

Educational Acronyms

1:1	One computer per student initiative
AASA	American Association of School Administrators
AASPA	American Association for School Personnel Administrators
ACT	American College Testing
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADA	Average Daily Attendance; the average attendance for the district, used as a factor in the calculation of General State Aid that the district receives
AFR	Annual Financial Report; a standardized document that meets independent auditing and reporting requirements for public school districts
AP	Advanced Placement
APR	Accreditation in Public Relations; a national certification for persons working in the field of public relations
AR	Annual Review (of an individualized education plan)
Blended	Classes that combine of days spent in a traditional classroom setting & days spent learning independently outside the classroom
BOE	Board of Education; seven District 115 residents elected by the community to govern the school district
BPAC	Bilingual Parents Advisory Council; a council whose members advocate for programs that serve English learners
CAC	Citizens Advisory Council; a District 115 council of community representatives who advise the superintendent on educational issues facing the district
CCC	Curriculum Coordinating Council (a group of teachers, administrators, and community members that makes decisions regarding, curriculum, instruction, and assessment)
COW	Board of Education: Committee of the Whole meetings are called when there needs to be a larger discussion or an action needs to be taken around a topic. This is run in place of the Committee Meetings that normally occur at the first meeting of each month.
CPI	Consumer Price Index; describes changes in the price paid by consumers for goods, and helps the district to estimate cost increases for future years

CPI	A certification of de-escalation and response techniques
CPPRT	Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax; revenues collected by the state of Illinois and paid to local governments to replace money that was lost when those local governments lose their ability to impose personal property taxes on corporations
CUSD	Community Unit School District
Dashboard	Visual representations (charts, graphs) of school district data used to help the public monitor the status of the district
DIP	District Improvement Plan
EC	Early Childhood
EL	English Learners (formally ELL, English Language Learners)
ELO	Extended Learning Opportunities; learning outside of the school day including summer school and business partnerships that provide students with experiences in various employment fields
ER	Eligibility Review (a student becoming eligible for Special Education)
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act; federal legislation to protect educational equity enacted in 1965 and reauthorized eight times, including as No Child Left Behind (NCLB) in 2002 and Every Student Succeeds Act in 2015
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act; ESEA reauthorization bill enacted in 2015
FAPE	Free and Appropriate Education
FMLA	Family Medical Leave Act
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act; the right of the public to access information from governmental organizations
FTE	Full-Time Equivalency; a conversion of the hours worked by one employee to a full-time basis (8 hours per day * 5 days per week)
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles; a collection of commonly-followed accounting rules and standards for financial reporting
GASB	Governmental Accounting Standards Board; the source of the GAAP, and the organization that works to improve standards of state and local governmental accounting
GSA	General State Aid; one of the revenue sources for school districts, and is meant to provide unrestricted grants to Illinois public school districts in an equitable manner
HR	Human Resources
HSA	Health Savings Account
IAA	Illinois Alternative Assessment
IASA	Illinois Association of School Administrators
IASBO	Illinois Association of School Business Officials; professional organization for district employees in school business management
IASSE	Illinois Association of Supervisors of Special Education

IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEA	Illinois Education Association
IEP	Individualized Education Plan (for special education)
IMRF	Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund; pension system for public employees
IRC	Illinois Report Cards
ISBE	Illinois State Board of Education; administers public education in the state of Illinois by setting educational policies and guidelines for public and private schools, preschool through grade 12, as well as vocational education.
LASP	Life and Academic Skills Program
LEA	Local Education Agency
LUDA	Large Unit District Association
MAP	Measures of Academic Progress; a test designed to assess students' strengths and weaknesses in reading, language, and mathematics
MD&A	Management's Discussion and Analysis; the section of a school district's annual report in which management provides an overview of the previous year's operations and how the district performed financially
MOE	Maintenance of Effort; the requirement placed on many federal grants that school districts must keep their level of funding for that grant program at least equal to the previous year's funding level
Naviance	Naviance is an online tool to assist Yorkville High School students with college and career planning
NEA	National Education Association
NSLP	National School Lunch Program; federally assisted meal program operating in public schools, providing nutritionally balanced, low-cost lunches to children each school day
NSPRA	National School Public Relations Association; a national organization that provides school communication training and services to school leaders (INSPRA-Illinois chapter of NSPRA)
OEPP	Operating Expense per Pupil; the gross operating cost of the combined schools divided by the average daily attendance (ADA) for the regular school term
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Act
OSSP	Organization Study Skills Program
OT	Occupational Therapy
Paraprofessional	Classroom/Building Aide
PARCC	Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers; a test that measures a student's achievement relative to the Common Core State Standards
PASEC	Plano Area Special Education Cooperative
P-Card	Purchasing Card; a form of company charge card that allows goods and services to be procured without using a traditional purchasing process

PSAT/NMSQT	The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is a standardized test used to establish a baseline, determine future success in AP courses, and to determine eligibility and qualification for the National Merit Scholarship Program
PT	Physical Therapy
PT3	Parents & Teachers Talking Together; a District 115 organization whose members have a specific interest in Special Education programming and services
PTELL	Property Tax Extension Limitation Law; designed to limit the increases in property tax extensions (total taxes billed) for non-home rule taxing districts
PTOC	Parent-Teacher Organization Council; a District 115 council whose members represent each of the District 115 schools' Parent-Teacher Organizations
RAM	Board of Education: Regular Action Meetings are meetings in which action (voting) is taken on topics.
RAMP	Recognized ASCA Model Program; a certification level for school counseling programs that are proven to be comprehensive and data-driven
RFP	Request for Proposal; a proposal made by a school district to potential suppliers for a good or service, often made through a bidding process
ROE	Regional Offices of Education
Rtl	Response to Intervention
SAC	Subject-Area Committee (a group of teachers and administrators that writes curriculum in each content area)
SAT	Scholastic Assessment Test; the SAT measures students' college and career readiness in the areas of reading, mathematics, and writing
SEL	Social Emotional Learning; SEL helps children understand emotions, empathy, and responsible decision-making, to develop positive goals and relationships
SIP	School Improvement Plan
SPED	Special Education
SSS	Student Support Services (group)
Stakeholders	Individuals with a vested interest in District 115 (Internal: parents, students, employees; External: taxpayers, businesses, partners, alumni)
STARS	Skills Training And Related Services
Tax Levy	The amount of property tax dollars a school district requests to operate the district for the subsequent fiscal year
TIF	Tax Incremental Financing; a public financing method used as a subsidy for redevelopment, infrastructure, and other community-improvement projects
TOSA	Teacher on Special Assignment
TRS	Teachers' Retirement System; pension system for educators
YEA	Yorkville Education Association (Teachers' Union)

YEF

Yorkville Educational Foundation; a privately operated, nonprofit organization established to assist District 115