

## COMMONLY USED K-12 EDUCATION ACRONYMS

<u>ACRONYM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
ADA	Americans With Disabilities Act
ANB	Average Number Belonging - The term used for the number of children in attendance in a school district.
ARM	Administrative Rules of Montana. The rules and regulations adopted by statute.
BASE	The minimum budget that all public school districts must adopt in Montana
BPE	Board of Public Education
CSPAC	Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council
CST	Child Study Team – The multidisciplinary evaluation process which determines the presence of a disability and identifies the special education needs.
E.D.	Emotionally disturbed. A label referring to students with disabilities having emotional disturbance.
ESEA	Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act - Mechanism by which most federal education programs are funded.
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education. The provision of a special education and related services that schools are obligated to provide on a handicapped child.
FERPA	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act – Federal act governing privacy of student records
FLSA	Fair Labor Standards Act – Governs conditions of employment for certain school employees.
FMLA	Family Medical Leave Act – Governs family leave for certain school districts.
FTE	Full-time Equivalent – Measurement used for number of employees in a school district.
GTB	Guaranteed Tax Base – A legislative method by which BASE funding of school districts with a small tax Base is supplemented with taxes from school districts with a larger tax base.
IDEA	Individuals With Disabilities Education Act. Federal law imposing requirements for education of Handicapped children.
IEP	Individualized Education Program. The document that specifies the special education and related services a handicapped child needs.
LEA	Local Education Agency. Term used in federal law to identify the school district providing education.
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment. Requires that a handicapped child, “to the maximum extent appropriate” is Educated with children who are not handicapped.
MASBO	Montana Association of School Business Officials
MAXIMUM	The maximum budget that all public school districts are limited to in Montana.
MCA	Montana Codes Annotated. The Montana statutes.
MEA/MFT	Montana Education Association/Montana Federation of Teachers
METNET	Montana’s publicly-funded Education Telecommunications Network
MHSA	Montana High School Association
MREA	Montana Rural Education Association
MTSBA	Montana School Boards Association
OPI	Office of Public Instruction
PIR	Pupil-instruction Related
SAM	School Administrators of Montana
SECTION 504	That portion of Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability.
TITLE I	Federal law providing funding for a variety of programs designed to assist children from low-income families.
NCLB	No Child Left Behind – Federally mandated program to insure that <u>every</u> child progresses in their education.