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The list of acronyms was compiled by distributive education majors at Delaware State College as a reference for distributive education teacher-coordinators and students. Not intended to be comprehensive, the alphabetical list consists of 105 abbreviations of organizations, programs, laws, and resources related to education and particularly distributive education. (NJ)

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PREFACE

The Use of acronyms and other abbreviated letter symbols is a fast growing language in our society. Whether one views the phenomenon with disdain or delight, it is apparent that the acronymic form has established a lasting and ever-widening influence on both written and spoken communication.

The growing use of acronymic shorthand can be seen in many phases of modern living. The progress of the educational field has brought new concepts, new projects and long titles that had to be shortened to accommodate letter writing. The abbreviation of terms is also convenient, speedy, and well-suited to the highly technical world of today.

This list of acronyms was compiled because of numerous requests from teacher-coordinators and undergraduate DE majors. It is by no means a complete list. It is just a beginning of a list of acronyms that will grow as fast as changes are made. Keep this list on top of your desk, use it and add new acronyms as laws, organizations, and educational programs are developed and expanded.

The acronym guide has been compiled and assembled for you by D.E. majors at Delaware State College under the direction of Dr. Raymond J. Grandfield, Professor of Distributive Education.

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- AAAA - American Association of Advertising Agencies: Professional organization dedicated to strengthening and improving the advertising agency business.
- AAAE - Alliance of Association for the Advancement of Education: National Association whose primary goals are the improvement of instruction, professional leadership or educational services.
- ABE - Adult Basic Education: A federally funded program designed for basic and remedial instruction of adults with less than 8 years of formal schooling.
- ACE - American Council on Education: A council on institutions and educational organizations and related groups. Advances education and educational methods through comprehensive voluntary action on the part of American Education Associations, organizations and institutions.
- ACES - Association for Counselor Educators and Supervisors: A division of APCA devoted to counselor educators and supervisors.
- A.E.A. - Adult Education Association: Organization dedicated to furthering the concept of Adult Education as a process of continuing throughout life. Works to stimulate local, state, and regional adult education efforts and to encourage mutual cooperation and support.
- AESA - American Educational Studies Association: Teachers and researchers concerned with the comprehensive view of education including the underlying philosophy, history, sociology and psychology of education.
- AIM - Abstracts of Instructional Materials: Documents summarizing currently available instructional materials published as part of the ERIC system.
- AIM - American Institute of Management: Research and Education organizations of executives interested in management efficiency and method of appraising management performance, awards, citations to companies exemplifying management excellence.
- AMA - American Management Association: To provide the training research publications and information services required by managers.

- AMS - Administrative Management Society: Promotes application of scientific method to commerce and industry for the purpose of increasing productivity, lowering costs, and improving quality, assists educational institutions in developing training programs and courses of study.
- APGA - American Personnel and Guidance Association: Professional organization for those in the fields of personnel and guidance.
- ARM - Abstracts of Research Materials: Documents summarizing current research materials, published as part of the ERIC system.
- ASCA - American School Counselor Association: A division of APGA for school counselor.
- AVA - American Vocational Association (D.E. Division) Professional organization for D.E. personnel and all vocational educators. Holds an annual convention for all professional organizations in vocational education and publishes AVA Journal.
- BDD - Board of Directors of DECA: Elected by members of DECA, Inc., to set policy for DECA, Inc., and the DECA foundation.
- B.) - Behavioral Objectives: Objectives of a course of study stated in terms of specific terminal behaviors; synonymous with P.O. (Performance Objectives) and I.O. (Instructional Objectives).
- CAB - Congressional Advisory Board: Representatives from both houses of Congress of the U.S. advising the Board of Directors of DECA and the Project 70,001 Task Force. Meets as necessary.
- CCSSO - Council of Chief State School Officers: The organization of State Superintendents, secretaries, and commissioners. Office in Washington, D.C. Effective in nationwide policy setting and in influence Federal legislation.
- CDC - Career Development Conference: Annual climax of a year's DECA activity. The purpose: to recognize outstanding individual ability and chapter achievement and to inspire individual and group leadership.

