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APPENDIX B

Acronyms



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The acronyms listed in this appendix represent terms, concepts, organizations, and assessments that would likely appear in a discussion about content standards in Texas. Most of them are used in this document.

Complete definitions and general terms are located in the *Texas Adult Education and Literacy Guide* posted on the Adult Education & Literacy Program Overview of the Texas Workforce Commission web site at <https://twc.texas.gov/files/partners/texas-ael-guide-twc.pdf> or on the TRAIN PD web page on the TCALL web site at <https://tcall.tamu.edu/AELDefinitions.html>.

- 2014 GED** General Equivalency Development test (one of three assessments that serve as a basis for awarding a TxCHSE)
- ABE** Adult Basic Education (basic skills development in reading, writing, mathematics, and problem solving through an eighth-grade proficiency level)
- AEFLA** Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014)
- AEL** Adult Education & Literacy
- ASE** Adult Secondary Education (instruction for learners with proficiency levels ranging from grades 9 to 12, designed for preparation for a high school credential or for transition to employment, workforce training, and/or college)
- BEST/BEST Plus** Basic English Skills Test (one of several assessments for ESL approved by NRS)
- BICS** Basic Interpersonal Communication Skills (basic communication skills for social situations)
- CALP** Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency (listening, speaking, reading, and writing for academic purposes)
- CASAS** Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (one of several assessments approved by NRS)
- CCRS** College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education (federal standards based on Common Core)
- CCSS** Common Core State Standards
- CEFR** Common European Framework Reference for Languages (international standards for describing language ability)

Acronyms (cont.)

Content Standards	Abbreviated in this document for Texas Adult Education and Literacy Content Standards, published in 2016
DE	Developmental Education
EFL	Educational Functioning Level
ELA	English Language Arts (one of three Content Areas addressed by Content Standards)
EL Civics	English Literacy and Civics
ELL	English Language Learner
ELP	English Language Proficiency
ELP Standards	English Language Proficiency Standards for Adult Education
EOC	End-of-Course Assessment (component of the STAAR for secondary education)
ESL	English as a Second Language (one of three Content Areas addressed by Content Standards)
GSE	Global Scale of English (European English language standards aligned to the Common European Framework Reference)
HiSET	High School Equivalency Test (one of three assessments that serve as a basis for awarding a TxCHSE)
IET	Integrated Education and Training
Integrated EL Civics	Integrated English Literacy and Civics
ISTE	International Society for Technology in Education
ITEC Plan	Individual Training, Education and Career Plan
LEP	Limited English Proficient
LINCS	Literacy Information and Communication System
MSG	Measurable Skills Gain
NRS	National Reporting System
OCTAE	Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (agency within the U.S. Department of Education that oversees Adult Education)

Acronyms (cont.)

O*NET	Occupational Information Network
PAL	Principles of Adult Learning
PD	Professional Development
PII	Personally Identifiable Information
SAIC	Standards Alignment to Industry Clusters (name of project to align 2016 AEL Content Standards to four key Texas industries)
SBE	Standards-Based Education
SBOE	State Board of Education
STAAR	State of Texas Assessments for Academic Readiness (assessments used by K-12 in Texas)
Standards 2.0	Abbreviated in this document to refer to the revision of the 2016 Texas AEL Content Standards
SWG	Standards Work Group
TABE	Test of Adult Basic Education (one of several assessments for ABE/ASE approved by NRS)
TABE CLAS E	TABE Complete Language Assessment System – English (one of several assessments for ESL approved by NRS)
TAECBSB	Texas Adult Education Content Standards and Benchmarks (an earlier version of Content Standards, released in 2008)
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TASC	Texas Assessment of Secondary Completion (one of three assessments that serve as a basis for awarding a TxCHSE)
TCALL	Texas Center for the Advancement of Literacy and Learning, located at Texas A&M University
TCCRS	Texas College and Career Readiness Standards
TEA	Texas Education Agency
TEAMS	Texas Educating Adults Management System (official database for Texas AEL data)

Acronyms (cont.)

TEC	Texas Education Code
TEKS	Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (Texas K12 Standards)
TESOL	Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
THECB	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
TRAIN PD	The professional development provider for AEL, located at the Texas Center for the Advancement of Literacy and Learning, Texas A&M University.
TSIA	Texas Success Initiative Assessment (test required for most incoming college freshmen in Texas)
TWC	Texas Workforce Commission
TxCHSE	Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (issued by TEA to examinees who successfully pass the 2014 GED®, the HiSET or the TASC)
TxState	Abbreviated in this document for Texas State University
WIOA	Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014