

Glossary of Common Acronyms used by NGSS

Many abbreviations and policy terms are used throughout the NGSS and its supporting materials. This document provides definitions and 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
EIS:	Earth's Interior Systems (Topic Name)
ES:	Earth's Systems (Topic Name)
ESS:	Earth and Space Science
ESS:	Earth's Surface Systems (Topic Name)
E:	Energy (Topic Name)
ELA:	English Language Arts
ED:	Engineering Design (Topic Name)
FI:	Forces and Interactions (Topic Name)
FB	Foundation Box
GB	Grade Band
GDRO:	Growth, Development and Reproduction of Organisms (Topic Name)
HI:	Human Impacts (Topic Name)
HS:	High School
HS:	Human Sustainability (Topic Name)
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
S	Standards
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)