Acronymn List

Acronym	Description	Topic
2020 (Obsolete)	2020 Company, LLC (ETSS contractor prior to merger with Acentia)	EDFacts
504	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is a statute which prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities. A 504 plan is an individual education plan for a special-needs student.	Legislation
AD LDS	Active Directory - Lightweight Directory Services	IT
Admin	Administrative Data Division (Office within IES/NCES)	ED
AEM	Applied Engineering Management Corporation	EDFacts
AFGR	Averaged freshmen graduation rate	Education
AIMS	Analytics and Information Management System (AIMS) – SAS suite	EDFacts
AITQ	Academic Improvement and Teacher Quality (ED program)	ED
AMAO	Annual Measurable Achievement Objective – Used by ESEA Title III programs	Education
ANSI	American National Standards Institute (replaced FIPS for the two digit State Codes)	Data, IT
AP	Advanced Placement, a curriculum sponsored by College Board	Education
APR	Annual Performance Report	ED
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, aka the economic stimulus package	Legislation
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress	Education
BIE	Bureau of Indian Education, formerly the Bureau of Indian Affairs, part of the Department of the Interior	General
BPMS	Business Process Management System (Appian is a BPMS)	IT
BRG	Business Rules Guide (the published document used by SEAs) – see also BRR	EDFacts
BRR	Business Rules Repository (the database) – see also BRG	EDFacts
C###	File specification containing instructions for both XML and non-XML files	EDFacts
C&A	Certification and Accreditation (Required review of federal IT systems)	IT
C4DQ (obsolete)	Historical Reference - Center for Data Quality (a subcontractor firm) now Certica Solutions, vendor for the software "Certify"	EDFacts
CAB	Change Approval Board	IT, ED
CCD	Common Core of Data	ED, Education
CCSSO	Council of Chief State School Officers	Education
CDA (obsolete)	Consolidated Data Ask (part of SEDC)	Education
CEDS	Common Education Data Standards	Education
CFDA	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (Includes the five digit codes for federal programs, two digits for the federal agency and three for the program)	General
CM	Configuration Management	IT
CMP	Configuration Management Plan	IT
CO	Contracting Officer	General
COR	Contracting Officer's Representative	General
CPIC	Capital Planning and Investment Control	ED, IT
CRDC	Civil Rights Data Collection	ED, Education
CSPR	Consolidated State Performance Report	ED
CTE	Career technical education	Education
CWD	Children with Disabilities (usually for IDEA, see below)	Education
CY	Current Year	General
DAC (obsolete)	Data Accountability Center (Contract between OSEP and Westat to support DANS)	ED, Education
DANS (obsolete)	Data Analysis System (OSEP system fed by EDFacts that provided the IDEA program with data)	ED, Education
DARS (obsolete)	Data and Analysis Reporting System (previous name of the reporting part of EDFacts – use EDFacts Reporting System)	EDFacts
DG###	Data group	EDFacts
DINI	Districts in Need of Improvement	Education
DIRWG (obsolete)	Data and Information Working Group (obsolete)	ED
DMS	Data Management System	EDFacts
DoDEA	Department of Defense Education Activity	General
DOED (not preferred)	U.S. Department of Education (not the preferred acronym) - Preference "ED"	ED, General
DQ	Data quality	Data
DQA	Data quality assessment	Data

DQI	Data quality improvement	Data
DQM	Data quality management	Data
DRB	Disclosure Review Board	ED
DSS (obsolete)	Decision Support System – (used only during the Pilot phase of EDFacts then PBDMI)	EDFacts
DU	Data Usage	General
EA	Enterprise Architecture (an OCIO function to define and maintain a common department-wide data platform, network, and standards).	IT
EARB	Enterprise Architecture Review Board	IT, ED
EASIE	Electronic Application System for Indian Education (automated system to collect applications for the Indian Education formula grants).	ED, EDFacts
eCPIC	Tool for updating business cases	ED, IT
ECRB	EDFacts Change Review Board	EDFacts
ED	U.S. Department of Education – sometime "DOED" is used. (DOE stands for Department of Energy.)	Education
EDCAPS	Education's Central Automated Processing System (a financial system)	Education, IT
EDEN	Historical Reference - Education Data Exchange Network – (Name used to describe the centralized, coordinated repository of state reported, elementary and secondary educational data residing at the U.S. Department of Education. Now using the Name EDFacts.	EDFacts
EDFacts	U. S. Department of Education (ED) initiative to govern, acquire, validate, and use high-quality, kindergarten through grade 12 (K–12) performance data in education planning, policymaking, and management and budget decisionmaking to improve outcomes for s	EDFacts
EDGAR	Education Department General Administrative Regulations - These regulations outline rules and procedures on the Department's grant programs and other general requirements that apply to the Department's programs.	ED, Education
EDGB	EDFacts Data Governance Board	EDFacts
EDUCATE	The contract (starting FY 2008) for the operations and maintenance of ED.gov and the EDNet/DevNet platforms	ED, IT
EDW	EDFacts Data Warehouse	EDFacts
EDW	Enterprise Data Warehouse	IT
e-Grants	Grants Management Process/system	ED, IT
EIMAC	Education Information Management Advisory Committee	ED, Data
ELL	English language learner (not used in document because the term from the legislation is LEP)	Education
EMAPS	EDFacts Metadata and Process System (Business Process Tool)	EDFacts
EMDR	EDFacts Metadata Repository	EDFacts
EQuIP	EDFacts Quality Improvement Program	EDFacts
ERIC	Education Resources Information Center, funded by ED to provide access to education literature and resources	Education
ESB	Elementary and Secondary Branch (Division of NCES/Admin)	ED
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act	Legislation
ESS	EDFacts Submission System –an electronic system that facilitates the efficient and timely transmission of data from SEAs to the U.S. Department of Education.	EDFacts
EST	EDEN Survey Tool	EDFacts
ETL	Extract, Transform and Load	IT
ETSS	EDFacts Technology and Support Services - the contract provides technical development, maintenance, and support work for FY 2010 through 2015 – successor to the OM&E contract	EDFacts
EU	Educational Unit, as in an SEA, LEA, or School.	Education
Exhibit 300	Business case for IT projects submitted to OMB	IT
FB6 (obsolete)	Federal Building 6, former name of the building at 400 Maryland Ave, now LBJ	ED
FERPA	Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act, federal law designed to protect the privacy of a student's education records	Legislation
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standards (Had assigned standard codes, e.g., two digit numbers for each state subsequently replaced by ANSI)	Data, IT
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act – requests for information under this act sometimes come to EDFacts or the PIMS team and must be responded to within a short timeframe.	General