- CDTE - Council for Distributive Teacher Education: Professional organization for teacher educators, supervisors, teacher coordinators and state and federal administrators of D.E. The council encourages research and provides leadership for growth and improvement of teacher education in D.E.
- CEREP - Competitive Event Reorganization Experimental Program: An experimental program sponsored by DECA to revise the competitive activities of DECA.
- CETA - Comprehensive Employment Training Act: Revenue sharing, federally funded projects and programs aimed at improving the lot of the unemployed and underemployed of all ages.
- CPAE - Commission of Professors of Adult Education: A commission of the Adult Education Association of the U.S.A. Purpose is to crystallize a definition of Adult Education as a field of work.
- CSO - Chief School Officer: Local School Superintendents.
- DACCE - Delaware Advisory Council on Career Education: Established by the Delaware General Assembly in June 1973, charged to advise and submit an annual report to the Governor and State Board of Education, NACVE, U.S. Commissioners of Education and the General Assembly: Members are from many backgrounds and are appointed by the Governor.
- DACVE - Delaware Advisory Council on Vocational Education: An integral component of the Delaware Advisory Council on Career Education.
- DASC - Delaware Association of Student Councils: An organization composed of local student councils.
- DATRIX - University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, Mich: Organization set up to aid in research. Given a few key words relating to your subject area, DATRIX will send back an extensive list of research works dealing with those key words.
- DBTA - Delaware Business Teachers Association: State Professional organization for business and office occupation teachers.
- DE - Distributive Education: Vocational program training students for careers in marketing and distribution.

- DEAP - Delaware Educational Assessment Program: An integral part of DEAS, DEAP is a statewide testing program which assesses the abilities and achievement of all Delaware's first, fourth, and eighth grade students.
- DEAS - Delaware Educational Accountability System: A long range planning model for local program improvement. It consists of established goals, student objectives, assessment of needs, and corrective action procedures.
- DECA - Distributive Education Clubs of America: Vocational student organization identifies the program of student activity relating to D.E. and is designed to develop future leaders for marketing and distribution. DECA is the only student organization operating through the nation's schools to attract people to careers in marketing, merchandising and management.
- DECA Inc. - Distributive Education Clubs of America, Inc: Legal identity of adult groups responsible for the youth program of DECA. Organized in 1946.
- DEE-MOD Delaware Model: Systems approach for science education, a consortium of the higher education institutions and Dept. of Public Instruction for the improvement of science education in Delaware schools.
- DFT - Delaware Federation of Teachers: Delaware teacher's union. Affiliated with the AFL-CIO.
- DOT - Dictionary of Occupational Titles: Volume published by the Federal government which lists, briefly discusses and gives code numbers to all occupations currently engaged in this country.
- DPGA - Delaware Personnel and Guidance Association (State Branch of APGA): Executive committee of DPGA serves as an advisory committee to state supervisor, guidance services.
- DPI - Department of Public Instruction: Agency in the government of Delaware which deals with education.
- DSEA - Delaware State Education Association: An association formed with teachers in the State of Delaware, a branch of the NEA.

- DVYC - Delaware Vocational Youth Council: Five vocational organizations, DECA, FFA, FHA, HERO, OEA and VICA, represented by state officers of each organization.
- ECS - Education Commission of the States: The Commission provides a forum for discussion of major educational issues, an educational research and service function to the member states, and a mechanism for interstate cooperation in educational policy formulation and program development.
- EDC - Education Development Center: A non-profit institution financed by U.S. Government Agencies, Private Foundations, and Industrial Corporations, for the purpose of comprehensive educational improvement.
- EDE - Epsilon Delta Epsilon: Honorary fraternity for D.E. majors.
- EET - Education Equivalency Test: A test given to students to determine a level of knowledge in a particular subject area.
- EFL - Educational Facilities Laboratories: Established by the Ford Foundation to bring together and disseminate information about efficient and effective school and college facilities.
- EMC - Educational Media Council: Functions as an organization clearing house for its members and for the media field; undertakes research, dissemination and consultant activities.
- EMPC - Educational Media Procedures Council: 65 companies which produce and market materials of the nations school curricula. Organized to help member companies progress financially and professionally, to bring together buyers and sellers and to keep pace with changes within industry.
- ERIC - Educational Resources Information Center: A system of centralized clearinghouses for educational research information. This information is disseminated to educators throughout the country.
- ESC - Education Commission of the States: Non-profit organization with 47 states represented by state governors, legislators, and educators working for the improvement of education.

