

GUIDE FOR ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS COMMONLY USED WITHIN APS AND ACTL

Below are many acronyms/abbreviations that ACTL (Advisory Council on Teaching and Learning) members might use in meetings or documents, and that Arlington Public Schools staff might use, as well. This list is not comprehensive (for instance, each committee likely will have additional acronyms, such as World Languages' use of NS (Native Speaker) and NNS (Non-Native Speaker), but those listed below are our most frequently used by the whole body of ACTL.

APS: Arlington Public Schools
DTL: Department of Teaching and Learning
ACTL: Advisory Council on Teaching and Learning
ACI: Advisory Council on Instruction (ACTL's former name)

ACTL'S ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

ACEL: Advisory Committee on English Learners
ACSS: Advisory Committee on Student Services
ASEAC: Arlington Special Education Advisory Committee
AEAC: Arts Education Advisory Committee
CTAE: Career, Technical, and Adult Education Advisory Committee
ECAC: Early Childhood Advisory Committee
ELAAC: English Language Arts Advisory Committee
EEAC: Equity and Excellence Advisory Committee (Superintendent's Committees on Equity and Excellence, cross-listed as both)
GSAC: Gifted Services Advisory Committee
MAC: Mathematics Advisory Committee
SAC: Science Advisory Committee
SSAC: Social Studies Advisory Committee
WLAC: World Languages Advisory Committee

RYP: Recommending Year Report
NRYR: Non-recommending Year Report

SOME COMMON ABBREVIATIONS USED IN EDUCATION

AP: Advanced Placement (course or test)
ASD: Advanced Studies Diploma
CBE: Credit by Examination
EL: English Learner

ES: Elementary School
HS: High School
IB: International Baccalaureate (course, program or certificate)
MS: Middle School
pK: Pre-school (before Kindergarten)
SOL: Standards of Learning (test)
SWD: Student(s) With Disability
DOE: U.S. Department of Education
VDOE: Virginia Department of Education

ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHOM ACTL SOMETIMES COORDINATES, ALL OF WHOM ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES OR LIAISONS:

BAC: Budget Advisory Committee
FAC: Facilities Advisory Committee
TCI: Teachers' Council on Instruction
APCYF: Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families
(sometime called just "the Partnership")
AEA: Arlington Education Association
SHAB: Student Health Advisory Board
PTA: Parent Teacher Association
SEPTA: Special Education Parent Teacher Association
CCPTA: County Council of PTAs

OTHER COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY APS OR SCHOOL BOARD:

SAB: Student Advisory Board
SPAC: School Plan Advisory Committee (each APS school has such a committee)
BLPC: Building Level Planning Committee

JOINT COUNTY BOARD AND SCHOOL BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

ACTC: Arlington Committee on Transportation Choices
JFAC: Joint Facility Advisory Commission
AAC: Arlington Aquatics Committee

COUNTY-LEVEL ORGANIZATIONS:

Civ-Fed: Arlington Civic Federation
ACB: Arlington County Board
ASB: Arlington School Board