

Acronyms Used in the RI State Assessment Program

The Rhode Island State Assessment Program (RISAP) is how we collectively refer to all of the statewide assessments administered in Rhode Island public schools. Each assessment also has its own share of acronyms that it uses for various terms, functions, and purposes. This quick-reference sheet lists the most common acronyms used, in alphabetical order, and indicates what each stands for and to which assessment(s) it applies.

Acronym	Term	Definition / Link (if applicable)	Applicable Assessment(s)
(Section) 504 Plan	Section 504 Plan	Documentation of specific accommodations to be provided to students with disabilities to support their education and learning.	All
AAF	Accommodations and accessibility features	Specific test supports to support student access to state assessments www.ride.ri.gov/accommodations	All
ADP / RIADP	Assessment Data Portal / RI Assessment Data Portal	Public dashboard for state assessment results www.ride.ri.gov/RIADP	All
AMS / WIDA AMS	Assessment Management System	The online system used to manage the ACCESS assessments https://www.wida-ams.us/default.aspx	ACCESS
CAI	Cambium Assessment, Inc.	Assessment vendor for our state science assessment (NGSA)	NGSA
CAS	Comprehensive assessment system	General term for a coordinated plan for monitoring the academic achievement of students from pre-kindergarten through grade 12 www.ride.ri.gov/CAS	All
CBT	Computer-based testing	Assessments taken using a technology device (e.g., computer, tablet)	All
DA	District administrator	District-level staffperson	All
DEI	Data Entry Interface	Functionality used for NGSA to enter students paper-based responses into the assessment system for scoring	NGSA
DLM	Dynamic Learning Maps	Alternate assessment administered in Rhode Island www.ride.ri.gov/DLM	DLM
DOB	Date of Birth	Student's date of birth; needed for assessment registration	All
DRC	Data Recognition Corporation	Partner company with WIDA to manage online systems for ACCESS	ACCESS
DTC	District Test Coordinator	District-level staffperson responsible for coordinating state testing for an entire school district or group of charter schools	All
ELA	English language arts	Content area; reading and writing	All
EL / ELs ELL / ELLs	English Learner(s) / English Language Learner(s)	Federal (US Department of Education) term for students for whom English is not their home language	All

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ELP	English language proficiency	Focuses on language acquisition and skills for those for whom English is not their home language; not equivalent to ELA	ACCESS
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act	Federal law that governs federal education spending (funding to states and local school districts) in the United States through accountability requirements	All
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act	2018 federal education law that replaced No Child Left Behind; sixth reauthorization of the ESEA www.ride.ri.gov/ESSA	All
IEP	Individual Education Program	A process (and documentation) through which K-12 teachers, parents, school administrators, related services personnel, and students (when appropriate) work together to improve educational results for children with disabilities through creation of a plan including specialized instruction, related services, and accommodations. www.ride.ri.gov/iep	All
ISR / SSR	Individual Score Report / Student Score Report	A digital and/or paper report for a particular state assessment that contains students' scores and other information about their performance on that assessment	All
LEA	Local education agency	Term used to collectively refer to public school districts and public charter schools	All
LEP	Limited English Proficient	Federal term for students for whom English is not their home language	All
MLL / MLLs	Multilingual Learner(s)	RIDE's term for students for whom English is not their home language	
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress	Continuing and nationally representative assessment of what U.S. students know and can do in various subjects; also known as the Nation's Report Card www.ride.ri.gov/naep	NAEP
NGSA / RI NGSA	RI Next Generation Science Assessment	State assessment in science for students in grades 5, 8, and 11 www.ride.ri.gov/ngsa	NGSA
NGSA TIDE	NGSA Test Information Distribution Engine	Online management system for NGSA through which test coordinators manage student test settings and test sessions https://ri.tide.cambiumast.com	NGSA
PAN	PearsonAccess ^{Next}	Online management system for RICAS through which test coordinators manage student test settings and test sessions https://ri.pearsonaccessnext.com	RICAS

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PBT	Paper-based testing	Assessments taken using paper forms (e.g., test and answer booklet), not administered through a technology device	All
PCPA	Principal’s Certification of Proper Test Administration	Statement to which school principals must attest after state assessments are completed each year that indicates they maintained test security and followed test administration policies and protocols	NGSA, RICAS
PSAT10	PSAT10 State Assessment	Rhode Island state administration of the College Board’s PSAT10 assessment www.ride.ri.gov/psat	PSAT10
RICAS	Rhode Island Comprehensive Assessment System	State assessment in English language arts and mathematics for students in grades 3-8 www.ride.ri.gov/ricas	RICAS
SASID	State-Assigned Student Identifier	10-digit number assigned to students by the state for use in registration for state assessments	All
SAT	RI SAT School Day State Assessment	Rhode Island state administration of the College Board’s SAT assessment www.ride.ri.gov/sat	SAT
SDP	Student Data Portal	Confidential data dashboard where student-level assessment results can be viewed by educators linked to particular students https://portal.ride.ri.gov	All
SR/PNP or PNP	Student Registration – Personal Needs Profile / Personal Needs Profile	Process through which test coordinators update/assign student test supports and test forms to students through the assessments’ online systems in accordance with those students’ IEPs/504 plans or EL supports documentation	RICAS, DLM
SSD Online	Services for Students with Disabilities Online System	College Board’s online system for assigning accommodations and accessibility features for students taking their assessments https://ssdonline.collegeboard.org/	PSAT10, SAT
STC	School Test Coordinator	School-level staffperson (usually principal, assistant principal, and/or department chair) responsible for coordinating all aspects of state assessment administration within a school	All
TA	Test Administrator	Educator or certified staffperson trained to administer state assessments and maintain test security according to policies and protocol for the assessment(s)	All

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TAM	Test Administrator’s Manual	Document containing detailed information (policies, procedures, guidance, scripts) specific to the preparation for and administration of a particular state assessment	All
TC	Test Coordinator	General term for any person at the district or school level who is responsible for managing all aspects of state assessment administration	All
TCM	Test Coordinator’s Manual	Document containing detailed information (policies, procedures, guidance) specific to the preparation for and administration of a particular state assessment	All
TDS	Test Delivery System	The online system through which NGSA is administered https://ri.tds.cambiumast.com/testadministrator	NGSA
TIDE	Test Information Distribution Engine	Online system through which the College Board’s PSAT and SAT assessments are managed https://cb.tide.cambiumast.com/	PSAT10, SAT
WIDA	World Class Instructional Design and Assessment Consortium	A member-based organization made up of U.S. states, territories and federal agencies that is dedicated to the research, design and implementation of a high-quality, standards-based system for K-12 English language learners. Co-developer of the ACCESS for ELLs/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs assessments. https://wida.wisc.edu/memberships/consortium/ri	ACCESS