

# SARANAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## EDUCATION ACRONYMS

### A

ABE	Adult Basic Education  Program option offered through BOCES to community members who do not have a high school diploma. Successful completion of requirements lead to a GED (general education diploma).
ACT	American College Test  An assessment taken by students as a precursor to college/university admission.
AP	Advanced Placement (Program/Course)  A program that enables high school students to complete college-level courses for college placement and/or credit.
APPR	Annual Professional Performance Review  Teacher evaluation process.
ADA	Average Daily Attendance  Number of days of student attendance divided by total number of days in regular school year. Calculation used in public school funding.
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act  Prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in employment, public accommodation and other activities.
ADD/ADHD	Attention Deficit Disorder / Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder  Terms used to refer to a family of related chronic neurobiological disorders that interfere with an individual's capacity to regulate activity level (hyperactivity), inhibit behavior (impulsivity), and attend to tasks (inattention) in developmentally appropriate ways. The core symptoms of ADHD include an inability to sustain attention and concentration, developmentally inappropriate levels of activity, distractibility, and impulsivity.
AE	Age Equivalent
AED	Automated External Defibrillator  Equipment used to assist in the application of CPR (coronary pulmonary resuscitation).

AIMS	Academic Instruction Management System Software system used to manage data relating to test scores and instructional programs for students receiving academic assistance.
AIS	Academic Intervention Services Instructional support offered to students who qualify based on test scores, academic performance and teacher recommendation.
AMO	Annual Measurable Objectives Unique yearly targets in reading and math for each student, student subgroup, school and district.
AQE	Alliance for Quality Education
ARC	Advocacy and Resource Center Provides community support services for those with disabilities.
ASD	After-School Detention
AUP	Acceptable Use Policy Set of rules established by the owner of a network, website or large computer system.
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress Measurement defined by the No Child Left Behind Act to determine how a school district is performing academically according to standardized tests.
<b><u>B</u></b>	
BAN	Bond Anticipation Note
BEDS	Basic Educational Data System
BIC	Behavioral Intervention Committee
BIP	Behavioral Intervention Plan Plan developed by child study team to modify student behaviors to meet school, classroom or other expectations.
BMDT	Building Multi-Disciplinary Team Team of representatives from various segments of school-based professionals who meet regularly to review and determine recommendations for student programs, most often related to needs of students needing special education supports.
BOCES	Board of Cooperative Education Services (aka CVES)
BOE	Board of Education
BOR	Board of Regents Responsible for the general supervision of all educational activities in New York State.

C

CAP	College Advance Placement(Program/Course)  Credits earned through the CAP Program count as high school credit and are accepted as college credit at SUNY colleges and at some private colleges.
CAT	Child Advocacy Team  Team representatives of school-based professionals who meet to review and determine recommendations for student programs, most often related to needs of general education population (aka Child Study Team).
CCSS/CCLS	Common Core State/Learning Standards  The Common Core State/Learning Standards is an education reform initiative in the United States that details what K-12 students should know in English language arts and mathematics at the end of each grade.
CCMEA	Clinton County Music Educators Association
CD	Cognitive Disabilities
CDC	Centers for Disease Control
CDEP	Comprehensive District Education Plan  This identifies the areas of need for the district's programs and the plan(s) to address and correct them.
CDOS	Career Development and Occupational Studies  Course of study, set by NYSED, that is part of the Learning Standards mandated for public school students.
CFE	Committee for Fiscal Equity  State-wide committee that is reviewing and making recommendations regarding how State aid to education monies are funded.
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CFES	College for Every Student  Is a nonprofit organization that helps underserved students take steps to prepare for, gain access to, and succeed in college.
CHAP	Child Health Assessment Program  State funded child health care program
CIPA	Children's Internet Protection Act
CPI	Consumer Price Index  A measure of the average price change over time in the prices paid for consumer goods and services.