- FBLA - Future Business Leaders of America: Student organization for business majors, sponsors national student awards programs based on national level competition in events pertaining to business.
- FHA-HERO Future Homemakers of America - Home Economics and Related Occupations: National vocational student organization for students' enrolled in home economics or related occupational and job training courses.
- GED - General Educational Development Testing Programs: A program designed to help adults and out of school youth 18 years and older get high school equivalency diplomas.
- HEP - Higher Education Panel: Established by the American Council on Education as a service to educational and governmental policy makers.
- HEW - U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare: Cabinet level agency which administers the Office of Education.
- ICEF - International Council for Education: A system for evaluating educational films for use in the educational field.
- IDEC - Individualized Distributive Education Curriculum: A system of programmed learning units for D.E. students; developed at the University of Ohio.
- IDECC - Interstate Distributive Education Curriculum Consortium: An organization formed to coordinate national efforts to develop programmed learning units for D.E. students.
- IED - Institute for Educational Development: Educational corporation engaged in research and development designed to encourage favorable changes in educational practices, both formal and informal, for students in all stages of development.
- IO - Instructional Objectives: Objectives of a course of study stated in terms of specific terminal behaviors; synonymous with BO (Behavioral Objectives) and PO (Performance Objectives).
- LAPS - Learning Activity Package Systems: A system of programmed learning units for D.E. students; developed at the University of Indiana.

- LOI - Letter of Intent: Form to be filled out and submitted to Department of Public Instruction as part of a request for federal funds.
- MBO - Management by Objectives: Concept of managing a business by striving for certain specific long and short term goals set by the company. Attempts are being made to apply this concept to education.
- NAB - National Advisory Board: Representatives from organizations contributing financial support to DECA. This organization is composed primarily of businessmen in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors.
- NACCE - National Advisory Council on Career Education: Members are appointed by the Secretary of HEW and advise the Commissioner of Education on the implementation of Sec. 406 of P.L. 93-380, of the General Education Provisions Act.
- NACVE - National Advisory Council on Vocational Education: Created by Congress through the Vocational Education Amendments of 1968. Council members are appointed by the President and charged to advise the Commissioner of Education and make recommendations to the Secretary of HEW on issues concerning Vocational Education for transmittal to Congress and the President.
- NADELS - National Association of Distributive Education Local Supervisors: Professional organization for local supervisors of D.E.
- NADET - National Association of Distributive Education Teachers: The professional organization of D.E. teacher-coordinators.
- NAPCAE - National Association of Public Continuing and Adult Education: National organization embracing all segments of adult and continuing education.
- NAPPA - National Association of Pupil Personnel Administrators: Formed to promote the concept of pupil personnel services in school systems so that the needs of children and youth may be met more effectively.
- NASBE - National Association of State Boards of Education: Formed to study problems of mutual interest and concern and to improve communication and cooperation among the State Boards.

