



## Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-45-02 Definitions.

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The following terms are defined as they are used in the rules in this chapter:

(A) "Certificate of completion" means the certificate developed by the department of education and workforce to certify all requirements for a high school diploma have been completed.

(B) "Competency-based education" refers to any system of academic instruction, assessment, grading and reporting where students receive credit based on demonstrations and assessments of their learning, not as a function of how much time they spend studying a subject. Students progress at their own pace, competency-based education encourages accelerated learning among students who master academic material quickly, and provides additional instructional support time for students who need it to stay on track.

(C) "Credit recovery plan" means the plan and timeline developed for each participant, specifying the courses and assessments required to be completed to fulfill graduation requirements.

(D) "Department" means the department of education and workforce.

(E) "Eligible individual" refers to any person living in Ohio, aged twenty-two years of age or older, who has not been awarded a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalence as defined in division (E) of section 4109.06 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Enrolled" refers to the status of a participant who applied for and has been accepted into the program by a provider and the department.

(G) "High school diploma" means the document given to an individual who has successfully completed the competency-based standards required for graduation as described in this chapter.

(H) "Instruction and assessment activities" include, but are not limited to credit-bearing, subject-



matter specific courses and state and local assessments.

(I) "Participant" refers to an eligible individual who applied for and has been accepted into the program by a provider and the department.

(J) "Program" or "twenty-two plus program" means a program for which rules were adopted in accordance with section 3317.231 of the Revised Code and provide adults twenty-two years of age and older the opportunity to earn a diploma in accordance with sections 3314.38, 3317.23, 3317.24, and 3345.86 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Provider" means a community school that operates a dropout prevention and recovery program; a city, local, or exempted village school district that operates a dropout prevention and recovery program; a joint vocational school district that operates an adult education program; or a community college, university branch, technical college or state community college.

(L) "Provider Performance Report" means the measurements of success for program providers, as defined by rule 3301-45-06 of the Administrative Code.

(M) "School year" or "fiscal year" means the twelve-month period beginning July first in a calendar year and ending June thirtieth of the following calendar year.