

*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.

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)