

List of Common Acronyms used by Next Generation Science Standards

Many abbreviations and policy terms are used throughout the NGSS and supporting materials. This document provides descriptions of these terms.

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| AAAS: | American Association for the Advancement of Science |
| CR: | Chemical Reactions (Topic Name) |
| CCR: | College and Career Ready |
| CCSS: | Common Core State Standards |
| CCC | Crosscutting Concept |
| DCI: | Disciplinary Core Idea |
| ES: | Earth's Systems (Topic Name) |
| ESS: | Earth and Space Science |
| E: | Energy (Topic Name) |
| ELA: | English Language Arts |
| ED: | Engineering Design (Topic Name) |
| ETS: | Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science |
| FI: | Forces and Interactions (Topic Name) |
| FB | Foundation Box |
| GBE | Grade Band Endpoint |
| GDRO: | Growth, Development and Reproduction of Organisms (Topic Name) |
| HI: | Human Impacts (Topic Name) |
| HS: | High School |
| IRE: | Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems (Topic Name) |
| IVT: | Inheritance and Variation of Traits (Topic Name) |
| K: | Kindergarten |
| LS: | Life Science |
| MEOE: | Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems (Topic Name) |
| MS: | Middle School |
| NGSS: | Next Generation Science Standards |
| NOS: | Nature of Science |
| NSTA | National Science Teachers Association |
| NRC: | National Research Council |
| NSA: | Natural Selection and Adaptations (Topic Name) |
| NSE: | Natural Selection and Evolution (Topic Name) |
| PE: | Performance Expectation |
| PS: | Physical Sciences |
| SEP | Science and Engineering Practices |
| SF: | Structure and Function (Topic Name) |
| SFIP: | Structure, Function, and Information Processing (Topic Name) |
| SPM: | Structures and Properties of Matter (Topic Name) |
| SS: | Space Systems (Topic Name) |
| STEM: | Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics |
| W: | Waves (Topic Name) |
| WC: | Weather and Climate (Topic Name) |
| WER: | Waves and Electromagnetic Radiation (Topic Name) |