

Acronyms

These are commonly found acronyms.

If we've missed any, let us know and we will update the next edition.

AAC	Alberta Assessment Consortium
AAISA	Alberta Association of Immigrant Serving Agencies
AAMD&C	Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties
AAPCS	Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools
ABC	Association for Bright Children
ACFA	Association canadienne-française de L'Alberta
ACLD	Association for Children with Learning Disabilities
ACOL	Alberta Commission on Learning
ACSTA	Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association
ACYI	Alberta Children and Youth Initiative
ADLC	Alberta Distance Learning Centre
ADM	Assistant Deputy Minister
AE or AB ED	Alberta Education
AERR	Annual Education Results Report
AFL	Assessment for Learning
AHEA	Alberta Home Education Association
AISCA	Association of Independent Schools and Colleges in Alberta
AISI	Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (a provincial program to improve student learning and performance by fostering initiatives that reflect the unique needs and circumstances within school jurisdictions)
ALIS	Alberta Learning Information System
AMFC	Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation
AP	Advanced Placement
ASAA	Alberta Schools' Athletic Association
ASBA	Alberta School Boards Association
ASBALE	Alberta School Boards Association for Language Education
ASBIE	Alberta School Boards' Insurance Exchange
ASBOA	Association of School Business Officials of Alberta
ASCA	Alberta School Councils' Association
ASEBP	Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan
ASFF	Alberta School Foundation Fund
ATA	Alberta Teachers' Association
ATA Local	The local ATA union authority
ATRF	Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund
AUMA	Alberta Urban Municipalities Association

BQRP	Building Quality Restoration Program (now called IMP Infrastructure Maintenance Program)
CALM	Career and Life Management
CASA	Canadian Association of School Administrators
CASS	College of Alberta School Superintendents
CBA	Custody by Agreement
CEA	Canadian Education Association
CEO	Chief Executive Officer (superintendent of schools)
CETS	Credit Enrolment Tracking System
CEU	Credit Enrolment Unit
CMEC	Council of Ministers of Education in Canada
COATS	Council of Alberta Teaching Standards
CPF	Canadian Parents for French
CSA	Council on School Administration
CSBA	Canadian School Boards Association
CTS	Career and Technology Studies
DIPS	Diploma Exams
DM	Deputy Minister
EAP	Employee Assistance Program
ECS	Early Childhood Services (kindergarten)
ESL	English as a Second Language
FAS	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FCSS	Family and Community Social Services
FNMI	First Nations Métis Inuit
FOIP	Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
FPFA	Fédération des parents francophones de l'Alberta
FSL	French as a Second Language
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
GLA	Grade Level of Achievement
HSE	High School equivalent
HR	Human Resources (personnel services)
IB Program	International Baccalaureate Program (a comprehensive curriculum of general education responding to the needs for greater challenge in the upper secondary level)
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IEP	Individual Education Plan
IMP	Infrastructure Maintenance Program
IMR	Infrastructure and Maintenance Renewal Program
IPP	Individualized Program Plans

K and E	Knowledge and Employability courses
LAC	Local Advisory Committee (for ECS)
LDAA	Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta
LRC	Learning Resources Centre
LRDC	Learning Resources Distributing Centre (an operation that purchases and resells instructional materials to school jurisdictions for their book rental programs)
NSBA	National School Boards Association
OH and S	Occupational Health and Safety
P3	Public Private Partnership
PAAC	Program and Assessment Advisory Committee
PD	Professional Development
PSBAA	Public School Boards' Association of Alberta
PAT	Provincial Achievement Test
PLC	Professional Learning Community
POM	Plant Operations and Maintenance
PTR	Pupil Teacher Ratio
PUF	Program Unit Funding (can be obtained by ECS program operators to provide individual programs for children with severe disabilities)
PUG	Program Unit Grant
SACSC	Safe and Caring Schools and Communities
SBDM	Site Based Decision Making
SEP	School Education Plan
SHI	Student Health Initiative
SIB	School Improvement Branch
SIS	Student Information System
SIPP	Supplemental integrated Pension Plan
STEP	Summer Temporary Employment Program
STR	Student Teacher Ratio
TPA	Teaching Profession Act
TQS	Teacher Qualification Service (operated by ATA to assess teachers' years of education for salary/pension purposes)
TRF	Teachers' Retirement Fund
TSQB	Teacher Salary Qualification Board
WCB	Workers Compensation Board
YRE	Year Round Education