

Average Daily Attendance (ADA) and Weighted ADA (WADA)

Texas Education Code (TEC)

TEC, §42.005 (ADA) and §42.302 (WADA)

History/Relevant Background Information

ADA is primarily used to calculate Tier I funding, while WADA is used to calculate Tier II funding and wealth equalization recapture.

Description of Funding Elements

ADA is the number of students in average daily attendance, or the sum of attendance for each day of the minimum number of days of instruction as described under the TEC, §25.081(a), divided by the minimum number of days of instruction.

ADA = Sum of Attendance Counts ÷ Days of Instruction

Alternately:

- (1) for a district that operates under a flexible year program under the TEC, §29.0821, the quotient of the sum of attendance for each actual day of instruction as permitted by the TEC, §29.0821(b)(1), divided by the number of actual days of instruction as permitted by the TEC, §29.0821(b)(1); or
- (2) for a district that operates under a flexible school day program under the TEC §29.0822, as calculated by the commissioner in accordance with the TEC §29.0822(d).

There is also an optional method of calculating ADA for districts with significant migrant populations, authorized by 19 TAC §129.1021. Districts in which the total district enrollment contains 5.0% or more students who have certificates of eligibility in the migrant students record transfer system and reported as migrant through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) shall have the district's annual ADA calculated by using the best four of the six-week periods.

WADA is the weighted average daily attendance figure used in several state funding formulas to calculate the amount of state and local funds a district is entitled to.

How Is WADA Calculated?

A district's WADA is calculated by subtracting a district's Transportation Allotment, High School Allotment, New Instructional Facilities Allotment (NIFA) and 50% of the CEI adjustment from the district's Tier I entitlement. The resulting amount is then divided by the district's basic allotment amount to arrive at a district's WADA.

Adjusted Tier I Entitlement =

- + Tier I Entitlement
- Transportation Allotment
- High School Allotment
- NIFA
- 50% of CEI Adjustment

WADA = Adjusted Tier I Entitlement ÷ District's Basic Allotment

Contact for More Information

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