

Acronym	Description
504	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is a statute which prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities. A 504 plan is an individual education plan for a special-needs student.
508	Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. § 794d), as amended by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (P.L. 105-220) requires federal agencies to develop, procure, maintain and use information and communications technology (ICT) that is accessible to people with disabilities. Section 508 requires federal agencies to make their ICT such as technology, online training and websites accessible for everyone.
ACGR	Adjusted-Cohort Graduation Rate
Admin Data	Administrative Data Division (Office within IES/NCES)
AEM	Applied Engineering Management
AFGR	Averaged freshmen graduation rate
AIMS	Analytics and Information Management System – SAS suite
AITQ	Academic Improvement and Teacher Quality (ED program)
AMAO	Annual Measurable Achievement Objective – Used by ESEA Title III programs
ANSI	American National Standards Institute (replaced FIPS for the two-digit State Codes)
AP	Advanced Placement, a curriculum sponsored by College Board
APR	Annual Performance Report
AWS	Amazon Web Services
BIE	Bureau of Indian Education, formerly the Bureau of Indian Affairs, part of the Department of the Interior
BRSI	Business Rules Single Inventory
CAB	Change Approval Board
CAR	Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) Perkins IV requires each state to submit, by December 31 of each year, a report which includes narrative responses, financial status reports, and enrollment and performance data on the progress in achieving state levels of performance on the indicators of performance.
C&A	Certification and Accreditation (Required review of federal IT systems)
CCD	Common Core of Data
CCSSO	Council of Chief State School Officers
CDQR	Coordinated Data Quality Review
CEDS	Common Education Data Standards
CEIS	Coordinated Early Intervening Services
CFDA	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (Includes the five-digit codes for federal programs, two digits for the federal agency and three for the program)
CIID	Center for the Integration of IDEA Data
CIO	Chief Information Officer
CoP	Community of Practice (Communities360)
COR	Contracting Officer’s Representative
CPIC	Capital Planning and Investment Control
CRDC	Civil Rights Data Collection
CSAM	Cyber Security Assessment and Management

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CSP	Charter School Programs
CSPR	Consolidated State Performance Report
CSV	Comma-Separated Values (written as all lower case)
CTE	Career technical education
CWD	Children with Disabilities (usually for IDEA, see below)
CY	Current Year
DaSY	Center for Early Childhood Data Systems
DG###	Data group
DISA-STIG	Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) Security Technical Information Guides (STIG)
DMS	Data Management System
DoDEA	Department of Defense Education Activity
DQ	Data quality
DQA	Data quality assessment
DQI	Data quality improvement
DQM	Data Quality Management
DQSR	Data Quality Summary Report
DRB	Disclosure Review Board
DSO	Data Submission Organizer
DUNS	Data Universal Numbering System
EARB	Enterprise Architecture Review Board
EASIE	Electronic Application System for Indian Education (automated system to collect applications for the Indian Education formula grants).
ED	U.S. Department of Education – sometime “DOED” is used but DOED is not the preferred acronym. (DOE stands for Department of Energy.)
EDEN	Historical Reference - Education Data Exchange Network – (Name used to describe the centralized, coordinated repository of state reported, elementary and secondary educational data residing at the U.S. Department of Education. Now using the name <i>EDFacts</i> .)
EDFacts	U. S. Department of Education (ED) initiative to govern, acquire, validate, and use high-quality, Pre-kindergarten through grade 12 (PreK–12) performance data in education planning, policymaking, and management and budget decision-making to improve outcomes for s
EDFIN	Education Finance Statistics Center
EDGAR	Education Department General Administrative Regulations - These regulations outline rules and procedures on the Department's grant programs and other general requirements that apply to the Department's programs.
EDMITS	Education Data Management and IT Services – the integrated approach to data management, stakeholder support, and information technology services to assist in collecting and managing data including operating the information technology (IT) systems used for the collection and management of the data for ED programs.
EDTAP	Education Data Technical Assistance Program
EIMAC	Education Information Management Advisory Committee
EL	English learner

