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TENNESSEE EDUCATION GLOSSARY: 2025 UPDATE

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The Tennessee Comptroller's Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA) has updated the online version of its Tennessee Education Glossary. The glossary provides legislators and the general public with an easy-to-use reference guide to common education terms from prekindergarten to higher education and their relevance to Tennessee. Glossary entries define terms as well as provide pertinent data, explanations of relevant legislation, and links to related OREA reports.

OREA updates the glossary regularly to maintain accuracy and keep up with policy changes.

Thirty of the glossary's over 240 entries have been updated to incorporate current data and reference recent legislation, where applicable. Updated entries include:

- Advanced Placement (AP) program
- after-school programs
- civic education
- cut scores
- direct certification
- middle college high school
- school buses
- special education

OREA updated several entries related to Tennessee's K-12 funding formula, the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA). In 2022, the Tennessee General Assembly passed legislation creating the TISA formula. These updates include, among others:

- average daily membership
- capital outlay
- fiscal capacity
- local match

To view the updated glossary of over 240 entries covering prekindergarten through higher education, visit the Comptroller's OREA website at tncot.cc/orea.

