

Acronym	Name	Meaning/Use
A&I or AIM	Achievement and Integration for Minnesota	Program to pursue racial and economic integration and increase student academic achievement, create equitable educational opportunities, and reduce academic disparities
ABE	Adult Basic Education	Programs provide academic instruction for persons not subject to compulsory instruction law; helps students obtain high school diplomas or equivalency certificates
ADM	Average Daily Membership	Count of resident students attending public school
ALC	Alternative Learning Center	Type of alternative program
ANTC	Adjusted Net Tax Capacity	Taxable tax base adjusted by the sales ratio
APU	Adjusted Pupil Units	Weighted count of students actually served by a public school (adjusted average daily membership) used to compute most education revenue amounts
BOSA	Board of School Administrators	State agency responsible for school administrator licensure
COMPASS	Collaborative Minnesota Partnerships to Advance Student Success	Department of Education's system for continuous improvement using multi-tiered systems of support
CUGMEC	Collaborative Urban and Greater Minnesota Educators of Color	Program that provides grants to higher education institutions to increase the number of teachers who are American Indian or of color
DCYF	Department of Children, Youth, and Families	State agency providing a broad range of services for Minnesota's children, youth, and families
EBD	Emotional Behavioral Disorder	Condition characterized by an established pattern of behavior that may include such things as severely aggressive or impulsive behaviors
ECFE	Early Childhood Family Education	School district-operated programs designed to provide parenting skills and early learning opportunities for children five years of age and younger

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EL	English Learner	Students who are not yet proficient in the English language
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act	2015 federal law reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), replacing the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	Federal law governing the privacy of students' education records
GYO	Grow Your Own	Programs that recruit and prepare students or local community members to become teachers
HSGI	High School Graduation Incentive Program	Alternative program for students who are not succeeding in a traditional academic setting
IDEA	Individual with Disabilities Education Act	Federal law governing many special education procedures
IEP	Individualized Education Program	Plan developed by school officials and student's parent or guardian to address educational needs of a special education pupil
K-12	Kindergarten through Grade 12	Grades generally served by public schools; shorthand for elementary and secondary education, sometimes also referred to as E-12 and PreK-12
LEAPS Act	Learning English for Academic Proficiency and Success	Legislation passed in 2014 relating to supports for English learners
LD	Specific Learning Disability	Condition within the student affecting learning, relative to potential, manifested by interference with learning
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment	Special education term that refers to the requirement that a special education student must be kept in the most mainstreamed program possible
MARSS	Minnesota Automated Reporting Student System	Department of Education's primary reporting system for student data; each student has an individual MARSS number
MCAs	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments	Standardized tests that measure student proficiency in reading, math, and science

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MTSS	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support	Framework for providing supports to students
NTC	Net Tax Capacity	Taxable tax base most levies are spread against. This value is derived by multiplying the taxable market value of each parcel of property by the appropriate class (use) rate for that parcel
PELRA	Public Employee Labor Relations Act	Laws governing collective bargaining for Minnesota's public employees
PELSB	Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board	State agency responsible for teacher licensure
PK	Prekindergarten	Students not yet enrolled in kindergarten
PSEO	Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program	Choice program allowing certain 10th grade students and 11th and 12th grade students to attend postsecondary institutions
SLIFE	Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education	Group of English learners who have at least two fewer years of schooling than their peers when entering the United States
SR+	School Readiness Plus	School readiness program for four-year-old students operated by school districts and charter schools (similar to VPK)
STAR	Staff Automated Reporting	System used by school districts to report employment and assignment information
T&E	Training and Experience	Former category of the general education funding program that generated additional revenue for additional levels of teacher training and experience
TNEC	Tribal Nations Education Committee	Group of Tribally appointed representatives who advocate for American Indian students in Minnesota
UFARS	Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards	Department of Education's system for collecting data submitted by school districts
WADM	Weighted Average Daily Membership	Count of pupils formerly used in some education funding formulas
VPK	Voluntary Prekindergarten	School readiness program for four-year-old students operated by school districts and charter schools