

Adult Basic Education Abbreviations, Acronyms, & Definitions

AAACE (Triple-A-C-E or ās) – American Association for Adult and Continuing Education
the nation's premier organization dedicated to enhancing the field of adult learning

www.aaace.org

ABLE (ā' bəl or A-B-L-E) - Adult Basic and Literacy Education
provides educational opportunities for adults who lack a foundation of literacy skills needed for effective citizenship, further education and productive employment

www.ode.state.oh.us/ctae/adult/ABLE/

ACAEL () - Advisory Council on Adult Education and Literacy

ADA (A-D-A) - Americans with Disabilities Act
prohibits discrimination and ensures equal opportunity for persons with disabilities in employment, state and local government services, public accommodations, commercial facilities, and transportation. It also mandates the establishment of TDD/telephone relay services.

www.ada.gov

AMES (āmz) - Adult Measure of Essential Skills Test

BEST (běst) - Basic English Skills Test
a unique measurement tool designed for adult ESOL learners at the survival and pre-employment skills level (developed by the Center for Applied Linguistics)

www.cal.org/best

CAEL ()- Clearinghouse on Adult Education and Literacy

CAL (kāl or C-A-L) – Center for Applied Linguistics
a private, non-profit organization: a group of scholars and educators who use the findings of linguistics and related sciences in identifying and addressing language-related problems

www.cal.org

CAPS (kăps) - Career Ability Placement Survey

CASAS (kō' sīs) - Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System

www.casas.org

CBE (C-B-E) - Competency Based Education

CBO (C-B-O) - Community Based Organization

COABE (cō' āb) - Commission on Adult Basic Education

a national professional organization of adult education practitioners

www.coabe.org

CIP (C-I-P) - Core Indicators of Performance

DAEL () - Department of Adult Education and Literacy (U.S. Department of Education)

DH () - Developmentally Handicapped

DOC () - Department of Corrections

ECE (E-C-E) - Early Childhood Education

EDP (E-D-P) - External Diploma Program

EFF (E-F-F) - Equipped for the Future
a standards-based reform initiative aimed at improving the quality of the adult literacy system and building the capacity of that system to more effectively assist adults in accomplishing their goals in life.

www.nifl.gov/nifl/eff.html

EFL (E-F-L) - Educational Functioning Level

EMR (E-M-R) - Educable Mentally Retarded

ERIC (âr' ik) - Educational Resources Information Center
The mission of the ERIC system is to improve American education by increasing and facilitating the use of educational research and information to improve practice in learning, teaching, educational decision making, and research, wherever and whenever these activities take place

www.eric.ed.gov

www.ericacve.org (ERIC Clearinghouse on Adult, Career, and Vocational Education)

ESL (E-S-L) - English as a Second Language

ESOL (E-S-O-L) - English for Speakers of Other Languages (*Preferred Term*)

literacy.kent.edu/neable/esol_web_page.html

ESLOA () - English as a Second Language Oral Assessment

GED (G-E-D) - General Educational Development

www.ode.state.oh.us/curriculum-assessment/Assessment (Ohio's state GED office)
www.acenet.edu/calec/ged (GED Testing Service)

IEP (I-E-P) - Individual Educational Profile/Plan

ILP (I-L-P) - Individual Learning Plan

INS (I-N-S) - Immigration and Naturalization Service

IPDP (I-P-D-P or ĭp'ē dĭp'ē) - Individual Professional Development Plan

ITA (I-T-A) - Individual Training Account

LD (L-D) - Learning Disabled

LEA (L-E-A) - Local Education Authority

LEP (L-E-P) - Limited English Proficiency

LPDC (L-P-D-C) - Local Professional Development Committee

LVA (L-V-A) - Literacy Volunteers of America
a fully integrated national network of local, state, and regional literacy providers that give adults and their families the opportunity to acquire skills to be effective in their roles as members of their families, communities, and workplaces.

