

Education Jargon Buster!
Ohio School Improvement Planning: Acronyms
West Clermont Local Schools 2011-12

	What?	So what?
ACT®	American College Testing (Program)	The ACT® is a curriculum-based (not aptitude) test that assesses high school students' ability to complete college-level work in English, math, reading, and science. It is universally accepted for college admission. The national composite score for 2008 was 21.1. The highest score possible is 36.
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress	AYP is a federally required measure, with federally determined goals for reading and math. These goals are applied to ten student groups: All Students; Economically Disadvantaged; Asian; Black; American Indian; Hispanic; Multi-Racial; White; Students with Disabilities (IEP), and Limited English Proficiency (LEP). If any one of these groups does not meet its goal then the school or district does not meet AYP. AYP rules may be changing with new federal and state law.
BLT	Building Leadership Team	The BLT is the subcommittee that represents grade levels, subject areas, and special constituents in creating the SIP. Who is on your school's BLT?
CCIP	Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan	The CCIP is the <u>product</u> created using Ohio's Decision Framework. CCIP is an acronym for Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan. It is the foundation for each building SIP (School Improvement Plan). This is Ohio's funding mechanism for state and federal monies. It is highly monitored by the state.
DF	Decision Framework	The Decision Framework is an electronic representation of our EMIS data. It's a one-stop data source. The DF is a decision-making tool. Each building has its own Building Decision Framework available online. Have you seen your school's DF?
DIBELS	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills	DIBELS is a diagnostic measure of children's basic reading skills (for example, fluency) that predicts student success in reading comprehension. DIBELS is a screening assessment of skills. It is not a reading program.
DLT	District Leadership Team	The DLT is the district subcommittee that represents each school and various grade bands and programs. The DLT worked together to review the district's Decision Framework and create the CCIP for 11-12.
EMIS	Education Management Information System	EMIS is the statewide data system that includes demographic, attendance, course information, financial, and state testing results data. This is "command central" for West Clermont's data.
LEP	Limited English Proficient	LEP is the subgroup category of students whose native language is not English. LEP is the federal subgroup category. ESL (English as a second language) identifies the program. ELL (English language learners) identifies the students. ELL = student, ESL = program, LEP = subgroup name
OAA	Ohio Achievement Assessment	The OAA is the state's accountability measure for grades 3 through 8. Ohio is in process of revising standards for all tested subject areas, which will in turn affect the OAA* within the next few years. Because of budget cuts, Ohio has suspended testing in writing and social studies.
ODE	Ohio Department of Education	The governing body of Ohio's public schools. Visit the ODE for parent, teacher, and student information: http://www.education.ohio.gov
OGT	Ohio Graduation Test	The OGT is the state's accountability measure for high schools. The Ohio Department of Education will be revising the graduation test, and it may be replaced by the ACT, though details and timelines have not been determined.
RTI	Response to Intervention	RTI is a multi-level prevention program that integrates assessment and instruction to maximize student achievement and reduce behavior problems.
SIP	School Improvement Plan	Each SIP is posted online with the state on the district's CCIP. It shows the school-specific strategies and action steps for each grade level, based on the school's academic and behavior data. It contains both adult and student measures.
VA	Value-Added	Value-Added is a measurement of a student's expected growth from one school year to another. Students may meet, exceed, or miss expected growth. The calculation is created by the Ohio Department of Education.