CPR	Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation
CPSE	Committee on Preschool Special Education District committee that meets regularly to review needs and develop programs for preschool age children prior to school entry in Kindergarten.
CR	Commissioner Regulations
CSE	Committee on Special Education District committee that meets to review needs and develop programs for school age children prior to classification of students and annually thereafter for classified students.
CSEA	Civil Service Employee Association
CSO	Chief School Officer
CSO	Community School Organization One of several titles used to identify the parent organization in a school.
CST	Child Study Team Team of representatives of school-based professionals who meet to review and determine recommendations for student programs, most often related to needs of general education population (aka Child Advocacy Team).
CVAC	Champlain Valley Athletic Conference
CVES	Champlain Valley Education Services Formerly referred to as BOCES. CVES provides programs for students in 17 component school Districts in Special Education, Career Development and Occupational Studies, Staff Development, Technical Education, Adult and Continuing education, etc.
CVFC	Champlain Valley Family Center
<b><u>D</u></b>	
DFY	Division For Youth
DHEW	Department of Health, Education and Welfare
DI	Differentiated Instruction Method of instruction that ensures the curriculum is targeted toward the varied needs and abilities of all students.
DIBELS	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills Set of procedures and measures for assessing early literacy skills.
DASA	Dignity for All Students Act
DOB	Date of Birth
DOE	Department of Education

DOL Department of Labor  
DS District Superintendent  
DSS Department of Social Services  
DSST/BSST District Student Support Team/Building Student Support Team  
A team of district/building staff who oversee and support the full implementation of positive behavioral/academic interventions to improve student outcomes.

DWSDMC District-wide Shared Decision Making Committee  
The Committee is made up of community stakeholders including parents, district teachers, support staff, and administrators. The purpose of the group is to involve and seek input from school community stakeholders regarding any/all educational matters including, but not limited to programs, staff and curriculum development, school facilities, school operations and student achievement. Each school also has a shared decision making building committee to address specific building items.

**E**

EAP Employee Assistance Program  
Behavioral Health Services North offers this service.

EBD Emotional Behavioral Disability(formerly ED)

ECB Education Conference Board

EI Early Intervention  
Strategies used to support student achievement prior to any referral for other educational services; can be provided to either special education or non-special education students and are based on students' developmental needs.

EL Education Law

ELL English Language Learner  
Student whose first language is one other than English and who needs language assistance to participate fully in the regular curriculum.

ELA English Language Arts  
Includes instruction in reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

ESEA Elementary and Secondary Education Act

ESL English as a Second Language

EN Extraordinary Needs

EPE Employment Preparation Education

ERS Employee Retirement System(NYS & Local Retirement System)

EXCEL Expanding Our Children's Education and Learning  
Chapter 61 of NYS Laws of 2006 offers an opportunity for public school districts to secure additional funding for certain types of school construction projects including health and safety and technology .

**F**

FAPE Free Appropriate Public Education

FCS Family Consumer Sciences

FERPA Family Educational Rights Privacy Act  
Federal law protecting the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level.

FMLA Family Medical Leave Act

FOIL Freedom of Information Law

FRPL Free and Reduced Priced Lunch

Children qualify, based upon parent or guardian financial status, to receive free or reduced priced lunch through a federal government program.

FTE Full Time Equivalent

(ex. 1.0 FTE is a full time employee and .5 FTE refers to a half-time employee).

FSO Family School Organization

One of several titles used to identify the parent organization in a school.

FY Fiscal Year

July 1 – June 30 of any year.

**G**

GASB Governmental Accounting Standards Board

GEA Gap Elimination Adjustment

GED General Equivalency Diploma

Granted to an individual successfully completing a course of study and passing a set of content area tests in place of a high school diploma.

GML General Municipal Law

GPA Grade Point Average

GT Gifted and Talented

## H

HEAC	Higher Education Advisory Committee
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HQ	Highly Qualified
	Fully certified and/or licensed individual who demonstrates competence in a specific subject area.

