

164.001 Definitions for chapter.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Administrator" means the chief executive officer of the institution;
- (2) "Adult basic education" means instruction in mathematics, science, social studies, reading, language arts, and related areas to enable individuals to better function in society;
- (3) "Benchmarks" means objective measures developed where applicable or practical by the Council on Postsecondary Education to judge the performance of the postsecondary education system and progress toward the goals of postsecondary education in the Commonwealth;
- (4) "Board" or "governing board" means the board of trustees for the University of Kentucky or the University of Louisville, the board of regents for a comprehensive university, or the board of regents for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System;
- (5) "Board of regents" means the governing board of each comprehensive university and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System;
- (6) "Comprehensive university" means the following public institutions: Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, and Western Kentucky University;
- (7) "Council" means the Council on Postsecondary Education created in KRS 164.011;
- (8) "Customized training" means training in specific academic areas, work processes, or technical skills that are designed to serve a specific industry or industries to upgrade worker skills;
- (9) "Independent institution" means a nonpublic postsecondary education institution in Kentucky whose instruction is not solely sectarian in nature, is accredited by a regional accrediting association recognized by the United States Department of Education, and is licensed by the Council on Postsecondary Education;
- (10) "Institution" means a university, college, community college, health technology center, vocational-technical school, technical institute, technical college, technology center, or the Kentucky Community and Technical College System;
- (11) "Kentucky Community and Technical College System" or "KCTCS" means the system composed of public community and technical colleges, including those postsecondary institutions operated by the former Cabinet for Workforce Development and those community colleges in the University of Kentucky Community College System on May 30, 1997. The system also includes institutions created by the board of regents for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and approved by the General Assembly;
- (12) "Literacy" means an individual's ability to read, write, and speak in English and compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job and in society to achieve one's goals and develop one's knowledge and potential;
- (13) "Lower division academic course" means any academic course offered for college

or university credit that is designated as a freshman or sophomore level academic course;

- (14) "Nonteaching personnel" means any employee who is a full-time staff member, excluding a president, chancellor, vice president, academic dean, academic department chair, or administrator;
- (15) "Postsecondary education system" means the following public institutions: University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University, and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System;
- (16) "Public" means operated with state support;
- (17) "Relative" means a person's father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law;
- (18) "Standardized degree program" means a program, approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education, that consists of specific competencies, curriculum, and performance requirements regardless of the providing institution;
- (19) "Strategic agenda" means the state strategic postsecondary education agenda described in KRS 164.0203;
- (20) "Technical institution" means an educational institution that offers certificates, diplomas, or technical degrees in technical or occupational-related programs, including a facility called a vocational-technical school, technical institute, health technology center, technology center, technical college, or similar designation; and
- (21) "Learning outcomes" means the knowledge, skills, and abilities that students have attained as a result of their involvement in a particular set of educational experiences.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (7/15/2026). This statute was amended by 2026 Ky. Acts chs. 164 and 171, which do not appear to be in conflict and have been codified together.