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| Acronyms –  |
| These are commonly found acronyms in education. |
| AAC  | Alberta Assessment Consortium |
| AAISA  | Alberta Association of Immigrant Serving Agencies |
| AAMD&C  | Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties |
| AAPCS  | Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools |
| ABC  | Association for Bright Children |
| ACFA  | Association canadienne française de L’Alberta |
| ACLD  | Association for Children with Learning Disabilities |
| ACOL  | Alberta Commission on Learning |
| ACSTA  | Alberta Catholic School Trustees’ Association |
| ACYI  | Alberta Children and Youth Initiative |
| ADLC  | Alberta Distance Learning Centre |
| ADM  | Assistant Deputy Minister |
| AE or AB ED  | Alberta Education |
| AERR  | Annual Education Results Report |
| AFL  | Assessment for Learning |
| AHEA  | Alberta Home Education Association |
| AISCA  | Association of Independent Schools and Colleges in Alberta |
| AISI  | Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (a provincial program to improve student learning and performance by fostering initiatives that reflect the unique needs and circumstances within school jurisdictions) |
| ALIS  | Alberta Learning Information System |
| AMFC  | Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation |
| AP  | Advanced Placement |
| ASAA  | Alberta Schools’ Athletic Association |
| ASBA  | Alberta School Boards Association |
| ASBALE  | Alberta School Boards Association for Language Education |
| ASBIE  | Alberta School Boards’ Insurance Exchange |
| ASBOA  | Association of School Business Officials of Alberta |
| ASCA  | Alberta School Councils’ Association |
| ASEBP  | Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan |
| ASFF  | Alberta School Foundation Fund |
| ATA  | Alberta Teachers’ Association |
| ATA  | Local The local ATA union authority |
| ATRF  | Alberta Teachers’ Retirement Fund |
| AUMA  | Alberta Urban Municipalities Association |
| BQRP  | Building Quality Restoration Program (now called IMP Infrastructure Maintenance Program) |
| CALM  | Career and Life Management |
| CASA  | Canadian Association of School Administrators |
| CASS  | College of Alberta School Superintendents |
| CBA  | Custody by Agreement |
| CEA  | Canadian Education Association |
| CEO  | Chief Executive Officer (superintendent of schools) |
| CETS  | Credit Enrolment Tracking System |
| CEU  | Credit Enrolment Unit |
| CMEC  | Council of Ministers of Education in Canada |
| COATS  | Council of Alberta Teaching Standards |
| CPF  | Canadian Parents for French |
| CSA  | Council on School Administration |
| CSBA  | Canadian School Boards Association |
| CTS  | Career and Technology Studies |
| DIPS  | Diploma Exams |
| DM  | Deputy Minister |
| EAP  | Employee Assistance Program |
| ECS | Early Childhood Services (kindergarten) |
| ESL  | English as a Second Language |
| FAS  | Fetal Alcohol Syndrome |
| FCSS  | Family and Community Social Services |
| FNMI  | First Nations Métis Inuit |
| FOIP  | Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act |
| FPFA  | Fédération des parents francophones de l’Alberta |
| FSL  | French as a Second Language |
| FTE  | Full Time Equivalent |
| GLA  | Grade Level of Achievement |
| HSE  | High School equivalent |
| HR  | Human Resources (personnel services) |
| IB  | Program International Baccalaureate Program (a comprehensive curriculum of general education responding to the needs for greater challenge in the upper secondary level) |
| ICT  | Information and Communication Technology |
| IEP  | Individual Education Plan |
| IMP  | Infrastructure Maintenance Program |
| IMR  | Infrastructure and Maintenance Renewal Program |
| IPP  | Individualized Program Plans |
| K and E  | Knowledge and Employability courses |
| LAC  | Local Advisory Committee (for ECS) |
| LDAA  | Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta |
| LRC  | Learning Resources Centre |
| LRDC  | Learning Resources Distributing Centre (an operation that purchases and resells instructional materials to school jurisdictions for their book rental programs) |
| NSBA  | National School Boards Association |
| OH and S  | Occupational Health and Safety |
| P3  | Public Private Partnership |
| PAAC  | Program and Assessment Advisory Committee |
| PD  | Professional Development |
| PSBAA  | Public School Boards’ Association of Alberta |
| PAT  | Provincial Achievement Test |
| PLC  | Professional Learning Community |
| POM  | Plant Operations and Maintenance |
| PTR  | Pupil Teacher Ratio |
| PUF  | Program Unit Funding (can be obtained by ECS program operators to provide individual programs for children with severe disabilities) |
| PUG  | Program Unit Grant |
| SACSC  | Safe and Caring Schools and Communities |
| SBDM  | Site Based Decision Making |
| SEP  | School Education Plan |
| SHIP | Student Health Initiative Program |
| SIB  | School Improvement Branch |
| SIS  | Student Information System |
| SIPP  | Supplemental integrated Pension Plan |
| SPEC | Strategic Planning and Education Committee |
| SRB |  |
| STEP  | Summer Temporary Employment Program |
| STR  | Student Teacher Ratio |
| TPA  | Teaching Profession Act |
| TQS  | Teacher Qualification Service (operated by ATA to assess teachers’ years of education for salary/pension purposes) |
| TRF  | Teachers’ Retirement Fund |
| TSQB  | Teacher Salary Qualification Board |
| WCB  | Workers Compensation Board |
| YRE  | Year Round Education |