

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL OF PTAs, Inc. (MCCPTA)  
LIST OF COMMON ACRONYMS AND TERMS  
(Updated as of January 9, 2008)**

**ADA** - Americans with Disabilities Act  
**AP** - Advanced Placement  
**AVP** – Area Vice-President (MCCPTA)  
**AYP** – Adequate Yearly Progress

**BOE** – Board of Education  
**BTSN** – Back to School Night

**CC** – Cluster Coordinator (MCCPTA)  
**CESC** - Carver Educational Services Center  
**CI** - Continuous Improvement  
**CIE** - Cambridge International Examinations  
**CIP** - Capital Improvements Program  
**COMAR** - Code of Maryland Regulations  
**Comm. Sup.** - Community Superintendent (MCPS)  
**CTBS** - Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills

**DA** - Delegates Assembly  
**DCC** – Downcounty Consortium (Blair, Einstein, Kennedy, Northwood, Wheaton High Schools and all feeder schools)  
**DSS** - Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**EFO** - Educational Facilities Officers (police assigned to schools)  
**EMT** - Educational Management Team  
**ES** - Elementary School  
**ESL** - English as a Second Language  
**ESOL** - English for Speakers of Other Languages  
**ESY** - Extended School Year  
**Ever FARMS Rate** – Percent of school’s enrollment that has ever received free and reduced priced meals

**FAPE** - Free and Appropriate Public Education  
**FARMS** - Free And Reduced-price Meals System  
**FERPA** - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act  
**FLES** - Foreign Language in the Elementary School

**G/R** - Grading and Reporting  
**GT** - Gifted & Talented

**HS** - High School  
**HSA** - High School Assessment  
**HVAC** – (building) Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

**IB** - International Baccalaureate  
**ICB** - Interagency Coordinating Board  
**IDEA** - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act  
**IEP** - Individualized Education Program  
**IPT** - IDEA Proficiency Test  
**ITV** - Instructional Television

**LAD** – Learning and Academic Disabilities  
**LD** - Learning Disabled  
**LD/GT** - Learning Disabled/Gifted and Talented  
**LEP** - Limited English Proficiency  
**LFI** – Learning For Independence  
**LRE** - Least Restrictive Environment

**MCCPTA** - Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Associations  
**MCCPTA EPI** - Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Associations  
Educational Programs Incorporated (sponsors FLES and Cultural Arts  
Showcases)

**MCEA** - Montgomery County Education Association  
**MCFT** - Montgomery County Federation of Teachers  
**MCPS** - Montgomery County Public Schools  
**MCR-SGA** - Montgomery County Regional Student Government Association  
**M-NCPPC** - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
**M-PAC** – Maryland’s Parent Advisory Council  
**MS** - Middle School  
**MSA** - Maryland School Assessment  
**MSAP** - Maryland Student Assistance Program  
**MSDE** - Maryland State Department of Education

**NAACP** - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People  
**NCLB** - No Child Left Behind Revised Elementary and Secondary Education Act  
**NEC** – Northeast Consortium (Blake, Paint Branch and Springbrook High Schools and  
all feeder schools)

**OARS** – Online Achievement and Reporting System (Electronic grade book application  
and a Web-based classroom-to-home communication solution.)

**OCIP** - Office of Curriculum and Instruction  
**OCTO** - Office of the Chief Technology Officer  
**OSA** - Office of Shared Accountability  
**OSDM** - Office of Student Data Management  
**OSP** - Office of School Performance  
**OSS** - Office of the Superintendent of Schools

**PAC** - Parent Advisory Committee  
**PE** - Physical Education  
**PLAR** - Planned Life-cycle Asset Replacement  
**Policy FAA** – Board of Education Policy on Long Range Facilities Planning  
**Pony** – MCPS internal mail system, used for sending documents between schools and  
central office  
**P/T** - Parent/Teacher

**RI** - Reading Initiative

**SAG** - Spending Affordability Guideline

**SAP** - Student Assistance Program

**SGA** - Student Government Association

**SIP** - School Improvement Plan (Baldrige)

**SMOB** - Student Member of the Board

**SNAP** - School Nutritional Accountability Program

**SPED** - Special Education