

## STAR Academy

### Academic Language & Defining Acronyms

AIMSweb—a benchmark and progress monitoring system based on direct, frequent and continuous student assessment. The results are reported to students, parents, teachers and administrators via a web-based data management and reporting system to determine response to intervention.

AYP-Adequate Yearly Progress

BIS-Behavior Intervention Specialist

CAO-Chief Administrative Officer

CDE-Colorado Department of Education

CIS-Curriculum Implementation Specialist

CSAP-Colorado Student Assessment Program: *Colorado's annual assessment for grades 3-10*

ELL-English Language Learners

ERO-Educational Resource Opportunity Center

FRL-Free and Reduced Lunch

Median Adequate Growth Percentile-The median adequate growth percentile for a school represents the growth that is needed by the “typical” student in the school to reach proficiency within three years or by 10th grade, whichever comes first.

Median Growth- Percentiles range from 1 to 99. The middle percentile score on an assessment in the range is called the median and is always 50 at the state level. This makes it possible to determine whether a group is above or below the middle score for the state and by how much. For example, a percentile of 35 would be well below the median while a percentile of 70 would be well above it.

NCE-Normal Curve Equivalent- The NCE was developed to allow mathematical manipulation of National Percentile scores—especially for program evaluation and research requiring the comparison of scores across groups or across time. The NCE scores can be thought of as NP scores rescaled on an equal interval scale.

NPR-National Percentile Ranking-represents the percentage of students in the national norm group that scored below a given student’s score. For example, a student whose NP score is 70 scored higher than 70% of the students in the norm group. The 50th NP represents the “national average” at the time the test was normed.

NCIS-National Curriculum Implementation Specialist

NWEA/MAPS-Northwest Evaluation Association/Measure of Annual Progress: *Annual National Performance Test (computer based)*

ITBS-Iowa Test of Basic Skills: *Annual National Performance Test (paper/pencil)*

ORF-Oral Reading Fluency

PD-Professional Development

PM-Progress Monitoring

RVP-Regional Vice President

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