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math

**STELP** Science, Technology, Engineering Leadership Program

**STEM** Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

**STEP** Student to Educator Pathway

**STEP** Summer Title I Enrichment Program

**STS** School technology support

**STSRC** Support to Schools Request Center

**Summer** Real Interesting Summer Experience

**RISE** Experience

**SUPRE** Substance Use Prevention and Resiliency Education

**SWBA** Student Well-being and Achievement

**SWBT** Student Well-Being Teams

**SWC** Student Welfare and Compliance

**SWD** Students with Disabilities

**SWIFE** Students with Interrupted Formal Education

**SY** School year

**SynergySIS** Synergy Student Information System



# T

<b>TARP</b>	Technology and Research Partnership (program) Troubled Asset Relief Program
<b>TASH</b>	The Association for Severe Handicaps
<b>TASS</b>	Thinking and Academic Success Skills
<b>TC</b>	Teacher competency (courses)
<b>TCCI</b>	The College Counselor's Internet
<b>TDA</b>	Tax-Deferred Annuity
<b>TDD/TTY</b>	Telecommunications Device for the Deaf / Teletypewriter
<b>TEAM</b>	Technology Education Association of Maryland
<b>TECHMOD</b>	Technology Modernization
<b>TELL</b>	Teaching, Empowerment, Leading, and Learning
<b>TELP</b>	Technology Education Leadership Project
<b>TESA</b>	Teacher Expectations and Student Achievement
<b>TESOL</b>	Teachers of English for Speakers of Other Languages
<b>TIC</b>	Technology implementation specialist
<b>TIMS</b>	Trends in Mathematics and Science
<b>TIMSS</b>	Trends in Instructional Mathematics and Science Study
<b>TIP</b>	Targeted Improvement Program
<b>TIRA</b>	Teacher Induction, Retention, and Advancement
<b>TMS</b>	Translation Management System
<b>TN/2</b>	TerraNova, second edition
<b>TOEFL</b>	Test of English as a Foreign Language
<b>TOWK</b>	Test of Word Knowledge
<b>TPE</b>	Telework Partnership with Employees
<b>TPGS</b>	Teacher Professional Growth System

<b>TPM</b>	Transition planning meeting
<b>TPP</b>	Truancy Prevention Program
<b>TPT</b>	Temporary part time
<b>TRB</b>	Truancy Review Board
<b>TRI-M</b>	Medical Careers, Sports Medicine, and Management
<b>TSS</b>	Technical Services and Support
<b>TST</b>	Transition support teacher
<b>TWI</b>	Two-Way Immersion

# U

<b>UCARE</b>	Understanding, Computing, Applying, Reasoning, and Engaging
<b>UDL</b>	Universal Design for Learning
<b>UMSAP</b>	User Management Security Access Portal
<b>UOM</b>	Unit of measure
<b>UQ</b>	Unifying Questions
<b>URL</b>	Uniform Resource Locator (web address)
<b>URSC</b>	Upcounty Regional Services Center
<b>USD</b>	Unicenter Service Desk
<b>USDA</b>	United States Department of Agriculture
<b>USDE</b>	United States Department of Education
<b>USG</b>	Universities at Shady Grove
<b>USGBC</b>	United States Green Building Council
<b>USPS</b>	United States Postal Service
<b>UTC</b>	Universal Time Coordinated

# V

<b>VAC</b>	Visual Art Center
<b>VB</b>	Visiting bookkeeper
<b>VIEW</b>	Vocational Interest Exploration Workshop
<b>VIPK16</b>	Vertically Integrated Partnership K-16
<b>VMS</b>	Visitor Management System

# Notes

**VOC** Volatile organic compounds

**VPN** Virtual Private Network

**VSC** Vision Services Center

Voluntary State Curriculum

**VSM** valley stream mapping

## W

**WAN** Wide area network

**WE** Workforce Excellence

**WGPA** Weighted Grade Point Average

**WIDA** World-class Instructional  
Design and Assessment

**WISC®-V** Wechsler Intelligence Scale for  
Children® Fifth Edition

**WOW** Warehouse on Wheels

**WPA** Working Parents Assistance

**WSS** Work Sampling System

**WSWCC** Whole School, Whole  
Community, Whole Child  
Model

**WVD** Windows Virtual Desktop

**WWW** World Wide Web

## Y

**YRBS** Youth Risk Behavior Survey

**YRE** Year-round education

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