

Adult Education (WIOA Title II) Update

Grants

- Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE) Grant (Announced in May)
- Federal Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) Grants (Announced in June)

Ability-to-Benefit (AtB): State Process submitted by Minnesota State

- Ability to benefit is a term used in postsecondary education to refer to students who have sufficient competency to benefit from postsecondary education but do not have a high school diploma or a High School Equivalency (HSE) certificate. This allows someone who needs financial aid to access financial aid without a diploma or HSE. There are three ways someone can qualify for AtB. One way is to create a state plan and submit it for approval.
- The goal is to have learners complete a postsecondary program while also obtaining a high school equivalency diploma.
- Campuses that have indicated an interest in the pilot are Minnesota State College Southeast and South Central College.

Negotiated Performance Targets

- Measurable Skill Gain for Program Year 2022 is 27.5%
- Measurable Skill Gain for Program Year 2023 is 28%

Office Updates

- The Minnesota Department of Education has moved. The new building is being remodeled. Most MDE employees are working remotely until the remodel is complete. The new address is [400 NE Stinson Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55413](https://www.mn.gov/locations/400-NE-Stinson-Blvd-Minneapolis-MN-55413)
- MDE will be hiring one more position for High School Equivalency records.

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