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# Higher Education Organizations & Acronyms

Higher ed is addicted to acronyms, so much so that the actual names of organizations are sometimes almost lost to memory. Below, a list of acronyms and the organizations they refer to (plus a few others).

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PISA  Program for International Student Assessment  www.pisa.oecd.org
PESC  Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council  pesc.org
PPIC  Public Policy Institute of California  ppic.org
RMAIR  Rocky Mountain Association for Institutional Research  rmair.org
S-SARA  Southern State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement  sreb.org/page/1740/state_authorization.html
SACS-CoC  Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Colleges  sacscoc.org
SBAC  Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium  www.smarterbalanced.org
SFARN  Student Financial Aid Research Network  pellinstitute.org/conference_SFARN.html
SHEEO  State Higher Education Executive Officers  sheeo.org
SHEPC  State Higher Education Policy Center  n/a
SHEPD  State Higher Education Policy Database  higheredpolicies.wiche.edu
SONA  Student Organization of North America  conahec.org/conahec/sona
SREB  Southern Regional Education Board  sreb.org
SREC  Southern Regional Electronic Campus  electroniccampus.org
SURA  Southeastern Universities Research Association  sura.org
TBD  Transparency by Design  wcet.wiche.edu/advance/transparency-by-design
UCEA  University Professional & Continuing Education Association (formerly NUCEA)  ucea.org
UNCF  United Negro College Fund  uncf.org
UNESCO  United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization  unesco.org
UPCEA  University Professional Continuing Education Association  upcea.edu
VSA  Voluntary System of Accountability  voluntarysystem.org
W-SARA  Western State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement  wiche.edu/sara
WACCC  Western Association of Community College Academic Leaders  wiche.edu/waccal
WAGS  Western Association of Graduate Schools  wagsonline.org
WALF  Western Academic Leadership Forum  wiche.edu/walf
WASC-ACCJC  Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges  accjc.org
WASC-Sr  Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities  wascsenior.org/wasc
WCET  WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies  wcet.wiche.edu
WGA  Western Governors’ Association  westgov.org
WICHE  Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education  wiche.edu
WIN  Western Institute of Nursing  ohsu.edu.son.win

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ACPE  Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education  state.ak.us/acpe/acpe.html
UAS  University of Alaska System  alaska.edu
ABOR  Arizona Board of Regents  abor.asu.edu
CCHE  Colorado Commission on Higher Education  highered.colorado.gov/cche.html
CDHE  Colorado Department of Higher Education  highered.colorado.gov
UH  University of Hawai’i  hawaii.edu
ISBE  Idaho State Board of Education  www.boardofed.idaho.gov
MUS  Montana University System  mus.edu
NMHED  New Mexico Higher Education Department  hed.state.nm.us
NSHE  Nevada System of Higher Education  nevada.edu
NDUS  North Dakota University System  ndus.nodak.edu
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