

Helpful Education-related Acronyms

A list of some of the more common acronyms used around Kansas schools today compiled by Christine Hoverson

KESA = Kansas Education Systems Accreditation - Our 5-yr accreditation system that involves building & district level goals

BLT = Building Leadership Team (also referred to in the HS as the Steering Team) - One rep. from each of the core areas (math, science, English, social studies), guidance counselor, & administrator

DLT = District Leadership Team - One BLT member plus head principal from each building, director of SpEd, superintendent, & assistant superintendents

BSC = Building Site Council - The site council for each building

DSC = District Site Council - One representative from each BSC, superintendent

OVT = Outside Visitation Team - Team comprised of educators from other districts that will give feedback on our district & building goals throughout the accreditation process - Beth Clavenna-Deane is the head of this team & is our District MTSS coordinator

MTSS = Multi-Tiered System of Support - A 3-tiered system that screens all students in the areas of math, reading, & behavior/social-emotional learning & provides appropriate enrichment or remediation based on the results

MTSS SEL = Multi-Tiered System of Support for Social-Emotional Learning - Focuses on the interpersonal, intrapersonal, & cognitive skills needed for current & future success (e.g, assertiveness or conflict management). These skills have been called many things over the years: "soft skills," "employability skills," "21st Century Skills," etc.

CTE = Career Technical Education - This is a building goal for the high school & expands upon an existing relationship with Kansas City Kansas Community College (a huge push from the State to get students into the correct career choices based on their interests & skills)

IPS = Individual Plan of Study - A State compliance piece - every student grades 8-12 will have a plan using Career Cruising as the means to make this happen

CCR = College Career Ready – This is our 7th hour of the day, which focuses on the skills necessary for post-secondary success (the State standards that guide the curriculum for each course at the high school are called the "Kansas College Career Ready Standards")

Kansas CCC Framework = Kansas College & Career Competency Framework - The College & Career Competency Framework (developed by Drs. Gaumer, Erickson, and Noonan) supports educators in systematically embedding intrapersonal, interpersonal, and cognitive competencies into course content. This is a piece of the curriculum for MTSS Social-Emotional Learning.

SIT = Student Improvement Team - A team (consisting of the BLT, school social worker, additional guidance counselor, & school psychologist) that works with referred students to help improve academic success by implementing SIP (Student Improvement Plans). This team is currently being revised to a degree under the MTSS structure.

IEP = Individualized Education Plan - This refers to an identified Special Education student's plan of study (different than the IPS for a regular education student) that is supported with Special Education staff, resources, and funding.