

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS & TERMS – Common to Washington State

Preamble of the Basic Education Act of 1993: “... provide students with the opportunity to become responsible citizens, to contribute to their own economic well-being and to that of their families and communities and to enjoy productive and satisfying lives.”

Washington State Learning Goals:

- **Read** with comprehension, **write** effectively, and **communicate** successfully in a variety of ways and settings and with a variety of audiences;
- **Know and apply the core concepts and principles** of mathematics; social, physical, and life sciences; civics and history, including different cultures and participation in representative government; geography; arts; and health and fitness;
- **Think** analytically, logically, and creatively, and to integrate technology literacy and fluency as well as different experiences and knowledge to form reasoned judgments and solve problems; and
- **Understand** the importance of work and finance and how performance, effort, and decisions directly affect **future career and educational opportunities.**

ACT = American College Test: *Academic subject test required by many universities of student applicants to ascertain readiness prior to admittance.*

ADA = American Disabilities Act

ADD; ADHD = Attention Deficit Disorder; Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder

Articulation: *curriculum alignment between secondary and post-secondary programs where a student receives post-secondary credit for meeting pertinent competencies while in high school.*

ASB = Associated Student Body

AYP = Adequate Yearly Progress: *each school and district’s annual benchmark for academic targets defined by the federal government that a specified percentage of students (in all of designated demographic cells) are expected to meet*

Consortium: *a group of school districts/institutions that agree to work collectively to achieve particular objectives.*

CIP = Classification of Instructional Programs Codes

CCSS = Common Core State Standards: *education initiative in the United States that details what K-12 students should know in English language arts and in mathematics at the end of each grade; adopted by 45 states as of 2013.*

CTE = Career & Technical Education, formerly known as Vocational Education: *courses and programs that combine academic, workplace knowledge and occupationally-specific skills in a contextual format*

Cross-Crediting = *See Equivalency Crediting’*

CTSO = Career & Technical Student Organization: *a recognized student association that provides opportunities for leadership development, community service, teamwork, and skill enhancement in a designated career pathway (examples: DECA; FBLA)*

DOK = (Webb’s) Depth of Knowledge: *a system that categorizes tasks according to the complexity of thinking required to successfully complete them*

Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit –*students simultaneously enrolled in high school and a post-secondary institution receiving credit at both levels (e.g. Tech Prep; Running Start)*

EA = Educational Assistant

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EALR(s) = Essential Academic Learning Requirements: *articulation of Washington State's expectations and learning standards for students – what students should know and be able to do; developed following the passage of the Basic Education Act of 1993. The EALRs have been slowly replaced by nationally-accepted academic standards.*

EOC = End-of-Course exam: *assessments given to students in grades 7-12 at the end of their math and, at the high school level, biology courses in lieu of the comprehensive MSP or HSPE test.*

Equivalency Crediting (a.k.a. Cross Crediting): *credit granted for student attainment of specific competencies demonstrated while enrolled in an applied course. E.g.: a student enrolled in Electronics attains either occupational and math credit toward graduation.*

ESEA =Elementary and Secondary Education Act: *federal legislation supporting K-12 education; originally initiated in 1965; current reauthorization known as No Child Left Behind*

ESD = Educational Service District: *provide cooperative services to area educational communities – ESD 101 serves the Spokane area <http://www.esd101.net>*

ESL/LES/ELD/ELL = English as a Second Language, Limited English Speaking, English Language Development, English Language Learner: *programs that support students who speak another language*

FERPA = Family Education Rights and Privacy Act: *legislation protecting privacy of student educational records*

FTE = Full Time Equivalent: *a student enrolled in school for a minimum average of 300 minutes per day; the basis for public school funding.*

GED = General Education Diploma

GFP = Graduate Follow-up Procedure OR **GFS** = Graduate Follow-Up Study: *the process used by a school district to determine the employment/educational status of former students post-high school; a state and federal requirement in order to qualify for Carl Perkins funding.*

GPA = Grade Point Average

GLE(s) = Grade Level Expectations: *based on the EALRs, the GLEs identify specific learning standards for students in grades K–10, clarifying the skills and strategies all students need to demonstrate proficiency in each CORE content area. They have been replaced by national standards in all core areas except art, educational technology, health & fitness and social studies.*

HSPE = High School Proficiency Exam: *annual state assessment for students grades 9-10. The English/language arts and math elements of this test are expected to be replaced by the Smarter Balanced Assessment beginning the 2014-15 school year.*

IDEA = Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: *The federal education legislation that defines requirements pertaining to special education*

IEP = Individualized Education Plan: *a learning plan designed specifically to meet the needs and objectives of a particular student; required for every special education student*

MSP = Measurement of Student Progress: *annual state assessment for students grades 3-8. The English/language arts and math elements of this test are expected to be replaced by the Smarter Balanced Assessment beginning the 2014-15 school year.*