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ELSI	Elementary and Secondary Information System
EMAPS	EDFacts Metadata and Process System (Business Process Tool)
EMDR	EDFacts Metadata Repository
ERIC	Education Resources Information Center, funded by ED to provide access to education literature and resources
ESB	Elementary and Secondary Branch (Division of IES/NCES/Admin Data Division)
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act
ESS	EDFacts Submissions System
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act which amended the ESEA
ETS-INFRA-GSS	Enterprise Technology Services – Infrastructure- General Support Services – hosting ED IT system for EDFacts
ETSS	EDFacts Technology and Support Services - the task order that provides technical development, maintenance, and support work for EDFacts
EU	Educational Unit, as in an SEA, LEA, or School.
FERPA	Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act, federal law designed to protect the privacy of a student's education records
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standards (Assigned standard codes, had assigned the two-digit numbers for each state subsequently replaced by ANSI for the two-code assignment)
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act – requests for information under this act sometimes come to EDFacts or the PIMS team and must be responded to within a short timeframe.
FS###	File specification containing instructions for EDFacts files
FTE	Full time equivalent
FY	Fiscal Year
G5	ED's financial system for grants, replaced Grant Application and Payment System (GAPS)
GAO	Government Accountability Office (Federal auditors)
GEPA	General Education Provisions Act (Act includes the requirement for a report about grant funding allocated from the state to the school districts – being transitioned to data collection under EDFacts)
GFSA	Gun-Free Schools Act
GPRA	Government Performance and Results Act
HQT	Highly qualified teacher
IDC	IDEA Data Center
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	Individualized Education Plan, legal document required by IDEA
IES	Institute of Education Sciences (an organizational unit in ED)
IPEDS	Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Systems
K-12	Kindergarten through 12th grade
LEA	Local Educational Agency
LEP	Limited English Proficient (replaced by English Learners (EL))
MDR	Metadata Repository – see also see also EMDR
MEP	Migrant Education Program (a program within OESE)

Acronym	Description
MOE	Maintenance of Effort
MSA	Metropolitan Statistic Area
MSIP	Monitoring and State Improvement Planning (a program office within OSERS)
MSIX	Migrant Students Information eXchange – an ED-sponsored system that allows schools, LEAs, and SEAs to send/receive migrant student data
N or D	Neglected or Delinquent (a program within OESE)
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress (a program within IES/NCES)
NCEA	National Center for Educational Accountability (managing partner of the Data Quality Campaign)
NCES	National Center for Educational Statistics (an office within the IES)
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
OCDO	Office of Chief Data Officer
OCIO	Office of the Chief Information Officer (an organizational unit in ED)
OCO	Office of Communications and Outreach
OCR	Office for Civil Rights
OCTAE	Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (an organizational unit in ED)
ODS	Office of the Deputy Secretary (an organizational unit in ED)
OELA	Office of English Language Acquisition (an organizational unit in ED)
OESE	Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (an organizational unit in ED)
OET	Office of Educational Technology (an organizational unit in ED)
OFO	Office of Finance and Operations
OGC	Office of the General Counsel (internal ED attorneys for programs)
OIE	Office of Indian Education
OIG	Office of the Inspector General (internal ED auditors)
OME	Office of Migrant Education (a program office within OESE)
OPE	Office of Postsecondary Education (an organizational unit in ED)
OPEPD	Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs (a program office within OSERS)
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (an organizational unit in ED)
OSSS	Office of Safe and Supportive Schools (a program office within OESE)
OST	Office of School Turnaround
OUS	Office of the Under Secretary (an organizational unit in ED)
PPSS	Policy and Program Studies Service (an office within OPEPD)
PRE-K	Pre-Kindergarten
PRF	Public Release File
PSC	Partner Support Center (provides technical assistance to SEAs for EDFacts)
PTAC	Privacy Technical Assistance Center
PY	Prior Year
QA	Quality Assurance
RE	RE can be used as a reference for Race/Ethnicity in technical documents. In formal documents, the phrase should be spelled out
REAP	Rural Education Achievement Program
RUD	Restricted Use Data

Acronym	Description
SAS	Statistical Analysis System
SASA	Student Achievement and School Accountability (a program office within OESE)
SCH	School-level
SEA	State Education Agency (written as "state education agency"; all lower case)
SEDC	State Education Data Center (formerly Common Data Ask)
SEISS	State Education Information Support Services. A contract with AEM to provide a variety of services including the annual EDFacts Coordinators meeting, state site visits, white papers on selected topics, analysis of state data systems and reporting capacity.
SES	Supplemental Educational Services
SETDA	State Educational Technology Directors Association
SFSF	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund
SIFA	School Interoperability Framework Association
SINI	Schools In Need of Improvement
SIR	System Investigation Request (Tickets - Defect or enhancement request for the applications or platform)
SLDS	Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems
SPP	State Performance Plan
SSA (formerly OSS)	School Support and Accountability (formerly Office of State Support)
SSP	State Submission Plan
SSTP	School Support and Technology Programs (a program office within OESE)
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
SY	School year
UEI	Unique Entity Identifier
UMIRS	Uniform Management Information and Reporting System (For reporting of safety and discipline data)
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture, which operates the Child Nutrition Program (aka free and reduced-price lunch)