

Acronyms for Rogers Public Schools

ACRONYM		DEFINITION
21CCLC	21st Century Community Learning Center Grant	After school enrichment program funded by a U.S. Department of Education grant
ABC grant	Grant	Grant used to fund pre-K classes in Rogers Public Schools
ACSIP	Arkansas Consolidated School Improvement Plan	A detailed state mandated plan submitted annually by each school and the district. The plan includes student achievement levels, plans to address areas of concern, and evaluation of the plan
AIP	Academic Improvement Plan	State-mandated plan to provide remediation to any student not proficient on a benchmark exam
ALE	Alternative Learning Environment	Any nontraditional school setting such as REAP and Crossroads
Americorps	Grant	A grant to support volunteer services for non-English speaking families
AMO	Annual Measureable Objective	The yearly student achievement target identified for each school and district in Arkansas used to determine accountability status
AP/Pre-AP	Advanced Placement, Pre- Advanced Placement	Advanced Placement rigorous courses approved by the College Board and offered at the secondary level. Students may take an exam at the end of the course and earn college credit if they score a 3 or better on a scale of 1-5
CCSS	Common Core state standards	A consortium of 45 states to establish a common set of educational standards
CGI	Cognitively Guided Instructions	An elementary mathematics professional development program designed to help teachers connect a student's understanding of math to formal concepts and operations.
CMP3	Connected Mathematics Project (3rd version)	A 6-8 grade problem-based interactive math curriculum with digital instructional tools and content
CRT	Criterion Reference Test	Any test that measures how well a student has learned a defined curriculum. The most common CRT's are state benchmark tests. Students are usually given a score such as basic, below basic, proficient or advanced
CWT	Classroom Walkthroughs	Practice of short observations in a classroom with a focus on collecting data on effective instructional practices
DIAL 3	Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning	Screening assessment for primary grade students for motor skills, language concepts, self help and social development
DIBELS	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills	Individualized reading assessment used to determine reading and pre reading skill development. Often used as a tool to determine reading instruction needs for elementary students or older students with persistent reading difficulties
DRA	Developmental Reading Assessment	Leveled reading assessment to measure accuracy in reading, comprehension and fluency
ECM	Extending Children's Mathematics	A middle school professional development program designed to enhance teachers' ability to teach mathematics with an emphasis on mathematical thinking
ELDA	English Language Development Assessment	A state mandated test given each spring to measure the acquisition of English by assessing a students ability to write, listen, speak
ELF	Effective Literacy Framework	A literacy program for grades 2 through 4 to improve reading and writing
ELL	English Language Learner	Any student whose native language is not English, and is studying English acquisition as part of this educational program
ELLA	Early Literacy Learning in Arkansas	A literacy program for kindergarten and 1st grade students to improve reading comprehension and writing
EOC	End of Course exam	A state mandated assessment given to secondary students upon completion of designated courses such as Algebra, Geometry, Biology and 11th grade English
E-Rate	Common name for The Schools and Library Program	Federal funding program to make internet and telecommunication services affordable to schools
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act	Federal legislation reauthorized since the 1965 designed to support equal access public education and establishes high standards and accountability for K-12 schools
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages	Refers to the program designed to help non-English speaking students acquire English
FastForWord	Scientific learning product - learning reading improvement software	Computer software program used to improve reading comprehension. Software individualizes lessons and improves language fluency and reading comprehension.
Formative Assessment		Any test used by a teacher to make instructional changes based upon student learning. The information is used to enrich or remediate content students have been taught.

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Gap analysis		Process of comparing student achievement of sub populations to each other and then to the whole. This is done to ensure no sub group is being left behind
HELP	Help with English Language Proficiency	Math intervention software program integrating instruction in English and Spanish
HIPPY	Home Instruction for Parents of Pre-school Youngsters	Grant funded program to train parents in techniques to be used at home to improve skills for pre-schoolers
IEP	Individual Educational Plan	Educational plan designed to meet the individual needs of students in special education.
IRI	Individual Reading Intervention	A state -mandated remediation plan for primary grade students who perform below grade level on state tests
JEDI	Juvenile Education Initiative	An online computer program for math, science and language arts. The software assesses individual student achievement, prescribes lessons and generates accountability reports. This was originally designed to meet the needs of incarcerated juveniles, but is available for grades K -12.
LEADS	Leaders Excellence and Development System	Evaluation system used to improve the performance of school administrators in Arkansas
Literacy Lab	Arkansas reading initiative	A literacy program for grades 5 through 9 to improve reading and writing
MAP test	Measurement of Academic Progress	Norm referenced formative skills test developed by Northwest Educational Association given three times a year to identify individual student strengths and weaknesses and growth over time.
MAC II	Maculaitis (test author) version 2	An assessment to measure the English language acquisition levels for students in the ESOL program.
MAT 8	Metropolitan Achievement Test, 8th addition	Norm-reference test used to measure student achievement. This is presently being used for 1st grade students in Rogers
Math Links	Learning ,Instruction Knowledge and Standards	A two-year professional development program designed to assist teachers and administrators in implementing research-based instructional practices aligned to the Arkansas frameworks
MLP	My Learning Plan	Database used to track and evaluate professional development for staff
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress	Achievement test given to a randomly selected group of students across the country. Results are used to compared U.S. student achievement with other nations
GradPoint	<i>Pearson Learning</i> computer software product	Computer software that allows students to earn high school credit through computer lessons. Used for students to make-up failed or missed course work
NRT	Norm-reference test	Any of a number of national tests that include Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS), Stanford Achievement Tests (SAT10), American College Tests (ACT), Metropolitan Achievement Tests (MAT8) that are used to compare students across the nation. Scores are most commonly shared as national percentile ranks (NPR)
PARCC	Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers	Next generation k-12 assessments used by 19 states to measure student achievement on Common Core Standards that include the use of technology and performance-based assessments.
PPVT	Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test	An assessment of pre-K student's vocabulary to measure language development
Qualls/QELI	QUALLS (test writer) Early Learning Inventory	An assessment tool used with primary grades as a school readiness screener to measure the development in six areas; oral communication, written communication, general knowledge, math concepts, work habits and attentive behavior
READ 180	<i>Scholastic</i> reading intervention program	A computer assisted program that individualizes reading comprehension instruction through an individual computer program supported by teacher-led small group instruction
RTI	Response to Intervention	Committee process used to align interventions with students that are struggling in school
SAT10	Stanford Achievement Test	A norm-referenced national test that measures how students compare to other students across the nation
SIOP	Sheltered Immersion Observation Protocol	This is an instructional technique originally designed to help English language learners. Emphasis is placed on content and language objectives for each lesson taught and the use of visual cues.
Successmaker	Pearson Learning - computer software	An individualized learning software for K-5 reading or K-8 math problem solving

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TAGG	Targeted Achievement Group Gap	In Arkansas, the group of students used to determine accountability status for schools and districts that include minority, economically disadvantaged, English-language learners and special education students who have historically performed below the achievement level of their peers.
TIA	Total Instructional Alignment	Curriculum process that clarifies Arkansas standards of learning to create consistency and greater depth of understanding about learning expectations for students
TESS	Teacher Excellence and Support System	Teacher evaluation process used in Arkansas to improve performance for certified teachers
Waterford	<i>Pearson Learning</i> software product	A self-paced individualized computer software program to improve primary grade reading skills