

Title 16 definitions involving the concept of a “school”

1. § 11. CLASSIFICATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

(a) As used in this title, unless the context otherwise clearly requires:

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(7) “Public school” means an elementary school or secondary school operated by a school district. A public school may maintain evening or summer schools for its students and it shall be considered a public school.

(8) “Independent school” means a school other than a public school, which provides a program of elementary or secondary education, or both. An “independent school meeting education quality standards” means an independent school in Vermont that undergoes the education quality standards process and meets the requirements of subsection 165(b) of this title.

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(10) “School district” means town school districts, union school districts, interstate school districts, city school districts, unified union districts, and incorporated school districts, each of which is governed by a publicly elected board.

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(17) “Adult education and literacy” means a program of public education adapted to the needs of persons who are beyond compulsory school age, and who have not completed high school education.

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(19) “Recognized independent school” for any school year means an independent school that meets the requirements for recognized independent schools in section 166 of this title and that is not a home study program.

(20) “Approved independent school” means an independent school that is approved under section 166 of this title.

(21) “Home study program” means an educational program offered through home study that provides a minimum course of study and that is offered to not more than:

- (A) children residing in that home; and
- (B) children not residing in that home who either are two or fewer in number or who are from one family.

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(23) “Supervisory union” means an administrative, planning, and educational service unit created by the State Board under section 261 of this title, that consists of two or more school districts; if the context clearly allows, the term also means a supervisory district.

(24) “Supervisory district” means a supervisory union that consists of only one school district, which may be a unified union district.

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(27) “Tutorial program” means education provided to a student who is placed in a short-term program for evaluation and treatment purposes.

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(31) “Early childhood education,” “early education,” or “prekindergarten education” means services designed to provide developmentally appropriate early development and learning experiences based on Vermont’s early learning standards to children who are three to four years of age and to five-year-old children who are not eligible for or enrolled in kindergarten.

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(34) “Approved education program” means a program that is evaluated and approved by the State Board pursuant to written standards, that is neither an approved independent school nor a public school, and that provides educational services to one or more students in collaboration with the student’s or students’ school district of residence. An “approved education program” includes an “approved teen parent education program.”

(35) “Teen parent education program” means a program designed to provide educational and other services to pregnant pupils or parenting pupils, or both.

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2. § 176. POSTSECONDARY SCHOOLS CHARTERED IN VERMONT

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(b) Definitions. As used in this subchapter:

(1) “Postsecondary school” means any person who offers or operates a program of college or professional education for credit or a degree and enrolls or intends to enroll students.

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3. § 829. PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION

(a) Definitions. As used in this section:

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(3) “Prequalified private provider” means a private provider of prekindergarten education that is qualified pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

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4. § 1522. DEFINITIONS [for career technical education chapter]

As used in this chapter:

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(3) “Secondary career technical education” or “secondary CTE” means an educational program leading to a high school diploma, designed to provide students with career and technical knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will prepare them for further education, enhance their employment options, or lead to an industry-recognized credential.

(4) “Regional CTE center” means any of the 16 regional CTE centers operating with State support on January 1, 1984 and any other centers so designated thereafter by rule of the State Board.

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5. § 570i. DEFINITIONS [for hazing, harassment, bullying prevention policies subchapter]

As used in this subchapter:

(1) “Educational institution” means a Vermont public or independent school or a postsecondary school that offers or operates a program of college or professional education for credit or a degree in Vermont.

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6. § 1388. STOCK SUPPLY AND EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF EPINEPHRINE

(a) As used in this section:

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(4) “School” means a public or approved independent school and extends to school grounds, school-sponsored activities, school-provided transportation, and school-related programs.

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*****Possible most inclusive definition:**

(a) Educational institution. For the purposes of this section:

(1) “Educational institution” shall mean:

- (A) a public school, as that term is defined in 16 V.S.A. § 11(7);
- (B) an independent school, as that term is defined in 16 V.S.A. § 11(8);
- (C) a regional CTE center, as that term is defined in 16 V.S.A. § 1522(4);
- (D) an approved education program, as that term is defined in 16 V.S.A. § 11(34);
- (E) a prequalified private prekindergarten provider, as that term is defined in 16 V.S.A.

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- (F) a postsecondary school, as that term is defined in 16 V.S.A. § 176(b)(1);
- (G) an educational program operated by a Board of Cooperative Education Services

pursuant to 16 V.S.A. chapter 10;

- (H) a tutorial program, as that term is defined in 16 V.S.A. § 11(27); and
- (I) an adult education and secondary credential program operated pursuant to 16 V.S.A.

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(2) The term “educational institution” shall also extend to grounds operated by, activities

sponsored by, transportation provided by, and programs related to educational institutions.