



PE Physical Education is a program where students learn a variety of skills related to health and fitness. These include gymnastics, games, dance, various individual and team sports, as well as other activities that promote endurance, strength and flexibility.

Pro-D Professional Development is a time for teachers to continue to develop as professionals. These days are a part of the teachers' collective agreement with the Ministry of Education. School is not in session for students on these days.

PTC Parent-Teacher Conferences are times for parents and teachers to meet to talk about student progress.

SBT School Based Team is a group of teachers and other professionals who meet to talk about students who are having difficulties. The SBT begins to develop a plan of support for these students.



“Acronyms”

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Acronyms



Meanings of Common School Acronyms

Schools have a variety of programs and services. For convenience, school staff will often use acronyms to talk about these programs and services. Some commonly used acronyms in schools follow.

AIP Annual Instructional Plan is a plan which identifies ESL/ELL student progress in learning English in the areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing.

CIRT Critical Incident Response Team is a group of people trained to deal with a school crisis - for example, death of a student's classmate or teacher.

DPA Daily Physical Activity is a program that requires all K to 12 students to participate in some form of daily physical activity, in addition to a Physical Education (PE) program.

ELC English Language/ Learning Centre is where additional language support is provided to ESL/ELL learners.

ESL/ELL English as a Second Language is a term used to describe learners whose home language is not English.

FA Fine Arts is a school program that could include drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, and textiles, as well as drama, choir, band, and dance.

FDK Full-Day Kindergarten is a school program for 5-year olds.

FI French Immersion is a program where children are taught in both French and English.

FSA Foundational Skills Assessment is an optional annual series of tests from the Ministry of Education. These tests in reading, writing, and mathematics are only given in grades 4 and 7.

HCE Health and Career Education is a program that provides students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to help them become informed decision makers and to help them make safe and healthy choices.

IEP Individual Education Plan is a detailed plan for students with specific learning needs. Each plan describes the program modifications and/or adaptations, as well as the services that are provided.

K-7 Kindergarten to Grade 7 are the grades in most elementary schools. This includes primary grades (K to 3) and intermediate grades (4 to 7).

LAC Learning Assistance Centre is where teachers work with students who have difficulties learning. They may also give support to ESL/ELL learners.

LD Learning Disabled is a term used to describe students who have particular difficulties with some aspects of learning.