www.literacyvolunteers.org

MH (M-H) - Multiple Handicapped

MOE (M-O-E) - Maintenance of Effort

MOU (M-O-U) - Memorandum of Understanding

MR/DD (M-R-D-D) - Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities

NALD (nôld) - National Adult Learning Database

NALLD () - National Adult Learning and Learning Disabilities Center

NCAL (ěň' cǎl) - National Center on Adult Education

NCAL's mission incorporates three primary goals: to improve understanding of youth and adult learning, to foster innovation and increase effectiveness in youth and adult basic education and literacy work, and to expand access to information and build capacity for literacy and basic skills service provision.

www.literacy.org/ncal.html

NCLE (nĭk' əl or N-C-L-E)

the only national information center focusing on the language and literacy education of adults and out-of-school youth learning English

www.cal.org/ncle

NCSALL (nĭks' ôl) - National Center for the Study of Adult Literacy and Learning

The goal of NCSALL is to help the field of adult basic education define a comprehensive research agenda; to pursue basic and applied research under that agenda; to build partnerships between researchers and practitioners; and to disseminate research and best practices to practitioners, scholars, and policy makers

www.gse.harvard.edu/~ncsall

NIFL (N-I-F-L or nĭf' əl) - National Institute for Literacy

a federal organization that shares information about literacy and supports the development of high-quality literacy services so all Americans can develop essential basic skills.

www.nifl.gov

NRS (N-R-S) - National Reporting System

OAACE (O-A-A-C-E or O-double-A-C-E or ô-ă' s) - Ohio Association for Adult and Continuing Education

the largest professional adult education organization in Ohio.

www.oaace.org

ODE (O-D-E) - Ohio Department of Education

ODJFS (O-D-J-F-S) - Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

OLN (O-L-N) - Ohio Literacy Network

OLRC (O-L-R-C) - Ohio Literacy Resource Center

Ohio's state literacy resource center

<http://literacy.kent.edu>

O-PAS (ō' pās or ō' pōz) - Ohio Performance Accountability System

literacy.kent.edu/opas/

PACT (pākt) - Parent and Child Together

PAVE (pāv) - Post-Secondary Adult Vocational Education

RCN (R-C-N) - Resource Center Network

RFP (R-F-P) - Request for Proposal

ROI (R-O-I) - Return on Investment

SABES (sōb' āz) - System for Adult Education Support (Massachusetts)

SAG () - Specific Academic Goal

SCANS (skānz) - Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills

SDA () - Service Delivery Area

SEA (S-E-A) - State Educational Agency

SEM (S-E-M or sēm) - Student Experience Model

SERRC (sûrk) - Special Education Regional Resource Center

SMART (smärt) - Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Time-bound Goals

SORT (sôrt) - Slosson Oral Reading Test
assessment test based upon the ability to pronounce words at different levels of difficulty

www.widerange.com/sortr.html

SPL (S-P-L) - Student Performance Level

TABE (tāb) - Tests of Adult Basic Education

TANF (tăn' ĩf) - Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

TESOL (tē' sôl) - Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages

TOEFL (tō' fl) - Test of English as a Foreign Language
measures the ability of nonnative speakers of English to use and understand North American English as it is used in college and university settings

www.toefl.org

UPS (U-P-S) - Uniform Portfolio System
an assessment and accountability system for collecting and analyzing student work in order to make consistent conclusions on student's progress and advancement from one educational functioning level to the next

literacy.kent.edu/opas/portfoliomodel.html

USDOE (U-S-D-O-E or just D-O-E) - United States Department of Education

VISTA (vīs' tð) - Volunteers in Service to America

www.friendsofvista.org

WIA (W-I-A or wē' ð) - Workforce Investment Act of 1998

WIB () - Workforce Investment Board

WIC (wĭc) - Women, Infants, and Children

WRAT (răt) - Wide Range Achievement Test
assessment used to measure skill in the areas of reading comprehension, mathematics, listening comprehension, oral expression, and written language. A measure of nonverbal reasoning is also included

www.widerange.com/page41.html