- NASDTEC - National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification: Organization which sets standards adopted by Delaware for approving teacher education programs.
- NASDVE - National Association of State Directors of Vocational Education: Professional organization for state directors of vocational education.
- NASSDE - National Association of State Supervisors of Distributive Education: Professional organization for all state supervisors of D.E.
- NCATE - National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education: Devoted to evaluation and accreditation of institutions for preparation of elementary and secondary school teachers.
- NCCE - National Committee for Citizens in Education: Made up of citizens from all fields, including business, agriculture, labor, civic organizations and the professions. Seeks to promote citizen and parent participation in all educational issues.
- NCCVSO - National Coordinating Council for Vocational Student Organizations: Representatives from each of the six vocational student organizations who meet and work cooperatively on issues and problems that effect vocational student organizations.
- NCSEA - National Council of State Education Associations: Five executive secretaries and presidents of state educational associations and of the National Education Association formed by merger of National Associations of secretaries of State Teachers Associations and National Council of State Association Presidents.
- NCYRE - National Council for Year-Round Education: Representatives of business organizations, school systems, institutions of higher education, civil organizations and parents. To foster the study of year-round education as a way to improve educational programs.
- NEA - National Education Association: The nation's largest professional organization for teachers.

- NEFSA - National Education Field Service Association: Formed to promote-effective interchange of ideas and methods of field work with national state, area and local associations.
- NICEM - National Information Center for Educational Media: Established for the purpose of cataloging and storing in computerized form all types of audio-visual educational materials.
- NMA - National Management Association: Professional organization for those holding supervisory or management position in business.
- NSSE - National Society for the Study of Education: Professional society of teachers and offices in school systems and universities. Promotes the investigation and discussion of educational problems.
- NVGA - National Vocational Guidance Association: A division of APGA.
- OAAA - Outdoor Advertising Association of America: Firms owning, erecting and maintaining standardizes poster panels and painted display advertising facilities.
- ODEM - Organization Development Council Management: Organization for those with substantial responsibility for administration, research or teaching in the field of organization development.
- OEA - Office Education Association: Student organization for office occupations students.
- OMB - Office of Management and Budget: A division of the U.S. Office of Education dealing with management and budgets of federally funded projects.
- PPBES - Program Planning and Budgeting Evaluation Systems: Systems set up for evaluating programs and projects set up under PPBS.
- PPBS - Program Planning and Budgeting Systems: A system of planning programs and projects which uses the available budget as a critical factor.
- PERT - Program Evaluation and Review Technique(Data Processing): A planning system in which goals and methods of evaluation are set before a program or project is begun.

- PO Performance Objectives: Objectives of a course of study stated in terms of specific terminal behaviors; synonymous with BO (Behavioral Objectives) and IO (Instructional Objectives)
- PREP - Persons Responsible to Educational Problems: Established by a group of young black educators to provide an action-consultant service for selected Black educational institutions in the area of student personnel services. Contracts to undertake research, programs, and evaluations.
- SAA - Society for Academic Achievement: Organized to promote popularize and reward high academic scholarship achievement in sponsored high schools of the free nations of the Americas and to guide and motivate academically talented students to seek a college education.
- SAM - Society for Advancement of Management: Professional organization of management executives in industry, commerce, government, and education.
- SIC - High School Student Information Center: Participants are high school students interested in changing the nature of the school systems, and high school student unions. Purpose is to exchange information concerning activities in educational reform in high schools and to aid individuals and organizations in making changes they feel will improve education.
- SMIS - Society for Management Information Systems: Organization for those concerned with all aspects of management information systems in the electronic-data processing industry including business systems designers.
- USOE - U.S. Office of Education: Branch of U.S. Government dealing with public education and programs. An agency of HEW.
- VEA - Vocational Education Act of 1963: P1 88-210; extended federal funding to business and office programs.
- VEA - Vocational Education Amendments of 1968: P1 90-576; extended levels of offering of federal funds from 3 to 7.

- VICA - Vocational Industrial Clubs of America: Federation of State Associations and local clubs of young people in trade, vocational schools, and junior and community colleges.
- V-TECS - Vocational-Technical Education Consortium of States: A joint effort between states to assist in the development of vocational technical curriculum.
- WEF - World Education Fellowship: Teachers, parents, sociologists, psychologists and others concerned with education at all levels. To promote, through education, creative learning and social responsibility.

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