

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

Texas Education Code (TEC) and Texas Administrative Code (TAC)

TEC, §42.005 (ADA); TEC, §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 §29.0821, the quotient of the sum of attendance for each actual day of instruction as permitted by §29.0821(b)(1) divided by the number of actual days of instruction as permitted by §29.0821(b)(1); or
- (2) for a district that operates under a flexible school day program under Section 29.0822, as calculated by the commissioner in accordance with Section 29.0822(d).

There is also an Optional Method of Calculating ADA in Districts with Significant Migrant Population, authorized by the Texas Administrative Code (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 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 first subtracting from a district's Tier I entitlement any transportation funding the district is due, any funding the district is due for new instructional facilities, the district's TxVSN allotment, the district's high school allotment, and 50 percent of the CEI adjustment. The resulting amount is then divided by the district's basic allotment amount to arrive at a district's WADA.

- + Tier I entitlement
- transportation allotment
- NIFA

- TxVSN allotment
- high school allotment
- 50% of CEI adjustment
- = adjusted Tier I entitlement



adjusted Tier I entitlement ÷ district's basic allotment amount = WADA

Contact for More Information

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