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Do you ever find yourself wondering what in the world your child's teacher, principal, etc. is talking about when they refer to the CSE writing IEPs or SIPs sending information to DWEIC?

While this is not intended to be an exhaustive list, it is a quick reference guide to explain those acronyms we all use so freely. Some further clarification is offered for some of the less obvious acronyms.

### A

ABE	Adult Basic Education Offered to community members who do not have a high school diploma. May lead to a GED (general education diploma) completion.
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
AP	Advanced Placement (course) Not the same as CAP, students who are registered in these classes may challenge the advanced placement examinations in May.
ARC	Advocacy and Resource Center Provides community support services for those with disabilities 2640 Arizona Ave. 561-4127
ASD	After School Detention
<b><u>B</u></b>	
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
<b><u>C</u></b>	
CAP	College Advance Placement Courses Credits earned through the CAP Program count as high school credit and are accepted as college credit at all SUNY colleges and also at many private colleges.
CAT	Child Advocacy 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 general education population; may be also be referred to as Child Study Team
CCMEA	Clinton County Music Educators Association

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
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
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 PreK or 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
CSH	Common Study Hall
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 from various segments of school-based professionals who meet regularly to review and determine recommendations for student programs, most often related to needs of general education population; may be also be referred to as Child Advocacy Team
CVAC	Champlain Valley Athletic Conference

CVES Champlain Valley Education Services  
Name of school that provides services at site formerly referred to as BOCES; provides programs in: special education, Career Development and Occupational Studies, staff development, technical education, adult and continuing education, etc.

CVFC Champlain Valley Family Center

## **D**

DFY Division of Youth

DHEW Department of Health, Education and Welfare

DI Differentiated Instruction  
Method of instruction that ensures curriculum is geared to varied needs and abilities of all students.

DOB Date of Birth

DS District Superintendent

DSS Department of Social Services

DSST District Student Support Team  
A team of district personnel who oversee and support the full implementation of positive behavioral/academic interventions to improve outcomes for all in PSCD.

DWEIC District-wide Education Improvement Council  
The Council is made up of representatives from parents, community members, district teachers, support staff, students, administrators, and school board. The purpose of the group is to develop a "disciplined, systematic approach to action planning to meet future challenges and to take advantage of unforeseen opportunities". The Strategic Foundation developed by this group is the driving force behind all educational decisions made in the district regarding programs, staff and curriculum development, and student achievement.

## **E**

EAHCN Eastern Adirondack Health Care Network

EAP Employee Assistance Program  
Service offered to all district employees through a partnership with Behavioral Health Services North

ED Emotional Disturbance

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  
ELA English Language Arts  
Includes instruction in reading, writing, listening, and speaking  
ESL English as a Second Language

ETC Educational Technology Center  
A service center that provides technology support to the staff, students and faculty of the City Schools

## **F**

FBLA Future Business Leaders of American  
FCS Family Consumer Sciences  
FERPA Family Educational Rights Privacy Act  
Federal law that protects 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. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."

FTE Full Time Equivalent (ex. 1.0 FTE is a full 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**

GAPP German American Partnership Program  
GED General Equivalency Diploma  
This is granted to those successfully completing a course of study and passing a set of content area tests in place of a high school diploma

GHS Guided Study Hall  
A program to get extra help & support to students who struggle with course work.

GPA Grade Point Average  
GSA Gay – Straight Alliance

Student Club designed to prompt awareness and acceptance of diversity with respect for others.

## **H**

HEAC Higher Education Advisory Committee  
HMO Health Maintenance Organization

## **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  
IRA International Reading Association  
IST Instructional Support Team  
ISD In-school Detention  
ISS In-school Suspension  
ITP Individual Transitional Plan  
This is 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

## **K**

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

## **L**

LARN Literacy Assessment Resource Notebook  
LD Learning Disability  
LEA Local Education Agency  
Usually the school district  
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

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

## N

NAHEC National Association of Health Education Centers  
NAMI-CV National Alliance on Mental Illness of the Champlain Valley  
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  
NYSASN New York State Association of School Nurses  
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

## O

OAS Organization of American States  
A course of study offered for both high school and college credit through PSUNY (1/2 and 3 respectively) Plattsburgh High students study the history and geography of the 5 regions that comprise Latin America  
OcEd Occupational Education  
A course of study offered to students wishing to develop or enhance job skills  
OCFS Office of Child and Family Services  
OECHC Office of Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions  
OHI Other Health Impaired  
OJT On the Job training  
OMH Office of Mental Health  
OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
OSS Out of-School Suspension



OT	Occupational Therapist/Therapy
<b><u>P</u></b>	
PAR	Peer Assistance Review A process to involve peers in the mentoring and assessment of probationary instructional staff.
PBIS	Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports A program used district wide that promotes the use of positive interventions to shape the behaviors of students using mutual respect as its core
PCSD	Plattsburgh City School District
P. E.	Physical Education
PHS	Plattsburgh High School
PIC	Professional Improvement Committee A district committee that is comprised of stakeholder representatives who provide input and direction in the design of staff development
PINS	Persons in Need of Supervision Person 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.) Call DSS (565-300) for information on how to access services, which may benefit your particular family's circumstances.
PIR	Program Information Report
PL	Public Law
PL-94-142	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
PPNCNY	Planned Parenthood of the North Country New York
P.O.	Purchase Order
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
PTO	Parent Teachers Organization

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

**Q**

QIP Quality Improvement Plan

**R**

RFP Request For Proposal

Generally the form used for grant application submissions

RIC Regional Information Center

RIF Reduction In Force

RTI Response to Intervention

**S**

SBIT School Based Intervention Team

SD Standard Deviation

SES Socio-economic Status

SETRC Special Education Training and Resource Center

Center that provides services and staff development opportunities for special education staff

SI Speech Impaired

SIP School Improvement Planning (Team)

A building -based team of staff, faculty, and parents (students at secondary) who provide input and direction in the school's programs and staff development needs.

SMS Stafford Middle School

SP Speech Therapy

SSA Social Security Administration

SSD Social Security Disability

SSDI Supplemental Security Disability Income

SSR Sustained Silent Reading

SSR periods are built into schedules. This time is for students and

Staff to read from a literary source of their own choosing

SSI Social Security Income

SUNY State University of New York

SURR Schools under Registration Review

Determined by the State Education Department and is based on failure of a school or district to meet State requirements for testing, attendance, etc.

SWD Student with a Disability  
SWAT School-wide Assessment Team  
A Team of instructional staff who complete school-wide benchmark assessments (minimum of 3 xs's/yr.)

**T**

TA Teacher Assistant  
TB Tuberculosis  
TBI Traumatic Brain Injury

**U**

USOE United States Office of Education

**V**

VESID Vocational Educational Services to Individuals with Disabilities  
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

**X**

X-C Cross County

**Y**

**Z**