

Glossary Compilation - Fall 2009
National Library of Education
U.S. Department of Education

Here is a collection of online glossaries that define education terminology. Rather than one comprehensive education glossary from the US Department of Education (ED), there are a large number of smaller ones tailored for specific reports or departments. Also included are glossaries developed by many education-related organizations.

EDUCATION ACRONYMS

US Department of Education terms from the National Forum on Education Statistics, a group of educators who plan, recommend, and implement strategies for building an education data system.

<http://nces.ed.gov/Forum/acronyms.asp>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/di/aa/ap/index.asp>

North Carolina Public Schools: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/acronyms/>

Georgia Department of Education: http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/_documents/doe/help/acronyms.pdf

Visual Oasis, an independent site from teacher K. J. Wagner

http://www.educationoasis.com/resources/Professional_development/list_edu_acronyms.htm

GENERAL EDUCATION GLOSSARIES

Florida Department of Education: <http://www.fldoe.org/cc/glossary.asp>

North Central Regional Education Lab: <http://www.ncrel.org/sdrs/areas/misc/glossary.htm>

LEARN NC from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Common terms in K–12 education and links to examples and teaching resources.

<http://www.learnnc.org/reference/>

School Wise Press

A collection of commonly used education terms, defined in “parent-friendly” terms.

<http://www.schoolwisepress.com/smart/dict/dict.html>

ED DEPARTMENT SURVEYS & PROGRAMS

Integrated Post-Secondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Glossary

<http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/glossary/>

Condition of Education Glossary

<http://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/glossary/index.asp>

International Comparison terms from the NCES International Activities Program

<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/international/Intlindicators/glossary.asp>

No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) Glossary

<http://www.ed.gov/nclb/index/az/glossary.html>

Performance and Accountability Report

<http://www.ed.gov/about/reports/annual/2005report/edlite-glossary.html>

Projections of Education Statistics Glossary

<http://nces.ed.gov/programs/projections/projections2017/glossary.asp>

DIVERSITY TERMS

From the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin, Madison

<http://www.grad.wisc.edu/education/diversity/glossary.html>

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TERMINOLOGY

From Child Care & Early Education Research Connections:

Main glossary of terms describing aspects of child care and early education practice and policy

<http://www.researchconnections.org/Discover?displayPage=resources%5Cchildcareglossary.jsp>

Research glossary of terms used in conducting social science and policy research, describing methods, measurements, statistical procedures, and other aspects of research.

<http://www.researchconnections.org/Discover?displayPage=resources\researchglossary.jsp>

FINANCIAL AID

Federal Student Aid Glossaries (ED):

Direct Loans: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/DirectLoan/glos.html>

Student Aid on the Web: <http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/Glossary.jsp>

GRANTS

Grantmaking Glossary (ED)

<http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/about/grantmaking/glossary.html>

LITERACY / READING INSTRUCTION

From the Florida Center for Reading Research

<http://www.fcrr.org/Curriculum/glossary/glossaryOfReading.pdf>

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Learning Disabilities & ADHD Glossary from LD Online

<http://www.ldonline.org/glossary>

From the Council for Disability Rights

<http://www.disabilityrights.org/glossary.htm>

From Wrightslaw, Glossary of Special Education and Legal Terms

<http://www.fetaweb.com/06/glossary.sped.legal.htm>

STATISTICAL TERMS

NCES Statistical Standards (ED)

<http://nces.ed.gov/statprog/2002/glossary.asp>

Progress Monitoring Terms from the National Center for Response to Intervention:

<http://www.rti4success.org/images/stories/toolsChart/glossaryofterms5-20-09.pdf>

TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION

A Guide to Education Technology Standards and Security (ED)

<http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2003/secureweb/glossary.asp>

Technology at Your Fingertips (ED)

<http://nces.ed.gov/PUBS98/TECH/glossary.asp>