

Bayfield School District Acronym and Glossary of Educational Terms

AASA	American Association of School Administrators
Accountability	The laws, rules, and procedures that are established by the State for monitoring public education and for reporting information to the public.
Accreditation	Certification by the State Board of Education that school districts meet statutory and regulatory requirements of the state. Schools are accredited by their districts.
ACT	American College Test
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
Amendment 23	Passed in November 2000, Amendment 23 provides school funding assurances. Under Amendment 23, school funding will increase at the rate of inflation plus 1 percent for ten years. After ten years, per pupil funding will increase at the rate of inflation. The state is required to set aside every year .33 percent of the state income tax into the State Education Fund. Amendment 23 also requires that state general fund appropriations for total programs increase by at least 5 percent per year for the first ten years, unless Colorado personal income grows by less than 4.5 percent in the two previous calendar years. Article IX, Section 17 of the Colorado Constitution
ASCD	Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
Assessed Value	Taxable value of property, which is lower than the actual value of property. Every year the assessed value of property in the district is determined.
At-Risk Factor	The factor that determines the amount of funding a district receives for its at-risk pupils.
At-Risk Pupil	Students who are eligible for the federal free lunch program due to family income level or who have limited English skills.
BEPS	Bayfield Early Primary School
BES	Bayfield Elementary School
BHS	Bayfield High School
BMS	Bayfield Middle School
BOCES	Board of Cooperative Educational Services- A board established between two or more school districts that wish to cooperate in furnishing supporting, instructional, administrative, facility, community or other services which one district might be unable to provide alone.

BOE	Board of Education
Bonded Indebtedness	Obligations of a school district to make payments on a loan, generally for major capital construction projects. With voter approval, districts can issue bonded debt and impose a mill levy to repay the debt over time. Limits to bonded indebtedness are defined in C.R.S. 22-42-104 as the greater of "(a) Twenty percent of the latest valuation for assessment of the taxable property in such district, as certified by the county assessor to the board of county commissioners, or (b) Six percent of the most recent determination of the actual value of the taxable property in the district, as certified by the county assessor to the board of county commissioners."
Bond Redemption Fund	A fund required by C.R.S. 22-45-103. The bond redemption fund includes revenues from a tax levy for the purpose of satisfying principal and interest on the bond.
Budget Year	The budget year (fiscal year) for school districts is July 1 through June 30.
Capital Projects Fund	A fund we use to make larger, capital purchases, such as school buses, district vehicles, roofing repairs, etc. This fund is used for most anything larger than \$5K that is capitalized per district policy.
CASB	Colorado Association of School Boards- Established in 1940 to provide structure through which school board members could unite in efforts to promote interests and welfare of Colorado school districts. CASB advocates the interests of local boards of education to groups both within and outside the education community. CASB also provides information, services and training programs to support school board members as they govern their local school districts.
Catch-Up Growth	For a student who scores unsatisfactory or partially proficient on statewide assessments, the amount of academic growth the student must attain to score at the proficient achievement level within three years or by tenth grade, whichever is sooner.
Categorical Programs	Special programs for groups with special student needs (including programs such as transportation, English language proficiency, special education, vocational education, at-risk and expelled student programs.)
CDE	Colorado Department of Education- The administrative arm of the Colorado State Board of Education.

CEA	Colorado Education Association- The teachers union of 37,000 K-12 teaching professionals. The CEA is a state affiliate of the National Education Association.
Certified Employee	An employee who is a certified teacher.
Charter School	A public school that operates under contract with a public school district or the statewide chartering authority.
Charter School Act of 1993	This act defines how charter schools will be established in Colorado. The act; as amended over time, is founded in C.R.S. 22-30.5-101 to 115.
CHSAA	Colorado High School Activities Association- An association of accredited public and private secondary schools in the state. Dues are paid to the association by the schools. High schools are divided into leagues. CHSAA sponsors tournaments and playoffs in certain sports. The policy-making body of CHSAA, the CHSAA Board of Control, establishes regulations for each activity. Athletics, dramatics, forensics, debate, student council, and music are all activities supervised by CHSAA.
Classified Employee	Employees of the district who are not certified in teaching.
CAS	Colorado Academic Standards-Adopted in December 2012, and incorporates the entire Common Core State Standards, as well as unique aspects of the CAS and are expectations of what students need to know and be able to do at the end of each grade. They also stand as the values and content organizers of what Colorado sees as the future skills and essential knowledge for our next generation to be more successful. State standards are the basis of the annual state assessment.
Colorado Commission on Higher Education	A policy-setting board appointed by the governor. CCHE sets policies that apply to all state-supported institutions of higher education. CCHE sets standards for admission to postsecondary schools.
Colorado Growth Model	A statistical model used to calculate students' annual academic growth on statewide assessments.
Colorado School Finance Project	CSFP-A coalition that provides research-based information on the financing of public education in Colorado. The group was formed by the Colorado Association of School Boards, Colorado