FTE	Full time equivalent	General
FY	Fiscal Year	General
G5	ED's financial system for grants, replaces GAPS	Education, IT
GAO	Government Accountability Office (Federal auditors)	General
GAPS (obsolete)	Grant Administration and Payments System (a financial system which entity was given a grant, for what program, and $ amount)	Education, IT
GEPA	General Education Provisions Act (Act includes the requirement for a report about grant funding allocated from the state to the school districts – being transitioned to data collection under EDFacts)	Legislation
GFSA	Gun-Free Schools Act	Legislation
GPOS	Grants Policy and Oversight	ED
GPRA	Government Performance and Results Act	Legislation
HEP/CAMP	High School Equivalency Program/ College Assistance Migrant Program – two programs for which used EMAPS	ED
HQT	Highly qualified teacher	Education
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol	IT
IAA	Interagency agreement	General
IAMT	Investment and Acquisition Management Team	Education, IT
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	Legislation
IEP	Individualized Education Plan, legal document required by IDEA	Education
IES	Institute of Education Sciences (an organizational unit in ED)	ED
IPEDS	Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Systems	Education
IRB	Investment Review Board	Education, IT
ITIM	Information Technology Information Management	Education, IT
IV&V	Independent Verification and Validation	IT
JAD	Joint Application Development (means of gathering requirements)	IT
K ST	Location of the OPE and NCES at 1990 K Street, NW	ED
K-12	Kindergarten through 12th grade – short-hand for "elementary and secondary"	Education
LBJ	Building at 400 Maryland Ave, SW (had been FB6)	ED
LEA	Local Educational Agency – includes all public school districts but also describes supervisory districts and local government cooperative service providers that span multiple school districts. For the universe of public education, it includes the level(s	Education
LEP	Limited English Proficient	Education
LOE	Level of effort (used in determining how long work will take)	General
MDR	Metadata Repository – see also see also EMDR	EDFacts
MEP	Migrant Education Program (a program within OESE	ED, Education
MFLEP	Monitored Former Limited English Proficiency	Education
MME	Managed metadata environment – see also EMDR	EDFacts
MMI	Managed metadata interface - see also EMDR	EDFacts
MRT	Metadata Reporting Tool - see also EMDR	EDFacts
MSA	Metropolitan Statistic Area	General
MSIX	Migrant Students Information eXchange – an ED-sponsored system that allows schools, LEAs, and SEAs to send/receive migrant student data	Education
N or D	Neglected or Delinquent (a program within OESE)	ED, Education
N###	Non-XML file, that is a fixed or delimited file	EDFacts
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress (a program within NCES)	Education
NCEA	National Center for Educational Accountability (managing partner of the Data Quality Campaign)	Education
NCES	National Center for Educational Statistics (an office within the IES)	ED
NCLB (obsolete)	Historical Reference - No Child Left Behind – legislation to make schools, districts and states accountable for education results (Use ESEA as amended)	Legislation
NIST	National Institutute of Standards and Technology	General
O&M	Operations and Maintenance	General
OCFO	Office of the Chief Financial Officer (an organizational unit in ED)	ED
OCIO	Office of the Chief Information Officer (an organizational unit in ED)	ED
OCR	Office for Civil Rights	ED
OCTAE	Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (an organizational unit in ED)	ED
ODS	Office of the Deputy Secretary (an organizational unit in ED)	ED
OELA	Office of English Language Acquisition (an organizational unit in ED)	ED

