

DICTIONARY OF SCHOOL TERMS

General K-12 terms	what it stands for:	Definition:
accommodation		a change made to a student's academic plan or daily schedule that helps the student learn better
chaperone		a person who accompanies or looks after a group of students on a field trip or sporting event
Common Core (CCSS)	Common Core State Standards	a common set of national goals for K-12 students in Math and English Language Arts. These goals help prepare students for college and careers.
EA	Educational Assistant	a district employee who helps the teachers in the classroom. This person may work with a small group of student or an individual student.
ELL	English Language Learner	a student who is learning English, according to the ELPA21 test (English language test)
fundraiser		an opportunity for the school to raise money for additional programs, such as sports, art, music and supplies etc...
highly capable student		a student who typically scores in the top 3%-5% on both cognitive and achievement tests. Scores are typically at the 97th percentile or above.
IEP	Individualized Education Plan	a written educational plan for a child who has a disability (a student with special needs)
intervention		procedure or practice that can help a student who is struggling in academically, socially or emotionally
LRC	Learning Resource Classroom	a classroom where special education students receive instruction from a Special Ed Teacher. Students may be in this class for part or all of the day, depending on their IEP.

NGSS	Next Generation Science standards	a common set of national goals for K-12 students in science and engineering. These goals help prepare students for college and careers.
PE	Physical Education	a class where students work on physical fitness
PTSA/ PTA	Parent Teacher Student Association / Parent Teacher Association	a parent organization that supports students and families to ensure success in education
SBA	Smarter Balanced Assessment	a state test that students take in grades 3-8 and 11. It is based on the CCSS standards in Language Arts and Mathematics. It is given in the spring of each year.
special education		specially designed instruction provided to a student who has a disability. We offer services for any students who need services -- from preschool through 21 years old.
student with special needs		a student with an IEP who qualifies for special education services and receives specially designed instruction for an academic, physical or behavioral need
VOICE mentors	Volunteers of Issaquah Changing Education	adults who volunteer to mentor students in academic, social or life skills

Elementary school terms:	what it stands for:	meaning:
LAP	Learning Assistance Program	a state-funded program for students in K-4 that need extra help with reading
MERLIN	Mind Education Left Right Integration	for highly capable 3rd-5th grade students. Self-contained classrooms at each grade level, 3rd-5th, at Apollo Elementary and Endeavour Elementary.
PEP	Primary Enrichment Program	for highly capable K-2 students. Students receive services in their classrooms and additional enrichment.
SAGE	Special Approach to Gifted Education	for highly capable 3rd-5th grade students. In SAGE Reading, a student will receive advanced curriculum at their level in the classroom. In SAGE Math, a student will receive instruction in the classroom and opportunities for instruction at their level from the SAGE teacher.
Science Tech Choice Program		a 4th and 5th grade program which focuses on science and technology. Families can request their child move into this program located at Briarwood, Cascade Ridge and Clark. Students are chosen by lottery.
Title 1 Reading/ Math		a federal program for K-5 students who need extra help with reading (or math)

Middle School terms:	what it stands for:	meaning:
ASB	Associated Student Body	the student government. They put on events and activities for students.
advanced classes		classes with more challenge and rigor. Students can choose to take advanced classes.
ELD class	English Language Development class	this class is for ELLs (English Language Learners). It is taught by an ELL teacher, who gives specific instruction on English language development
elective		any non-required course. Students can select to take these courses (such as music or art) after they are signed up for required classes.
extra curricular		activities outside the school day that are sponsored by the school. These activities may cost money.
Independent Health and PE		8th graders can apply to get their Health and PE credit outside of the school day, if they are already taking 2 full-year electives from an approved list
walkabout		parents who walk through the halls to help and supervise students

High School terms:	what it stands for:	meaning:
ASB	Associated Student Body	the student government. They put on events and activities for students.
AP	Advanced Placement	At Liberty and Issaquah High Schools. Students can take these college-level classes in high school. Students may receive college credit, depending on their test score and the college they attend.
ELD class	English Language Development class	this class is for ELLs (English Language Learners). It is taught by an ELL teacher, who gives specific instruction on English language development
elective		courses in music, art, science, history and other areas. Students can choose these courses to meet their elective graduation requirements.
extra curricular		activities outside the school day that are sponsored by the school. These activities may cost money.
GED	General Education Development Certificate	for students who do not finish high school. They can take the GED test to earn their high school diploma.
Honors		an advanced class that students can choose to take.
IB	International Baccalaureate	At Skyline High School only. A pre-university course of study for grades 11-12 based on international standards.
Online learning		high school students can choose to take certain classes online

Running Start		students in grades 11 and 12 can attend a community college and earn College and High School credit at the same time
transcript		an official record of a student's grades for High School level classes. Colleges and employers only look at High School transcripts (not middle school or elementary report cards).
World Language credit		Students can get a World Language credit if they take tests and meet scoring requirements. This is a great way for bilingual/ELL students to get credit for fluency in their first language. See your High School counselor for details.