	Association of School Executives, Colorado Education Association, and Colorado BOCES Association.
Colorado State Board of Education	The board established by Article IX, Section One of the Colorado Constitution. The state board is given the responsibility for the “general supervision of the public schools.” The board consists of an elected member from each congressional district in Colorado. The state board appoints the Commissioner of Education.
Colorado Sunshine Law	Colorado’s open meetings law, which requires any local public body, such as public boards of education, to meet in public when a quorum of the board is discussing public business or when any formal action may be taken. Meetings are to be posted and minutes are required.
Contextual Learning	Learning that establishes connections between school-based instruction and the world of work, careers, and learning that occurs beyond the school itself.
COSA	Colorado Organization of Superintendent’s Assistants
COSPRA	Colorado Schools Public Relations Association
Cost of Living Factor	One of the three main factors used in calculating a district’s per pupil funding. The cost-of-living factor reflects the relative differences among the state’s 178 districts in the costs of housing, goods, and services of the regions in which districts are located.
Criterion-Referenced Test	As assessment that measures a student’s performance against a set of standards with students performing under the same conditions. Student performance is not measured against the performance of other students.
CRSC	Colorado Rural Schools Caucus
Curriculum	Curriculum refers to the program of studies in a specific subject area that has been adopted by the Board of Education for implementation in a school district. The curriculum includes standards, expectations for learning, time allocations, textbooks, and required materials, software used for instruction, field trips and resources.
DAAC	District Accountability/Advisory Committee- A committee required by law that fulfills accountability requirements and makes recommendations to the Board of Education.
DIBELS	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) are a set of procedures and measures for assessing the

	acquisition of early literacy skills from kindergarten through sixth grade.
Director	Administrator in charge of a service (food, maintenance, technology, transportation, and program improvement)-reports to the Superintendent.
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
ELL	English Language Learner
ELPA	English Language Proficiency Act-A Colorado law for educating students whose primary language is not English.
Equalization Aid	State funding which is designated to equalize the property wealth of school districts.
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act
EO	Evidence Outcome-Indication of a student's level of mastery of a specific standard. They answer the question "How do we know that a student can do it?"
Executive Session	Meeting of the Board of Education in private to discuss matters pertaining to purchase of property, conferences with an attorney, specialized security details, personnel negotiation positions, or other matters required by law to be kept confidential.
FTE	Full time equivalent- In school finance, each student in grades 1-12 is considered 1 FTE.
FY	Fiscal year
Gallagher Amendment	Limits residential property taxes. Under this constitutional provision, the residential assessment rate must be adjusted to maintain the proportions of residential and nonresidential assessed values.
GE	Grade-equivalent- A testing term denoting achievement by year and month.
GED	General Equivalency Diploma
GF	General Fund (Local)-All district revenues and allocations other than the bond redemption fund, special building and technology fund, risk management fund, transportation fund, and preschool program fund. For example, salaries and instructional supplies and materials are expenditures from the general fund. The operating budget of the school district is adopted by the Board of Education each year.
GF	General Fund (State)- Money generated mainly through sales tax and income tax revenue that can be used only for government program support (K-12

	education, higher education, Medicaid, prisons, social programs, and others)
GPA	Grade point average
GT	Gifted and Talented- may refer to a program or students who are identified with very high intelligence or exceptional talents.
Highly Qualified	The NCLB definition for educational requirements for teachers and paraprofessionals as prescribed by law.
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Act- A federal law mandating that all children with disabilities have available to them a free, appropriate public education that emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs and prepare them for employment and independent living. It provides funds to assist states in the education of students with disabilities and requires that states ensure the rights of children with disabilities and their parents are protected. IDEA also assists states in providing early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.
IEP	Individual Education Plan- A required plan developed for students in special education or with disabilities to prescribe specific education strategies.
Increasing Enrollment Districts	School districts whose pupil enrollment for the current budget year and the two preceding budget years increases by an average of 9 percent each year. These districts are eligible for additional aid if their February enrollment count grows by at least 1 percent or 50 students, whichever is less, over the October count.
Initiative	A ballot measure that comes from the citizens through petitions.
Item Bias	Items on an assessment that measure different results for different groups (ethnic, gender, cultural), giving a tendency for one group to perform better than the other.
Keep-Up Growth	For a student who scores proficient or advanced on statewide assessments, the amount of academic growth the student must attain to score at the proficient achievement level or higher for the succeeding three years or until tenth grade, whichever is sooner.
Maintenance of Effort	A general fund growth requirement. Amendment 23 requires an amount "not below five percent of the prior

