

Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

Achievement Gap: Persistent differences in achievement among different types of students

AP: Advanced Placement

The AP Program is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools to accelerate learning by exposing students to college-level material through involvement in an Advanced Placement course at their high school. AP then gives students the opportunity to show that they have mastered the AP course by taking an AP exam. Colleges and universities grant credit, placement or both to students who have completed AP.

BOT: Board of Trustees

The Washoe County School District Board of Trustees is an elected board of seven members. Five members are elected from geographical districts. Two members are elected as at-large. All members serve four-year terms. Please continue reading to "meet your Board of Trustees."

CIT: Children in Transition

Homelessness as defined through the McKinney-Vento Act - Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence.

ELA: English Language Arts

EL: English Learners

The EL program is an English language development program using content for the development of Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing skills for non-English proficient or English Learners (ELs).

FRL: Free and Reduced Lunch

Free and reduced price lunches are provided to students whose families fall below a minimum income threshold as determined by the federal government.

GT: Gifted and Talented

Program to provide our gifted and talented students differentiated instruction that is commensurate with their exceptional abilities through a spectrum of curricular and instructional gifted services and opportunities. The District will provide programs for gifted and talented students to work together under the guidance of trained teachers in an atmosphere that is intellectually and academically rigorous, fosters creativity, and provides emotional support.

IB: International Baccalaureate

The International Baccalaureate Program is a comprehensive and rigorous curriculum designed to prepare students for a quality university education. The primary objective of the IB Program is to provide students with a balanced, integrated curriculum in all academic areas.

IEP: Individualized Education Plan

The IEP is a written education plan for a school-aged child with disabilities that is developed by a team of professionals (teachers, therapists, etc.) and the child's parents or family to meet the unique needs of students with disabilities who require specially designed instruction. This plan must be reviewed and updated yearly. It describes how the child is presently doing, specifies the child's learning needs, and describes what services the child will need.

Percent: A way of expressing a fraction in a single number. For example, one out of seventeen is 5.9%.

Performance: General term used to encompass growth and achievement (Used to discuss both student and school level attainment).

Qualitative: Refers to a rating score that is derived from the observation of classroom instruction and practice.

Quantitative: Refers to a rating score that is derived from student achievement scores.

SBAC: Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium

is a standardized test consortium. It creates Common Core State Standards-aligned tests ("adaptive online exams") to be used in several states.

WCSD: Washoe County School District