NAEP = National Assessment of Educational Progress: *NAEP tests a representative sample of students in grades 4, 8, and 12 each year and provides information about the achievement of students nationally and state-by-state; known as The Nation's Report Card.*

NCLB = No Child Left Behind: *The national initiative for every student to meet a minimum achievement standard in each of several core subject areas; the current interpretation of ESEA*

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NGSS = Next Generation Science Standards: *K-12 science standards developed through a collaborative, multi-state initiative; adopted by Washington in 2013.*

OSPI = Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction: *supervising agency for Washington State public education*

Professional-Technical Education (PTE) synonyms=

Career and Technical Education (CTE); Vocational Education; Vocational Technical Education

Program of Study= *a high school or district guide identifying required and recommended courses that support a student's movement forward on a particular career pathway; incorporates a scope and sequence that includes both secondary and post-secondary components*

RCW= Revised Code of Washington

SA = Supervisory Assistant

SAPTAC = Spokane Consortium for Career & Technical Education (formerly Spokane Area Professional-Technical Advisory Council/Consortium): *a group of career & technical administrators representing Spokane- area school districts including Central Valley, Cheney, Chewelah, Davenport, Deer Park, East Valley, Freeman, Mead, Newport, NEWTECH Skills Center, Nine Mile Falls, Pullman, Riverside, Spokane, Spokane Valley Tech, and West Valley. Also involved in the group are Associate Members representing organizations including Community Colleges of Spokane, Greater Spokane Incorporated, and the Spokane Area Workforce Development Council.*

SAT = Scholastic Aptitude Test: *Academic subject test required by many universities of student applicants to ascertain readiness prior to admittance.*

SBAC = See Smarter Balanced Assessment

SBE = State Board of Education <http://www.sbe.wa.gov>

SCANS = Secretary's Commission of Achieving Necessary Skills: *"fundamental skills" and "workplace competencies" necessary for workplace success at any level*

Smarter Balanced Assessment = state based on the Common Core State Standards: *the new assessment will replace the MSP and the HSPE for grades 3-8 and 11 beginning in the 2014-15 school year, becoming a graduation requirement for the class of 2019.*

SPI = Superintendent of Public Instruction – see OSPI

SSID = Secure Student Identifier <http://www.k12.wa.us/bulletinsmemos/memos2002/M085-02.pdf>

STW/STC =School-to-Work/School-to-Career

Tech Prep: *a program with the objective of sequencing student education between high school and community college (a 2+2 system) administered regionally and supported by state grant funding; visit <http://www.ed.gov/programs/techprep/index.html> or the local community college website for more information*

TRS = Teacher's Retirement System

WAC = Washington Administrative Code

WASL = Washington Assessment of Student Learning: *based on the EALRs, the [WASL](#) was the state assessment in place through 2009; replaced by the MSP, the HSPE and EOC assessments. <http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/StateTesting/default.aspx> for more information*

WBL/WSL = Work-based Learning/Worksite Learning <http://www.k12.wa.us/CareerTechEd/workbasedlearning.aspx>

For more information, go to the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development's (ASCD) Lexicon of Learning at: <http://www.ascd.org/Publications/Lexicon-of-Learning/table-of-contents.aspx>

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PROFESSIONAL & STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- ACTE:** Association for Career & Technical Education
- ASCD:** Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- AWSP:** Association of Washington School Principals
- BPA:** Business Professionals of America
- DECA:** an Organization of Marketing Education Students (formerly *Distributive Education Clubs of America*; now only the acronym is used)
- DO:** Diversified Occupations (no longer used; revised as Career Choices)
- FBLA:** Future Business Leaders of America
- FCCLA:** Family, Career, & Community Leaders of America
- FFA:** The National FFA Organization (formerly *Future Farmers of America*; now only the acronym is used) supports students involved in a wide range of agriculture-related education
- HOSA:** Future Health Professionals (formerly Health Occupations Students of America; now only the acronym is used)
- MEA:** Marketing Education Association
- NBEA:** National Business Education Association
- NEA:** National Education Association
- NEWASA:** NorthEast Washington Association of School Administrators
- NEWESD101:** NorthEast Washington Educational Service District 101
- TSA:** Technology Student Association
- WA-ACTE:** Washington Association for Career & Technical Education
- WADOT:** Washington Association of Diversified Occupations Teachers
- WAME:** Washington Association of Marketing Educators
- WASA:** Washington Association of School Administrators
- WASTS:** Washington Association for Skilled and Technical Sciences
- WAVA:** An Association of Career & Technical Education Administrators (formerly Association of Career and Technical Education Administrators)
- WEA:** Washington Education Association
- WITEA:** Washington Industrial Technology Education Association
- WSBEA:** Washington State Business Education Association
- WSSDA:** Washington State School Directors Association