Assessment Acronyms

Acronym	Stands for	Related to	Definition
A&R	Assessment & Research	All district, state, and national assessments.	Supports EPS in the areas of assessment, analysis, evaluation, testing, and research.
A.I.R	American Institutes for Research	Online test administrations (SBA, WCAS, ELPA21)	For Technology, System, or Program issues with the online test environment.
AVA	Assessment Viewing Application	SBA Interims (IAB and ICA) for grades 2-8, and high school	Allows TAs to review IAB and ICA assessments for administrative or instructional purposes.
CAT	Computer Adaptive Test	SBA; ELA; Math; grades 3-8 and high school	The portion of SBA Math or ELA that adapts as student answers questions.
CCSS	Common Core State Standards	School curriculum and state assessments	To establish consistent educational standards across the states as well as ensure students graduating from HS are prepared to enter college or the workforce.
DAC	District Assessment Coordinator	National and State test administrations	District contact that provides training, support, and materials for the administration of all National and State exams.
DEI	Data Entry Interface	ELPA21 for student with a paper test accommodation	Used to enter student assessment question responses and scores.
DFA	Directions for Administration	All test administrations	Specific proctor directions to read to students during test administrations.
ELPA21 Screener	English Language Proficiency Assessment Screener	All new incoming students marking a language other than English is spoken at home on language survey	Determines if students are eligible to receive English language development services.
ELPA21	English Language Proficiency Assessment	All students receiving English language development services.	Assessment that will determine if the student continues to need language services or not.
GTSA	Guidelines on Tools, Supports, & Accommodations	All state required testing administrations	Guideline to determine appropriate testing supports/accommodations.
IAB	Interim Assessment Block	SBA grades 2-8, and high school	Short, focused sets or blocks of items that measure one or more assessment targets.
ICA	Interim Comprehensive Assessments	SBA grades 2-8, and high school	Mimics Summative assessment in length and has both a CAT portion and PT. Both portions must be completed to generate a score.
ISR	Individual Score Report	SBA, WCAS, ELPA21, EOC	Paper score reports delivered to districts after test administrations.
NNEP	New Non-English Proficient	SBA grades 3-8, and high school	EL students who are in their first year of enrollment in U.S. schools are not required to participate in state grade level ELA tests, but must take the mathematics and science exams.
ORS	Online Reporting System	State test administrations	Download preliminary student test results, claim/target data,
PIRG	Professional Standards, Incident, Investigation, and Reporting Guide	State test administrations	Guideline to determine test irregularities and how to report

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PNP	Personal Needs Profile planning tool	ELPA21 assessment	Used to determine which designated supports/accommodations should be available for an individual student.
PT	Performance Task	SBA; ELA; Math; grades 3-8 and high school	Portion of test that requires students to answer a set of complex questions centered on a common topic.
SBA	Smarter Balanced Assessments	ELA; Math; grades 3-8 and high school	Online administration for Interim and Summative exams aligned to the Common Core State Standards in ELA and Math
SBAC	Smarter Balanced Assessments Consortium	SBA test administration	A group of teachers, higher education faculty, and other educators working to create CCSS aligned tests.
SAC	School Assessment Coordinator	Test administration	Designated staff at each building that oversees assessment administrations
SC	School Coordinator Level privileges in TIDE. Usually held by SACs and Administrators.	ELPA21, SBA, and WCAS test administrations	Allows staff with this setting in TIDE to update student settings, pull reports, and manage rosters.
SC	Success Coordinators	On-time Graduation of students	Position at each school dedicated to guiding students to graduation
TA	Test Administrators (Proctors)	Test administration	Trained staff (teachers/paras) that instruct and/or administer practice, interim, and summative state exams to students
TAM	Test Administration Manual	SCs and TAs	Provides specific instructions for the administration of state assessments
TDS	Test Delivery System	Online state assessments	Delivers the appropriate test to any given student in the required format based on the information in TIDE
TIDE	Test Information Distribution Engine	Used to assist with test preparation, administration, and post-test cleanup	Rosters, monitor test progress, student accommodations/supports, participation codes
THSS	Teacher Hand Scoring System	Interim test administrations	Can view students' responses to each item from IAB/ICA and enter scores. Score results will not appear in AIRWays if hand scoring is not complete.
WCAP	Washington Comprehensive Assessment Program	SCs and TAs	Encompasses the entire state testing program and is comprised of a set of standard-based assessments.
WCAS	Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science	Grades 5 and 8, grade 11 for federal accountability	Science assessment based on Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)