

**GLOSSARY OF COMMONLY USED TERMS**

4Sight Assessment	The Pennsylvania 4Sight Benchmark Assessments are valid, reliable and aligned to the PSSA. They provide an estimate of student performance on the PSSA, as well as PA Academic Standards and Assessment Anchor level data to guide classroom instruction and professional development efforts.
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress, or AYP, is a measurement defined by the United States federal No Child Left Behind Act that allows the U.S. Department of Education to determine how every public school and school district in the country is performing academically according to results on standardized tests.
CTE	Career and Technical Education
IEP	Individualized Education Program, commonly referred to as an IEP, is mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) which requires public schools to develop an IEP for every student with a disability who is found to meet the federal and state requirements for special education.
ISO 9001 Registration	<p>ISO 9001 registration indicates that an organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has demonstrated its ability to consistently provide product that meets customer and applicable statutory and regulatory requirements and</li> <li>• Aims to enhance customer satisfaction through the effective application of the system, including processes for continual improvement of the system and the assurance of conformity to customer and applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.</li> </ul>
MAX Teaching	MAX is an acronym that stands for the three steps of the teaching framework that any teacher can use to help all students better learn their subject matter and improve the literacy skills of all students. The essential goal of teachers who use the MAX teaching framework is to level the playing field by raising the bar for all students, in a classroom environment that provides skill instruction to enable improved performance while engaging all students in active learning from textbooks and other forms of textual matter. The acronym stands for Motivation, Acquisition and EXtension.

NCLB	No Child Left Behind Act of 2001
NOCTI	NOCTI student assessments are categorized as "Job Ready" assessments. Job Ready assessments measure the skills of an entry-level worker or an individual who has completed course work in a secondary or postsecondary career and technical program.
Programs of Study	Secondary to postsecondary career and technical education programs operating under a statewide articulation agreement.
PSSA	Pennsylvania System of School Assessments
Technical Centers That Work	The <i>Technology Centers That Work</i> school improvement initiative was formed in 2007 to help shared-time centers review and implement the actions needed to produce high-demand, high-wage graduates who will be leaders in their selected careers. The network now includes more than 130 sites in 12 states.