



**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.