

## Office of School Finance

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



## Legal References

Texas Education Code, §48.005 (ADA) and §48.202 (WADA)



## Background Information

ADA is primarily used to calculate Tier One funding, while WADA is used to calculate Tier Two funding.



## Program Description

**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).
3. for a district that operates a half-day program or a full-day program under Section 29.153(c), one-half of the average daily attendance calculated under §48.005(a)(1).

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 to which a district is entitled.

## How is WADA Calculated?

A district's WADA is calculated by dividing the sum of the school district's allotments under Subchapters B and C, Chapter 48, Education Code by the district's basic allotment.



## Contact for More Information

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