## I

IDEA	Individual with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	Individualized Education Program
	This is a plan to address and develop programs for students who are classified as having special education needs.
IHIP	Individual Home Instruction Plan
IRA	International Reading Association
IST	Instructional Support Team
ISD	In-school Detention
ISS	In-school Suspension
ITP	Individual Transitional Plan
	A plan to address and develop programs for students with special needs who are about to be declassified and need to be monitored for a period of time.

## J

JTPA	Job Training Partnership Act
JRE	Job Related Education

## K

KPI	Key Performance Indicator
	A characteristic that is used to determine the successful accomplishment of any goal: school, staff, and student.

## L

LAN	Local Area Network
LARN	Literacy Assessment Resource Notebook
LD	Learning Disability
LEA	Local Education Agency
	Usually refers to the school district or Board of Education.
LEP	Limited English Proficiency

LRE Least Restrictive Environment  
Instructional environment that meets the needs of the student with the least amount of restriction in curriculum, grouping and setting.

## M

MEP Migrant Education Program  
Program to ensure that migrant students meet academic standards and graduate with a high school diploma.

MES Morrisonville Elementary School

MTIP Mentor Teacher - Intern Program  
A component of staff development required by State Education Department that all beginning teachers be partnered with an experienced teacher in his/her own field for the first year of teaching.

## N

NAEP National Assessment of Education Programs

NAHEC National Association of Health Education Centers

NAMI-CV National Alliance on Mental Illness of the Champlain Valley

NCE Normal Curve Equivalent  
A method of standardizing scores developed by the US Department of Education.

NCLB No Child Left Behind  
Federal legislative program that promotes equal educational experiences for all students.

NERIC Northeast Regional Information Center  
Center based in Albany that provides technical assistance to school districts in the North Country.

NHS National Honor Society

NSBA National School Boards Association

NSLP National School Lunch Program

NYSASN New York State Association of School Nurses

NYSASBO New York State Association of School Business Officials

NYSCOSS New York State Council of School Superintendents

NYSSBA New York State School Boards Association

NYSED New York State Education Department

NYSPHSAA New York State Public High School Athletic Association

NYSSMA New York State School Music Association

NYSUT New York State United Teachers



## **Q**

OcEd	Occupational Education A course of study offered to students wishing to develop or enhance job skills.
OCFS	Office of Child and Family Services
OCR	Office of Civil Rights
OECHC	Office of Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions
OGS	Office of General Services
OHI	Other Health Impaired
OJT	On the Job Training
OMH	Office of Mental Health
OMHPWDD	Office of Mental Health and People with Developmental Disabilities
OML	Open Meetings Law
OSC	Office of the State Comptroller
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OSS	Out of-School Suspension
OSPRA	Office of School Personnel Review and Accountability
OT	Occupational Therapist/Therapy

## **P**

PBIS	Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports A K-12 program that promotes the use of positive interventions to shape the behaviors of students using mutual respect as its core.
PDP	Professional Development Plan Set of established guidelines to improve instruction.
PE	Physical Education
PERB	Public Employment Relations Board
PILOT	Payment in Lieu of Taxes
PINS	Persons in Need of Supervision A person less than eighteen years of age who does not attend school in accordance with the provisions of part one of article sixty-five of the Education Law or who is incorrigible, ungovernable or habitually disobedient and beyond the lawful control of a parent or other person legally responsible for such child's care, or other lawful authority, or who violates the provisions of section 221.05 of the penal law. L. 2000, c. 596, sub. Sec. 2, eff. July 1, 2002.
PIR	Program Information Report

