

Glossary of Long Range Plan Terms

Alternative Funding Sources: revenue that is received from “uncommon” sources such as grants, foundations, successful referendums, etc.

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses: college-level courses and exams offered in high school to earn college credit

Bond ratings: a grade given to bonds that indicates their credit quality

Common Assessment: performance evaluation linked to quarterly instructional objectives and administered to all students in a particular course to measure mastery of learning

Feeder Districts: elementary districts that send their graduates to Mundelein High School-Districts 73, 75, 76, and 79

Illinois School Financial Profile (ISFP): a tool used by the Illinois State Board of Education to objectively assess the financial health of all **school** districts

Career Pathways: courses offered in high school which are sorted into the 16 national career clusters as represented in the Course Selection Guide

SMART Goals: goals that are written in a format that is: Strategic and Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Results-Oriented, and Timebound

Propensity Score: a statistical technique which estimates the effect of an intervention and attempts to reduce the bias.

State or National learning standards: Learning standards adopted by Illinois or the nation for particular subject areas. Learning standards are the basis for lessons within in courses.

ECRA Group: A research and analytics consulting firm offering organizations unique solutions to support their evolving data and research needs

Co-teaching models: Co-teaching is a service delivery model in which two teachers share the instructional responsibility and accountability for a single group of students.

Power standards: A statement that describes the essential knowledge and skills that all students should learn by the end of a course.

Instructional objectives: A statement that describes the direct and specific skills necessary to anchor daily lesson plans.

STEM: STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education.

Project Lead the Way: The nation's leading provider of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programming.

Grading models: A detailed plan describing how grading of student work will be conducted.

School Wide Reassessment Protocol: A detailed plan describing how students would be allowed to readdress work which did not demonstrate mastery of content or skills.

Parent University: A single or series of workshops for parents of current and future District 120 students providing practical information to help parents successfully guide their children through the high school years.

Wellness University: A single or series of workshops for District 120 community members focused on specific topics of community interest for a small fee and using District 120 facilities.

PTO: is a formal organization at individual schools which consists of **parents**, **teachers** and **school** staff. The organization's goals may vary from organization to organization, but essentially the goals include volunteerism of parents, encouragement of teachers and students, community involvement, and welfare of students and families.

Social Emotional Learning: Is a tiered process (Tier 1,2, &3) for learning life skills, including how to deal with oneself, others and relationships, and work in an effective manner.