	year general fund appropriation for total program under the Public School Finance Act of 1194" as long as personal income grows at least four and a half percent between the previous two years.
Median Student Growth	In a ranking of individual student growth scores from highest to lowest, the middle student growth score attained.
Mill Levy	A property tax rate based on dollars per thousand of assessed valuation. One mill is the same as one tenth of one percent (.001). Thus, one mill will generate when levied on \$1,000 of a property's assessed value.
Move-Up Growth	For a student who scores proficient on statewide assessments, the amount of academic growth the student must attain to score at the advanced performance level within three years or by tenth grade, whichever is sooner.
MTSS	Multi-Tiered System of Supports- A whole-school, data-driven, prevention-based framework for improving learning outcomes for EVERY student through a layered continuum of evidence-based practices and systems, which often includes RTI and PBIS.
NCLB	No Child Left Behind- Federal legislation signed into law January 8, 2002. It is the last revision of the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA) and is regarded as the most significant federal education policy initiative in a generation. Among other requirements, NCLB requires that students show adequate yearly progress and that all teachers are highly qualified.
NHS	National Honor Society
NIMS	National Incident Management System
Non-renewal	The chief administrative officer of the school district may recommend to the school board to not renew an employee contract of a teacher during the probationary period (first three years of full time continuous employment in the district) under C.R. S. 22-63-203.
Norm-Referenced Test	A standardized assessment comparing the student results with results from students in the same specified assessment group (same grade and age, for example).
OCR	Office of Civil Rights.
October 1 Count	The number of students enrolled in the district on October 1. This number determines the school funding for the year.

Online Student	Students enrolled in an online education program that provides sequential program instruction to educate a child who resides in Colorado through services accessible on the World Wide Web and monitored by a district coordinator and/or a site coordinator.
Open Enrollment	Colorado law requires districts to have a policy allowing students within the district to attend any school in the district, provided there is space available. Students who are not residents of the district must also be allowed to enroll in the district without charge before the October 1 student count, if there is space available.
Override	Local revenue to a school district provided by a voter-approved property tax increase. The total mill levy override is limited to 20% of a district's total program funding.
Para-Educator or Paraprofessional	A person who assists in the instruction of a student but does not hold a license in teaching.
PARCC	The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers-In compliance with legislation, Colorado joined the PARCC consortia as a governing member in August, 2012. PARCC is a multi-state assessment consortium that is developing shared English language arts (ELA) and mathematics assessments. About 20 states participate in the consortium. As a governing member, Colorado is committed to relying on the PARCC assessment system. PARCC has ELA assessments in grades 3-11 and mathematics assessments in grades 3-8 with three high school assessments. PARCC has developed college and career ready determinations that will be based on the assessments given in 11th grade. It is anticipated that the PARCC ELA and mathematics assessments will replace the TCAP reading, writing and mathematics assessments in the spring of 2015.
PBIS	Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports
PDF or pdf	Portable Document Format (Commonly used format for file sharing)
Performance Indicators	Indicators for measuring the performance of each public school, and each school district.
Per Pupil Funding	The statewide base adjusted by the district's cost-of-living factor, personnel costs factor, non-personnel

	costs factor, and size factor to determine the district's funding.
PERA	The state retirement system for public employees, including public school employees.
PGP	Professional Growth Plan- Required for all licensed employees.
Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness	Describes the knowledge skills, and behaviors essential to be prepared to enter college and the workforce and to compete in the global economy.
PPOR	Per Pupil Revenue-The district's total program funding divided by the funded pupil count.
Principal	Administrator in charge of each school- reports to the Superintendent.
Probationary Teacher	A teacher who is in the first three years of teaching within the district.
Proficiency	The level of performance on standards based assessments that indicates a student has acquired sufficient knowledge and skills to successfully move to a higher grade or course level. Proficiency also means that, at the completion of a program of studies, the student has met requirements of the District's content standards.
Property Tax	Tax paid on real estate. The tax is calculated by applying a mill levy to assessed value.
PowerSchool	Web-based student information system used for tracking attendance and grades. Teachers and administrators can access PowerSchool by using their network credentials.
Ratchet Down Effect	Under TABLOR, the baseline for government spending is determined by the previous year's revenues. When an absolute decline in revenues occurs, a lower spending level is put in place. Even when subsequent receipts increase, spending is governed by the lower level.
READ Act	The Colorado Reading to Ensure Academic Development Act (the READ Act) was passed by the Colorado Legislature during the 2012 legislative session (HB 12-1238, Colorado READ Act), which repealed CBLA. The READ Act requires teachers to assess the literacy development of students in kindergarten through third grade in the areas of phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary development, including oral skills, reading fluency, and reading comprehension. The READ Act requires the creation

