Commonly Used Acronyms in USOE Assessment

Assessments

ACT	American College Test
AP	Advanced Placement
CRT	Criterion-Referenced Test (given as end-of-course assessment)
DWA	Direct Writing Assessment
EELA	Elementary English Language Arts
ITBS	Iowa Test of Basic Skills
ITED	Iowa Tests of Educational Development (Grades 9-12; Utah tests grade 11)
NRT	Norm-Referenced Test
SAT	Scholastic Achievement Test
SAT/Stanford 9	Stanford Achievement Test
SELA	Secondary English Language Arts
UAA	Utah's Alternate Assessment
UALPA	Utah Academic Language Proficiency Assessment
UBSCT	Utah Basic Skills Competency Test
UPASS	Utah Performance Assessment System for Students
UTIPS	Utah Test Item Pool Service

Assessment Terminology

AA	Alternate Assessment
AAC	Alternative and Augmentative Communication
AMAO	Annual Measurable Achievement Objective
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress
B&S	Bias and Sensitivity
CBT	Computer-Based Testing (Online Testing)
COGNOS	An Ottawa, Ontario-based company making business intelligence/performance planning software used to disseminate assessment data to LEAs.
ELL	English Language Learner
ESL	English as a Second Language
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
ILO	Intended Learning Outcome
IRT	Item Response Theory
LEA	Local Education Agency

LEP	Limited English Proficiency
PBT	Paper-Based Testing
PHLOTE	Primary Home Language Other Than English
RFP	Request for Proposal
SCM	Site Coordinators' Manual
SEA	State Education Agency
SEC	Surveys of the Enacted Curriculum
SEOP	Student Education Occupation Plan
SEP	Student Education Plan
SIS	Student Information System
SLF	Student List File
SSID	State Student Identification
SWD	Students With Disabilities
TAM	Test Administration Manual
UCC	Utah Core Curriculum
UTOS	Utah Test Ordering System

Associations and Educational Organizations

AASA	American Association of School Administrators
AD	Assessment Directors
AERA	American Educational Research Association
ALSD	Alternative Language Service Directors
CCSSO	Council of Chief State School Officers
CD	Curriculum Directors
CRESST	Center for Research on Evaluations, Standards and Student Testing
EDGAR	Education Department General Administrative Regulations
ERIC	Educational Resources Information Center
MWAC	Mountain West Assessment Consortium
NAEP	National Assessment of Education Progress (Nation's Report Card)
NAESP	National Association of Elementary School Principals
NAGB	National Assessment Governing Board
NASBE	National Association of State Boards of Education
NASDSE	National Association of State Directors of Special Education
NASP	National Association for School Psychologists

NASSP	National Association for Secondary School Principals
NCES	National Center for Education Statistics
NSBA	National School Boards Association
OCR	Office for Civil Rights
PISA	Programme for International Student Assessment
SCASS	State Collaborative on Assessment and Student Standards
TILSA	Technical Issues in Large-Scale Assessment
TIMSS	Third International Mathematics and Science Study
UAAD	Utah Association of Assessment Directors
UASCD	Utah Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
UEN	Utah Education Network
USDOE	United States Department of Education (also referred to as ED Department of Education)

Federal Laws and Regulations

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
EHA	Education of the Handicapped Act
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
NCLB	No Child Left Behind
504	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
508	Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Regional Service Centers

CUES	Central Utah Educational Services (http://www.cues.k12.ut.us/index.php)
NUES	Northern Utah Educational Services (http://www.nucenter.org/)
SEDC	Southwest Educational Development Center (http://www.sedc.k12.ut.us/)
SERRC	Southeast Regional Resource Center
SESC	Southeast Education Service Center (http://www.sesc.k12.ut.us/)

Special Education Terminology

ELLWD	English Language Learner With Disabilities
IEP	Individualized Education Program
LRA	Least Restrictive Environment
SWD	Students With Disabilities

UALPA Terminology

EFL	English as a Foreign Language
ESOL	English to/for Speakers of Other Languages
LEP	Limited English Proficient
TESOL	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

Proficiency Levels

P	Pre-Emergent
E	Emergent
I	Intermediate
A	Advanced
F	Fluent

USOE Advisory Groups

PAC	Policy Advisory Committee
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee

Utah State Office of Education (USOE) Sections

CACTUS	Computer-Aided Credentials of Teachers in Utah Schools
CS	Computer Services
CTE	Career Technology Education
YIC	Youth in Custody