

Acronym	Stands for	Meaning
ACTE	Association for Career and Technical Education	a national education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for careers
ADDA	American Design and Drafting Association	industry certification for Drafting/CAD
AGC	Associated General Contractors	a national trade association of commercial construction contractors committed to improving job safety and expanding the use of cutting edge technologies and techniques within the construction industry
ASE	Automotive Service Excellence	industry certification for selected transportation cluster endorsements
AWS	American Welding Society	a national associate for industry certification in advanced manufacturing cluster endorsements
AYES	Automotive Youth Education System	a national partnership among participating automotive manufacturers, participating local automotive dealers, and selected local high schools, post secondary schools/Regional Occupational Centers and Programs. The AYES program prepares young people for challenging, well-paid careers in automotive service.
BAT	Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training	an associate for industry certification for selected architecture and construction cluster endorsements
CCSS	Common Core State Standards	The Common Core State Standards are a set of clear standards for math and English Language Arts that were developed to ensure every student graduates high school prepared for postsecondary and the workforce. The standards reflect rigorous learning benchmarks set by countries whose students currently outperform American students on international assessments.
CIW	Certified Internet Webmaster	industry certification for selected communication cluster endorsements
CompTIA	Computer Technology Industry Association	industry certification for selected communication cluster endorsements
CORD	Center for Occupational Research and Development	a national nonprofit organization dedicated to leading change in education by creating educational tools and innovative programs to empower faculty and prepare students for greater success in careers and higher education
CORE Offices	Centers of Regional Excellence	regional offices that house CTE Regional CORE Consultants
CRT	Criterion Referenced Test	a test that is based on the curriculum's criteria
CTE	Career and Technical Education	
CTSO	Career and Technical Student Organization	a student organization designed to help students demonstrate technical skill and leadership
DECA	Now just the acronym. Used to stand for Distributive Education Clubs of America	A career and technical student organization for marketing students
DOE	Department of Education	

EDGAR	Education Department General Administrative Regulations	federal administrative requirements that apply to federal education funds
EIS	Education Information System	database used to collect student information to generate reports for funding, research, statistics, etc.
EOC	End-of-Course Test	a series of high school tests that includes subtest in the following areas: Math, English and the addition of several new tests over the next few testing cycles. These test are course dependent and used as part of the course grade.
EPSO	Early Postsecondary Opportunities	Opportunities for students to earn postsecondary credit while in high school. This can be dual credit, dual enrollment, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), or Cambridge.
eTIGER	Electronic Timely Information Gathering, Examination, and Reporting	a database used to generate state education statistics, reports and documents
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education	the provision of regular or special education and related aids and services that are designed to meet individual needs of handicapped persons as well as the needs of non-handicapped persons based on adherence to procedural safeguards outlined in the law
FAUPL	Federal Agreed Upon Performance Level	each LEA must agree to accept the state adjusted levels of performance or negotiate their own levels with supporting data
FBLA	Future Business Leaders of America	career and technical student organization for business students
FCCLA	Family, Career and Community Leaders of America	a career and technical student organization for education & training and human services students
FERPA	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act	federal law that protects the privacy of student's education records
FFA	formerly Future Farmers of America	A career and technical student organization for agriculture, food, and natural resources students
HOSA	Health Occupations Students of America	a career and technical student organization for health science students
HSTW	High Schools That Work	a program that uses research proven strategies to help states transform their public high schools into places where all students learn at high levels
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	a federal law that governs how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education, and related services to children with disabilities from birth to age 18 or 21
IEP	Individual Education Plan	a plan designed to meet the unique educational needs of one child, who may have a disability as defined by federal regulations
ITEA	International Technology Education Association	a professional educator organization devoted to improving technology education and engineering through the use of technology, innovation, design, and engineering experiences at the K-12 school levels.
Jobs4TNOnline	Jobs for Tennessee Online	a new jobs database that also provides labor market information

LEA	Local Education Agency	local school systems
LOF	Letter of Findings	Communication based on an evaluation of a system
LWIA	Local Workforce Investment Area	regional areas focused on reformed federal employment, training, adult education, and occupational rehabilitation programs by creating an integrated "one-stop" system of workforce investment and education services for adults, dislocated workers, and youth
MMGW	Making Middle Grades Work	a network of schools, districts and states committed to improving school and classroom practices in the middle grades by implementing a framework of Key Practices and conditions for continuous improvement from the SREB
MOA	Methods of Administration	provides procedures for the investigation of civil rights complaints and visits led by the Methods of Administration (MOA) Coordinator to ensure compliance with the civil rights statutes.
MOE	Maintenance of Effort	federal requirement that requires grant recipients and /or sub-recipients to maintain a certain level of state/local fiscal effort to be eligible for full participation in federal grant funding
MOP	Memorandum of Procedures	a document that outlines processes and procedures within the perimeter of a working arrangement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	a document used to define and document the perimeters of a working relationship between two or more parties
NASP	National Association of School Psychologists	a professional organization that provides professional development, resources and updated information to school psychologists to ensure that all children and youth attain optimal learning and mental health
NATEF	National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation	a program that evaluates technician training programs against standards developed by the automotive industry and recommend qualifying programs for NATEF accreditation.
NCCER	National Center for Construction Education and Research	industry certification for the architecture and construction cluster endorsements
NCLB	No Child Left Behind	supports standards-based education reform based on the premise that setting high standards and establishing measurable goals can improve individual outcomes in education. The Act requires states to develop assessments in basic skills. States must give these assessments to all students at select grade levels in order to receive federal school funding.
NRT	Norm Referenced Test	a test that is based on the standards at a national or normed level.
OCR	Office of Civil Rights	a sub-agency of the U.S. Department of Education that is primarily focused on protecting civil rights in Federally assisted education programs and prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, age, or membership in patriotic youth organizations

OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs	a federal program that provides leadership and support for professionals working with children with disabilities.
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration	a federal agency that ensures that businesses provide safe and healthy working environments for all their employees. CTE students must receive training and master OSHA standards prior to work based learning
POST	Peace Officers Standards and Training	Protective and legal services endorsement required industry certification
PAR	Personnel Activity Report	a report that must be filled out when using Carl Perkins IV funds to pay salaries of employees
PARCC	Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers	a consortium of states working together to develop a common set of K-12 assessments in English and math anchored in what it takes to be ready for college and careers
PLTW	Project Lead the Way	provider of rigorous and innovative Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education curricular programs used in middle and high schools across the U.S.
PMOC	Project Management Oversight Committee	a committee that oversees project management
POS	Program of Study	courses and skills taught in which students are expected to master in one of the 16 career clusters
QPI	Quality Program Indicators	used by state monitoring teams, CTE Directors and CTE teachers to assess minimum standards for achieving quality program status for Perkins funding.
RBM	Risk Based Monitoring,	effective federal grant monitoring protocols and tools based on accepted control standards used to ensure that waste, fraud, and abuse are not overlooked and program funds are being spent appropriately
RST	Research Simulation Task	an activity that requires students to do short, focused research to complete an activity
SBE	State Board of Education	the governing and policy making body for the Tennessee system of public elementary and secondary education. The Board also coordinates its efforts with the State Department of Education, which implements law and policies established by the General Assembly and the Board.
SCANS	Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills	a commission appointed to determine the skills our young people needed to succeed in the world of work. The commission's fundamental purpose was to encourage a high-performance economy characterized by high-skill, high-wage employment. Although the commission completed its work in 1992, its findings and recommendations continue to be a valuable source of information for individuals and organizations involved in education and workforce development.

SkillsUSA		A career and technical student organization for Architecture & Construction, Manufacturing, Information Technology, Hospitality & Tourism, Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications, Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security, and the Transportation, Distribution & Logistics cluster students
SPOS	Special Program of Study	a local education agencies request to change a standard program of study
SREB	Southern Regional Board of Education,	conducts research, writes reports and recommends action on critical issues at every level of public education
TACTE	Tennessee Association for Career and Technical Education	professional association that promotes career and technical education
TBR	Tennessee Board of Regents	the governing board over Tennessee's higher education institutions
TCA	Tennessee Code Annotated	reference to Tennessee laws
TCAP	Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program	the umbrella under which all Tennessee mandated test are referenced.
TDCTE	Tennessee Directors of Career and Technical Education	directors of Local Education Agency Career and Technical Education programs
TEIS	Tennessee Early Intervention System	a voluntary educational program for families with children ages birth through two years of age with disabilities or developmental delays.
THA	Tennessee Hospital Association	advocacy for and support of community-based hospitals and health systems and assist them in delivering accessible, cost-effective, quality health services.
TIPS	Tennessee Infant Parent Services	The Tennessee Infant Parent Services is a special school system that provides home-based early intervention services for families with children from birth to the age of three who qualify for the services.
TSA	Technology Student Association	a career and technical student organization for students in the Manufacturing and Information Technology clusters
TSIP	Tennessee School Improvement Plan	to assist educators in using data to prioritize performance targets for each school to determine a focus or clarity of purpose for improving student performance.
TCAT	Tennessee College of Applied Technology	27 centers across Tennessee that provide technical skills and professional training in postsecondary education and trade
WA	Writing Assessment	a written test administered to grades 5, 8 and 11. This test is a state mandated test and results are used in conjunction with the CRT, Gateway and End-of-Course test to determine the standings of the school and system within the state and to account for the state's national ranking.

WBL	Work-Based Learning	a proactive approach to bridging the gap between high school and high-demand, high-skill careers in Tennessee. Students build on classroom-based instruction to develop employability skills that prepare them for success in postsecondary education and future careers. Through experiences like internships, apprenticeships, and cooperative education (co-op), juniors or seniors (16 years or older) may earn high school credit for capstone WBL experiences.
WIA	Workforce Investment Act	provides the framework for a unique national workforce preparation and employment system designed to meet both the needs of the nation's businesses and the needs of job seekers and those who want to further their careers.