	and implementation of an individual intervention plan (called a READ plan) for students identified with a significant reading deficiency.
Referendum	A ballot measure that has been referred by the state legislature. Both the Senate and the House must carry the measure with 2/3 vote for the measure to reach the ballot.
RTI	Response to Intervention
RFP	Request for Proposal
Rubric	A set of criteria used for evaluation of student performance.
SAAC	School Accountability/Advisory Committee- A committee required by law that advises the Principal.
SAT	Scholastic Aptitude Test
SB 191	Colorado Senate Bill 10-191 outlines the way educators will be evaluated with the ultimate goal of supporting educator's professional growth and in turn, accelerating student results.
SBC	Sounding Board Committee- A mixed-building, collaborative group of teachers, administrators, and the Superintendent who work together to analyze, evaluate, and propose changes to current programs, systems, procedures and policies within the district.
SBE	Standards Based Education
School Accountability Report	A report generated by the State, which rates schools (excellent, high, average, low or unsatisfactory). The rating is based on student performance on the TCAP test. School Accountability Reports also include an academic improvement rating to reflect changes in student performance from one year to the next. Other mandatory sections include "Safety and School Environment", "Taxpayers' Report", and "About our Staff". School Accountability Reports are a result of legislation passed in 1998 (Senate Bill 186).
Selected Response Item	An assessment question which gives a question or incomplete statement followed by different answer choices. One of the choices is considered the correct (or best) answer. Also known as "multiple choice" items.
Specific Ownership Tax	Tax paid on motor vehicles. This tax is a part of the local share of funding for the school district.
SPED	Special Education

SRP	Standard Response Protocol-A system of uniform classroom response to an incident at or around a school. It is not based on individual scenarios, but on the response to any given scenario. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP demands specific vocabulary but also allows for great flexibility.
STAR	Computerized and standardized math assessment
State Aid	The portion of funding provided by the state as determined by the school finance act.
State Education Fund	The fund created by Amendment 23 to help ensure future funding for public schools. The fund receives revenues from a tax of one-third of 1 percent of federal taxable income and is exempt from TABOR limitations.
SWAP	School Work Alliance Program
TABOR	Taxpayer Bill of Rights- A broad-ranged amendment to the Colorado Constitution passed in 1992 which limits state revenue and spending and requires a vote of the people for any state tax rate increase.
Teacher Employment, Compensation and Dismissal Act of 1990	Defines practices for the employment and dismissal of teachers. The act defines a teacher as one who is regularly licensed and employed to instruct, direct, or supervise the instructional program. The act also mandates that teachers must have a teaching license or letter of authorization, and provides for written contracts with teachers, written evaluation procedures. Teachers in the first three years of employment are considered probationary teachers under the law. The act establishes automatic renewal of probationary teachers, distinguishes between dismissal and non-renewal of a teacher, sets procedure for resignation and dismissal, and requires the board to set a salary schedule for the school year.
Term Limits	Beginning January 6, 1995, local school board members are limited by the Colorado Constitution to two consecutive terms of office unless the local voters modify or eliminate the term limit provision.
Thorough and Uniform Public Education	Article IX, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution provides for "the establishment and maintenance of a thorough and uniform system of free public schools throughout the state."
Title 1	Federal funding for low income and low achieving students- reading and math.

Title II	Federal funding for staff development and the improvement of instruction. Title IID focuses on implementation of technology.
Title IV	Federal funding for drug free and safe schools.
Title V	Federal funding for educational innovation.
Total Per Pupil Funding	Per pupil funding multiplied by the number of pupils plus online and at-risk funding, divided by the number of pupils.
Total Program	The number of students multiplied by the per pupil funding, plus at-risk funding and online funding.
Transportation Fund	A fund separate from the general fund in the school district budget to pay for excess costs of transportation.
UIP	Unified Improvement Plan-The Education Accountability Act of 2009 requires each Colorado district and school to create an annual improvement plan with the intent to improve student learning and system effectiveness by engaging in a cycle of continuous improvement to manage their performance.
Value-added	The achievement gain of students from year to year.