PL	Public Law
PL-94-142	Public Law for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
PPNCNY	Planned Parenthood of the North Country New York
P.O.	Purchase Order
POC	Point of Contact
PR	Percentile Rank
PSEN	Pupils with Special Education Needs
PT	Physical Therapist/Therapy
PTA	Parent Teachers Association One of several titles used to identify the parent organization in a school.
P-TECH	Pathways in Technology and Early College High School Student program option beginning in grade 9 that may earn two years of college credit in addition to a high school diploma if requirements are completed successfully. Program completion may take up to six years. Students will pursue a chosen field of study and will utilize a STEM focused multi-tier approach to achieve desired goals.
PTO	Parent Teachers Organization One of several titles used to identify the parent organization in a school.
<b><u>Q</u></b>	
QIP	Quality Improvement Plan Strategic education plan to improve targeted special education program areas.
<b><u>R</u></b>	
RFP	Request For Proposal Generally refers to a form used for grant application submissions or to purchase a product through a bidding process.
RIC	Regional Information Center
RIF	Reduction In Force Term used for staff lay-offs.
RTI	Response to Intervention A method of intervention to assist children with learning difficulties. RTI seeks to prevent academic failure through early intervention, progress monitoring, and employing individual/small group teaching strategies to improve identified learning weaknesses.
RTTT	Race To The Top A federal initiative to reform education throughout the U.S.

## **S**

SAT	Scholastic Assessment Test	The SAT is often taken by high school juniors and seniors as a precursor to college/university admission. It assesses a student's verbal, mathematical and writing skills.
SBIT	School Based Intervention Team	A group of educators at a school who work together as effective problem-solvers. This group collects information to determine underlying reasons why a student/group of students might be experiencing academic or behavioral difficulties. Together, the group generates a practical, classroom-friendly intervention plan to address specific student problems. SBIT Teams are usually made up of volunteers from general and special-education teachers and support staff.
SBP	School Breakfast Program	
SBR	Scientifically Based Research	
SD	Standard Deviation	Standard deviation is a statistical analysis method used in education to demonstrate how much a group/individual varies from the average.
SED	State Education Department	
SES	Socio-economic Status	
SES	Supplemental Education Services	Remedial programs that assist students who are experiencing learning difficulties.
SES	Saranac Elementary School	
SETRC	Special Education Training and Resource Center	Center that provides services and staff development opportunities for special education staff
SHS	Saranac High School	
SI	Speech Impaired	
SIMS	School Information Management System	Information management system to store and access all aspects of school business including student information.
SIP	School Improvement Planning (Team)	A building-based team of staff, faculty, and parents who provide input and direction in the school's programs and staff development needs.
SLP	School Language Pathologist	

SMS	Saranac Middle School
ST	Speech Therapy
SPI	School Performance Index Measure to help evaluate academic performance.
SRO	School Resource Officer
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSD	Social Security Disability
SSDI	Supplemental Security Disability Income
SSH	Structured Study Hall A secondary program implemented for extra help and support to students who struggle with course work.
SSR	Sustained Silent Reading SSR periods are built into class schedules. The time is used for students to read from a literary source of their own choosing or literature selected by the teacher.
SSI	Social Security Income
STA	Saranac Teachers' Association
STAC	System for Tracking and Accounting for Children
STAR	School Tax Relief
STARS	Supporting The At Risk Students A Saranac Middle School program to assist students in improving math skills.
STEM	Science Technology Education and Math Education fields of study in the categories of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
SUNY	State University of New York
SURR	Schools Under Registration Review Determination designated by the State Education Department and based on failure of a school or district to meet State requirements for testing, attendance, etc.
SWD	Student With a Disability
<b><u>T</u></b>	
TA	Teacher Assistant
TA/SA	Teacher Aide/Student Aide
TB	Tuberculosis
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TASC	Test Assessing Secondary Completion (High School equivalency test)

TRS Teacher Retirement System

U

UPK Universal Pre-Kindergarten

USDA United States Department of Agriculture

USDOE United States Department of Education

USOE United States Office of Education

V

VESID Vocational Educational Services to Individuals with Disabilities

VI Visual Impairment

VMI Visual Motor Integration

VocEd Vocational Education

W

WISC Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children

Test administered to determine the I.Q.

WISC-R Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children Revised

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X-C Cross County

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