



## What is Adult Education?

Adult education is a public education program offering free to low-cost classes for adults 18 and older. Students can get a high school diploma or equivalency, learn to read, write and speak English, develop the skills to become a U.S. citizen, and obtain short-term career training. Adult schools are easily accessible, located in hundreds of K-12 schools across the state.

### **POPULATIONS SERVED**

Adult education serves an increasingly diverse student population, including:

**Adult Immigrants** — Adults who need language instruction and learning experiences to communicate with English speakers and prepare for employment, citizenship, parenthood, and self-sufficiency.

**Disadvantaged Adults** — Low-income and hard-to-serve adults who demonstrate basic skills deficiency below the eighth-grade level. Adult education provides basic skills training, preparation for the high school equivalency test, preparation toward earning a high school diploma, and job skills training opportunities.

**Homeless Adults** — Adult literacy services provide life skills instruction, connections with community resources, self-esteem support, and preparation for employment.

**Incarcerated Adults** — Individuals who are convicted of any criminal offense. Correctional education programs provide educational and job-training services in technology, English as a second language, high school credit, and basic education programs to prepare inmates to be responsible citizens and successfully integrate into society.

**Single Parents and the Unemployed** — Unemployed or underemployed individuals receive needed services, such as career counseling, vocational evaluation, educational counseling and child care.

**Adults with Disabilities** — Individuals with cognitive, physical, sensory, or medical disabilities or mental disorders are provided instructional strategies to increase literacy and workplace skills.



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