OERI (obsolete)	Historical Reference - Office of Education Research and Improvement – (Replaced by the Institute of Education Sciences – IES)	ED
OESE	Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (an organizational unit in ED)	ED
OET	Office of Educational Technology (an organizational unit in ED)	ED
OGC	Office of the General Counsel (internal ED attorneys for programs)	ED
OIG	Office of the Inspector General (internal ED auditors)	ED
OII	Office of Innovation and Improvement (an organizational unit in ED)	ED
OM	Office of Management (an organizational unit in ED)	ED
OME	Office of Migrant Education (a program office within OESE)	ED
OPE	Office of Postsecondary Education (an organizational unit in ED)	ED
OPEPD	Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development	ED
OPR	Organizational performance review (ED management activity)	ED
OS	Operating System	IT
OSDFS (obsolete)	Historical Reference - Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools (Had been an organizational unit in ED responsible for Title IV of ESEA and GFSA, moved under OESE)	ED
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs (a program office within OSERS)	ED
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (an organizational unit in ED)	ED
OSHS	Office of Safe and Healthy Students (a program office within OESE)	ED
OST	Office of School Turnaround	ED
OUS	Office of the Under Secretary (an organizational unit in ED)	ED
OVAE (obsolete)	Office of Vocational and Adult Education	ED
PBDMI (obsolete)	Historical Reference - Performance Based Data Management Initiative (original name of the project that developed EDFacts)	EDFacts
PCP	Potomac Center Plaza, location of OSERs, OCTAE, OIG and OCIO staff at 550 12th St SW	ED
PIMS (obsolete)	Performance Information Management Service (an office in OPEPD) - Previous name of the branch in OPEPD that operated EDFacts.	Education
PIRWG	Planning and Investment Review Working Group	ED, IT
PO	Program Offices within POCs (OME, OSEP, OET, SASA, NCES, etc.)	Education
POC	Principal Office Component (IES, OESE, OELA, OSERS, etc.)	Education
POC	Point of contact	General
PPSS	Policy and Program Studies Service (an office within OPEPD)	Education
PSC	Partner Support Center (provides technical assistance to SEAs for EDFacts)	EDFacts
PSTF	Permanent Standing Task Force – within the various committees of the EIMAC	Education
PY	Prior Year	General
RAF	Risk Analysis Form – used by ED to Document System Weaknesses or Vulnerabilities	ED, IT
RE	RE can be used as a reference for Race/Ethnicity in technical documents. In formal documents, the phrase should be spelled out. RE5 (five categories) is phasing out and transitioning to RE7 (seven categories).	General, Data
RFA	Requests for Applications (used for grant competitions)	ED
ROM	Rough order of magnitude (used to describe an rough estimate of how big a project is)	General
RTM	Requirements Traceability Matrix	IT
RTT (or RTTT)	Race to the Top. A competitive grant program focusing on four core education reform areas: college-ready standards and assessments; data systems that measure student growth and inform instruction; teacher and principal effectiveness; and turning aroun	ED
SASA	Student Achievement and School Accountability (a program office within OESE)	ED
SCR	System change request	IT
SEA	State Education Agency	Education
SEDC	State Education Data Center (formerly Common Data Ask)	Education, Data
SEISS	State Education Information Support Services. A contract with AEM to provide a variety of services including the annual EDFacts coordinators meeting, state site visits, white papers on selected topics, analysis of state data systems and reporting capacit	EDFacts
SES	Supplemental Educational Services	Education
SETDA	State Educational Technology Directors Association	Education
SFSF	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund	Legislation

SI (Tickets)	System Infrastructure (Tickets - Defect or enhancement request for the applications or platform)	EDFacts
SIFA	School Interoperability Framework Association	Education, IT
SIG	School Improvement Grants	Education
SINI	Schools in need of improvement	Education
SIR	System Investigation Request (Tickets - Defect or enhancement request for the applications or platform)	EDFacts, IT
SLDS	Statewide longitudinal data systems	Education, IT
SOAP	Simple Object Access Protocol	IT
SQL	Structured Query Language, a database computer language designed for managing data in relational database management systems	IT
SSP	State Submission Plan	EDFacts
SSTP	School Support and Technology Programs (a program office within OESE)	ED
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics	ED
SY	School year	Education, Data
TA (obsolete)	Transition Agreement – one for each state, shows how they are going to achieve sending in all EDFacts data by SY 2008-09.	EDFacts
TIC	Tough Internet Connection	IT
TO	Task order	General
UAR	User Acceptance Review	IT
UAT	User acceptance testing	IT
UMIRS	Uniform Management Information and Reporting System (For reporting of safety and discipline data)	Education, Data
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture, which operates the Child Nutrition Program (aka free and reduced price lunch)	General
VMM	Value measurement methodology	General
VNC	Verify Notify Close", as in verify the fix, notify the user and close the ticket.	EDFacts
X###	XML file	EDFacts
XML	eXtensible Markup Language	IT
XO	Executive Officer	General