



Adult Education Update for MN Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB) Job Seeker Services Committee

Adult Education is Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

Last week was Adult Education and Family Literacy Week.

- 57,772 Adult student enrollees
- 1,245 ABE staff
- 959 Teachers (*68% are part-time*)
- 1,163 ABE volunteers

Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE) Grantees Announced

There were 19 applications with a total request for double the amount of funding available. Each grantee is required to offer English language, civics, and training.

- Anoka-Hennepin (Metro North ABE-Columbia Heights)
- Bloomington (Metro South ABE)
- Burnsville-Eagan-Savage
- Great Rivers (South Washington County)
- International Institute of MN
- Mankato ABE
- North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale
- Osseo

Online Statewide Training Courses

The following statewide courses will be offered during FY26 (2025–2026 school year):

- **Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Class B** Sept 30 - Dec 16, 2025, Registration open August 25-Oct 6 (can start 1 week after class starts but no later)
- **Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS)** Oct 15, 2025, Registration open August 25 - Oct 10 (No late registration)
- **Paraprofessional** Sept 2025-June 2026, Open enrollment from Aug 25 - May 15
- **Personal Care Assistant (PCA)** March 3 -May 14, 2026 Registration open Feb 2-Mar 4 (can start after first class meets but no later)

Information about Online Statewide Training Courses - <https://atlasabe.org/resource/online-statewide-training-courses-fy26/>

High School Equivalency Exams

- Minnesota has two options for High School Equivalency Exams. The HiSET® and GED®. A client can test free the first time they take each subject test by entering the promo code MNHSEFREE when they schedule and pay for their tests.

Federal Changes

- Adult Education grants and payment systems are moving from US Department of Education to US Department of Labor. There is an interagency agreement between US Departments of Education and Labor.

Adult Literacy Hotline

Contact the [Adult Literacy Hotline](#)

Call: [800-222-1990](tel:800-222-1990) Text: [612-424-1211](tel:612-424-1211)

Email hotlinemnliteracy@gmail.com to request adult literacy outreach materials for your business or organization.

[New video](#) that demonstrates how to use the hotline https://youtu.be/_gT6jtquzws

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