

**Barry, Branch, Calhoun
Education Advisory Group Acronym List***
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ABCs	Association of Branch and Calhoun Superintendents
AYP	Adequate yearly progress: One of the cornerstones of the federal No Child Left behind (NCLB) Act. In Michigan, it is a measure of year-to-year student achievement on the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test. According to NCLB, Michigan and other states must develop target starting goals for AYP and the state must “raise the bar” in gradual increments so 100 percent of the students in the state are proficient on state assessments by the 2013-14 school year.
BACC	Branch Area Careers Center
BISD	This one can be confusing because both Barry Intermediate School District and Branch Intermediate School District can be BISD.
CACC	Calhoun Area Career Center (formally known as the Calhoun Area Technology Center)
CCDA	Curriculum Career Development Association
CCTC	Calhoun County Transition Council: Promotes and provides a coordinated set of collaboratively implemented activities designed to support individuals with disabilities as they prepare to leave school and move toward independent adulthood.
CDC	Career Development Committee: An Education Advisory Group (EAG) committee representing local school districts, post-secondary, employers, labor, service providers and parents. It meets throughout the school year to discuss and recommend career preparation system goals and activities to the EAG and coordinate local district implementation of them.
CDOT	Calhoun Department of Technology
CI	Combined initiatives: Career Prep, Tech Prep and CTE Perkins grants which require collaborative, regional planning for career development, work-based learning, and career awareness and exploration programs.
CISD	Calhoun Intermediate School District
CPS or CP	Career Preparation System: Designed to provide all students completing the Michigan educational system with the necessary academic, technical, and work behavior knowledge and skills for success in a career of their choice and lifelong learning. Career pathways and education development plan implementation are the two required components of all schools receiving Career Preparation System funding.
CTE	Career and Technical Education
DCIA	Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment: A Calhoun Intermediate School District department.
DLEG	Department of Labor and Economic Growth
EAG	Education Advisory Group: Coordinates regional collaboration, planning and implementation related to the Career Preparation System, Tech Prep, and CTE Perkins grants and their implementation. It serves as the Workforce Development Board's education committee to provide input on programs and grants relating to career

preparation and workforce readiness educational components.

- EDP** Education Development Plan: Documents an ongoing process in which a learner identifies both career goals and a plan of action to achieve them. Essential EDP elements are personal information, career goal(s), education/training goal(s), assessment results relevant to making career decisions, plan of action, and parent consultation/endorsement.
- GED** General Educational Development Test: Passing it certifies knowledge equivalent to that of high school graduation.
- IEP** Individual education plan: One must be developed collaboratively by special education students, their parents, educators and other involved parties to identify the student's educational and future career goals and chart the course to prepare for them.
- ISD** Intermediate school district (also called a RESA, regional education service agency). There are 57 ISDs and RESAs in the state providing services such as special education; curriculum, instruction and assessment; career development; comprehensive school health education; general services; etc. to schools in their regions.
- KCC** Kellogg Community College
- LEA** Local education agency
- MASSP** Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals
MDE Michigan Department of Education
- MEAP** Michigan Education Assessment Program: Used as an assessment of student achievement the federal *No Child Left Behind*, Michigan's Education Yes school district accountability system, and the Merit Scholarship Program.
- MEGS** Michigan Electronic Grants System: An internet-based system used for submitting general education, career development, and special education grant applications and final reports to the State of Michigan.
- MOIS** Michigan Occupational Information System: Michigan's source for comprehensive career guidance information including self-assessment, career information, career decision-making and planning. The MOIS EDP is the computer software-based EDP format used by many Michigan schools including those in Barry, Branch and Calhoun ISD which are not using the internet-based MyDreamExplorer program. Both MOIS and MyDreamExplorer are products of the Michigan Virtual University.
- MRS** Michigan Rehabilitation Services: An agency in the Michigan Department of Career Development which assists people of all ages with disabilities with meeting the challenges they face, and it supports efforts in developing skills necessary for employment and independent living.
- MVU** Michigan Virtual University: Administers online college and high school courses (Michigan Virtual University and Michigan Virtual High School) and other programs including education career services such as MOIS, MyDreamExplorer, and other products.
- MWA** Michigan Works! Agency: Part of the Michigan Works! System governed locally by a partnership between the Workforce Development Board (WDB) and local elected officials. WDB members represent the private sector, education, economic development, social services, organized labor, community-based organizations and other groups affecting workforce development in a community. They are responsible for the day-to-day operations of a wide variety of programs designed to help employers find skilled workers and to help job seekers prepare for, find, and retain employment in the state's 25 service

regions. Services for youth and adults are delivered through Michigan Works! Service Centers.

- NCLB** No Child Left Behind: The federal act requiring states to set educational standards assuring that every child experiences one year of educational growth for every year of age focusing on school accountability and academic rigor.
- OCTE** Office of Career and Technical Education: Part of the Michigan Department of Career Development, it provides guidelines and technical assistance for Michigan's Career Preparation System, Tech Prep, CTE Perkins and all CTE programs.
- PAL** Partnership for Adult Learning: Adult education focused on attaining academic skills, competency-based instruction, and performance-based reimbursement to providers.
- RFP** Request for proposal
- RMTC** Regional Manufacturing Technology Center: A center operated by Kellogg Community College using open-entry and open exit skill-based modules to prepare students for skilled trades, provide customized training for area manufacturer, and offer programs in these areas leading to certificates and associate degrees. It is an example of a technology-based career preparation center called an M-TECH, a Michigan Education Technology Center.
- SDA** Service Delivery Area: The term formerly used to designate workforce development funding areas, of which we now have 25 in the state. SDAs are now called workforce development and Career Preparation System combined grant (CI) regions. Our region includes Barry, Branch and Calhoun intermediate school districts.
- SPED** Used to designate special education
- STW** School to Work: Generally refers to the system and supporting activities developed and funded through the federal School to Work Opportunities Act (STWOA). Federal funding for these initiatives was in place for over five years in Michigan and was replaced when the first year of Career Prep began in 1998. Monies for STW and Career Prep have been discontinued.
- TLC** Technology Leadership Committee: Includes the technology coordinators from Kellogg Community College and local school districts who recommend technology policies and programs to their superintendents.
- VEST** Vocational Evaluation/Student Transition program: This is a special education work/study program to help students learn skills to transition from school to the next step for them after K-12 graduation. It is housed at Calhoun Area Technology Center.
- WDB** Workforce Development Board: Charged with developing and operating career development strategic plans designed to affect the skills of the workforce in their respective regions using federal and state funds and grants designated for this purpose. Our workforce development region includes Barry, Branch and Calhoun counties.
- WIA** Workforce Investment Act: Federal legislation providing funds for job training, adult education, services to dislocated workers, etc. It established one-stop service delivery centers (Michigan Works!) and workforce boards to direct them.
- WIA Youth** Workforce Investment Act Youth Programs: Federal legislation providing funds to provide job training for disadvantaged youth both in and out of school.

