

## Common Statewide Assessment Acronyms

Use	Acronym	Means
<b>Assessments</b>	NSCAS	Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (pronounced "en-skass")
	NSCAS Growth	Through-year NSCAS testing includes all General testing
	NSCAS M	NSCAS Math Test
	NSCAS S	NSCAS Science Test
	NSCAS ELA	NSCAS English Language Arts Test
	NSCAS-AA	NSCAS Alternate Test
	NSCAS-AA M	NSCAS Alternate Math Test
	NSCAS-AA S	NSCAS Alternate Science Test
	NSCAS-AA ELA	NSCAS Alternate English Language Arts Test
	ACT	Test given to high school third-year cohort
	PreACT	PreACT optional high school assessment
	NAEP	National Assessment of Education Progress (Federal Test)
ELPA 21	English Language Proficiency Assessment for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	
<b>Vendor Platforms</b>	NWEA	Northwest Evaluation Association Testing vendor who provides NSCAS Growth tests and MAP Growth
	CAP	NWEA's Comprehensive Assessment Platform
	DRC	Data Recognition Corporation Testing vendor who provides NSCAS-AA tests
	INSIGHT	DRC Testing Platform
	PANext	Pearson Access Next ACT test management system
	TAA	Test Accessibility & Accommodations System
	AOP	ACT Online Prep
<b>Statewide Assessment Jargon</b>	DAC	District Assessment Contract A person designated in each district that we most often contact for assessment issues
	NTAC	District Technical Assessment Contact
	TC	ACT Test Coordinator
	TAC	ACT Test Accommodations Coordinator
	SAC	School Assessment Coordinator
	EXT PRG	External Program Includes interim-program schools (Rule 18), ESU schools and programs, and approved contracted agencies
	ADVISER	NDE's operational data system
	SIPS	Stackable, Instructionally Embedded, Portable Science Assessments
	ISR	Individual Student Report
	PLD	Performance Level Descriptors (definitions of proficiency)
	ALD	Achievement Level Descriptors
	SAA	Standards, Assessment, & Accountability Document with all assessment information
	TOS	Table of Specifications
DOK	Depth of Knowledge	
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress Based on NSCAS scores	

	AAA	Assessment & Accountability Advisory Committee
	TAC	Governor's Technical Advisory Committee
<b>Federal Assessment Codes</b>	NSCAS-G-ELA	Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System-Growth-English Language Arts
	NSCAS-G-M	Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System-Growth-Mathematics
	NSCAS-G-S	Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System-General-Science
	NSCAS-AA-ELA	Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System-Alternate-English Language Arts
	NSCAS-AA-M	Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System-Alternate-Mathematics
	NSCAS-AA-S	Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System-Alternate-Science
<b>Student Demographics</b>	IEP	Individual Education Plan
	504	504 Plan
	EL	English Learner Students with a native language other than English
	HI	Hispanic
	AM	American Indian/Alaska Native
	AS	Asian
	BL	Black or African-American
	PI	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
	WH	White
MU	Two or More Races (other than above)	
<b>Accountability</b>	AQuESTT	Accountability for a Quality Education System, Today and Tomorrow (Nebraska's Accountability System)
	NEP	Nebraska Education Profile
	CSI	Comprehensive Support and Improvement (Nebraska)
	TSI & ATSI	Targeted Support and Improvement Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (Nebraska)
	SES	Socio-Economic Status
	IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education ACT
	CIP	Continuous Improvement Process
	ESU	Educational Service Units There are 19 ESUs across the state.
	CDC	Consolidated Data Collection