

# Texas K12 Education Acronyms

Acronym	Definition	Category	Use case
<b>ADSY</b>	Additional Days School Year, Texas program that provides funding for extending the school year to improve student outcomes	State Funding	The district implemented ADSY to provide extra instructional days.
<b>ARD</b>	Admission, Review, and Dismissal, Texas committee that determines special education services	Special Education Programs and Student Support	The ARD committee met to review the student's IEP.
<b>ATPE</b>	Association of Texas Professional Educators, organization that provides professional development and advocacy for educators	School Operations	Teachers can access PD resources through ATPE.
<b>ATSI</b>	Additional Targeted Support and Improvement, federal designation used in Texas accountability requiring additional intervention for student group performance	School Planning, Compliance, and Policy	The district monitored ATSI campuses for progress and compliance.
<b>CCMR</b>	College, Career, and Military Readiness, indicator used in Texas accountability to measure students' preparedness after high school	Assessment / Accountability	The school improved its CCMR score through dual credit and certifications.
<b>CDC</b>	County-District-Campus number, unique identifier assigned to each Texas school and district for reporting and accountability	School Planning, Compliance, and Policy	The campus was identified in reports by its CDC number.
<b>CPE</b>	Continuing Professional Education, required training hours for maintaining teacher certification in Texas	School Planning, Compliance, and Policy	Teachers must complete CPE hours to renew certification.
<b>CSI</b>	Comprehensive Support and Improvement, federal designation applied within Texas accountability for schools identified for significant improvement	School Planning, Compliance, and Policy	The campus was identified for CSI and must implement a turnaround plan.

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<b>DIP</b>	District Improvement Plan (district-level plan that outlines goals, strategies, and actions to improve student outcomes across all campuses; aligns with state accountability requirements)	Planning / Compliance	The DIP outlines district-wide priorities for improving student achievement.
<b>EB</b>	Emergent Bilingual, term used in Texas to describe students developing English proficiency	Academic Programs	Teachers used EB strategies to support language development.
<b>ELPS</b>	English Language Proficiency Standards, Texas standards guiding instruction for English learners	Academic Programs	Teachers integrate ELPS into daily instruction for multilingual learners.
<b>EOC</b>	End-of-Course, required Texas high school exams tied to STAAR	Assessment Metrics	Students must pass EOC exams to meet graduation requirements.
<b>ESC</b>	Education Service Center, regional Texas agencies that provide training and support to school districts	School Planning, Compliance, and Policy	Teachers attend training sessions through their regional ESC.
<b>FIE</b>	Full Individual Evaluation, comprehensive assessment used in Texas to determine eligibility for special education services	Special Education Programs and Student Support	The school conducted an FIE before determining eligibility for services.
<b>FSP</b>	Foundation School Program (Texas school funding system that determines how state funds are allocated to districts based on attendance, student needs, and program participation)	State Funding	District funding is allocated through the FSP based on ADA and program weights.
<b>IBC</b>	Industry-Based Certification, credential recognized in Texas accountability as part of college and career readiness indicators	Academic Programs / Postsecondary Readiness	Students earned an IBC in welding as part of their program.
<b>ISD</b>	Independent School District, term used in Texas for local public school districts	School Planning, Compliance, and Policy	Denton ISD serves students in the local area.
<b>PEIMS</b>	Public Education Information Management System, statewide system used by Texas schools to collect and report student, staff,	School Planning, Compliance, and Policy	The district submits attendance, enrollment, and

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	and financial data for funding, accountability, and compliance   School Planning, Compliance, and Policy		program data through PEIMS.
<b>PKG</b>	Prekindergarten Guidelines, Texas standards outlining learning expectations for Pre-K students	Academic Programs	The curriculum follows Texas PKG for early learning.
<b>SBEC</b>	State Board for Educator Certification, agency that oversees teacher certification in Texas	School Planning, Compliance, and Policy	SBEC sets certification requirements for educators.
<b>SHAC</b>	School Health Advisory Council, Texas-required advisory group for health education and wellness policies	School Planning, Compliance, and Policy	SHAC reviewed updates to the district's health curriculum.
<b>SHARS</b>	School Health and Related Services, a Texas Medicaid program that reimburses school districts for providing eligible health and related services (such as therapy, nursing, and evaluations) to students with disabilities	State Program / Funding / Special Education	The district submits SHARS claims to receive Medicaid reimbursement for eligible student services.
<b>STAAR</b>	State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, standardized test used to measure student achievement	Assessment Metrics	Students take the STAAR test each spring.
<b>TAPR</b>	Texas Academic Performance Report, annual report summarizing district and campus performance	School Planning, Compliance, and Policy	Parents can review TAPR for school performance data.
<b>TASA</b>	Texas Association of School Administrators, organization providing leadership development and conferences	School Planning, Compliance, and Policy	The superintendent attended the TASA Midwinter Conference.
<b>TASB</b>	Texas Association of School Boards, organization supporting school board governance and training	School Planning, Compliance, and Policy	Board members completed training through TASB.

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<b>TASSP</b>	Texas Association of Secondary School Principals, organization supporting secondary school leaders	School Planning, Compliance, and Policy	The assistant principal attended the TASSP workshop.
<b>TCTA</b>	Texas Classroom Teachers Association, organization providing resources and advocacy for teachers	School Operations	The teacher attended a TCTA workshop.
<b>TEA</b>	Texas Education Agency, state agency overseeing public education in Texas	School Planning, Compliance, and Policy	TEA provides guidance on state requirements.
<b>TEC</b>	Texas Education Code, state law governing public education in Texas	School Planning, Compliance, and Policy	District policies must align with the Texas Education Code (TEC).
<b>TEFA</b>	Texas Education Freedom Account, state program allowing public funds to be used for approved educational expenses outside traditional public schools. Applications opened February 4, 2026 for 2026–27.	School Funding Programs and Grants	Families can use TEFA funds for tuition and approved services.
<b>TEKS</b>	Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, statewide curriculum standards defining what students should learn	State Standards	Teachers align lessons to TEKS for each subject and grade level.
<b>TELPAS</b>	Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System, assessment used to measure English learner progress in listening, speaking, reading, and writing	Assessment Metrics	Students take TELPAS each year to measure English proficiency growth.
<b>TEPSA</b>	Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association, organization providing training and resources for school leaders	School Planning, Compliance, and Policy	The principal participated in a TEPSA leadership session.
<b>TPESS</b>	Texas Principal Evaluation and Support System, framework used to evaluate school leaders	School Planning, Compliance, and Policy	The principal was evaluated using TPESS criteria.
<b>TPRI</b>	Texas Primary Reading Inventory, early literacy assessment used in Texas to measure reading development in K–2 students	Assessment Metrics	Teachers administer TPRI to monitor early reading skills and progress.

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<b>TSDS</b>	Texas Student Data System, statewide system for collecting and managing student data	School Planning, Compliance, and Policy	Attendance and grades are reported through TSDS.
<b>TSI</b>	Texas Success Initiative (state-required college readiness assessment used to determine whether students are prepared for college-level coursework in reading, writing, and math)	Assessment / Postsecondary Readiness	Students must meet TSI requirements before enrolling in dual credit courses.
<b>TSI (Federal Accountability)</b>	Targeted Support and Improvement, federal designation used in Texas accountability for schools with underperforming student groups	School Planning, Compliance, and Policy	The school was identified for TSI due to performance gaps among student groups.
<b>T-TESS</b>	Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System, framework used to evaluate and support teacher performance	School Planning, Compliance, and Policy	The teacher received feedback through TTESS observations.