



ADULT EDUCATION PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Prince William County Public Schools Adult Education provides educational opportunities for adults who wish to acquire competencies necessary for further education, employment, or personal enrichment.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

ESOL classes are for individuals 18 years of age and over who have a native language other than English. Description of ESOL levels and specializations are

Beginning Literacy ESOL

For ESOL students who cannot speak or understand English or have minimal reading or writing skills or functions minimally or not at all in English.

Low Beginning ESOL

For ESOL students who can understand basic greetings and simple phrases, can read numbers and letters, and functions with difficulty in social situations.

High Beginning ESOL

For ESOL students who can understand common words and simple phrases, can read most sight words and common words, and can function in some situations related to immediate needs.

Low Intermediate ESOL

For ESOL students who can express basic survival needs in spoken English, can read and write using simple material, and can function with routine community and work tasks.

High Intermediate ESOL

For ESOL students who can participate in conversation in familiar social situations, can read text on familiar subjects, and can write simple paragraph text, and functions independently to meet basic survival needs.

Advanced ESOL

For ESOL students who can understand and communicate in a variety of contexts, can read moderately complex text, can write multi-paragraph text, and functions independently to meet most survival needs.

Civics and Citizenship Preparation for Intermediate/Advanced ESOL

For ESOL students who are permanent residents and want to prepare for U.S. Citizenship and learn how to become active members of their community.

Reading and Writing for Literacy

For ESOL students who have high oral skills but whose reading skills in their first language are low.

Successfully Obtaining Academic Results (SOAR)

The SOAR program is an ESOL to GED transitional program. Students further develop literacy language skills (reading and writing) while studying GED content.

Connect with English - PWCS-TV

Learn from home by watching television on PWCS-TV (Channel 18). The fifteen-minute episodes are broadcast everyday.

Workplace Skills Program

This program is customized to the needs of employees and is conducted onsite. Training may be designed to develop English language proficiency; to improve basic reading, math, and/or writing skills; and/or to earn a high school credential or diploma.

Adult Basic Education (ABE)

Classes are for individuals 18 years of age and over whose basic reading, math, and/or writing skills are below the eighth grade level of achievement.

General Educational Development (GED)

Preparation classes are for individuals 18 years of age and over with reading, math, and / or writing skills at the ninth grade level or above.

GED Test

The GED Test is a battery of five comprehensive examinations in mathematics, language arts writing, language arts reading, social studies, and science. The test is designed to measure skills that are acquired during four years of high school.

Official GED Practice Test

A four hour test that determines readiness to take the GED Test.

GED as Project

An approach that prepares learners for the higher-level thinking skills present on the GED Test.

GED Connection

A multimedia curriculum for GED preparation.

GED 21st Century

A software program that enhances GED instruction.

Fast Track GED

A six week intensive GED preparation program incorporating GED as Project, GED Connection, and 21st Century software.

GED Mathematics

A six week intensive class covering GED mathematics only.

GED on TV

Lessons are offered on PWCS-TV. Visit www.pwcstv.com for broadcast schedule and to download materials.

Workplace Essential Skills

A multimedia program covering critical skills in the areas of employment, workplace writing, communication, reading, and math skills.

Supportive Adult Intensive Learning (SAIL) Program

An intensive GED preparation program that integrates job readiness skills and computer technology skills.

National External Diploma Program (NEDP)

A high school diploma program for adults who have acquired their academic skills through life and work experiences and can demonstrate what they have learned.

Regional Jail Program, Adult Detention Center

ABE, GED, ESOL, and Workplace Essential Skills classes are held at the Adult Detention Center for qualifying inmates. GED Testing is offered on site.

ADULT EDUCATION ENROLLMENT 2008-2009			
Program Areas	Enrollments	Program Areas	Enrollments
ESOL	668	GED TESTING	882
ABE/GED	197		
NEDP	61	Total Enrollment	1,808

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

200,000 brochures/flyers distributed throughout Prince William County, Manassas City, and Manassas Park
 Press Release to all Prince William County, Manassas City, and Manassas Park Schools and local papers
 Listings in numerous organization rosters and website resources
 Race to GED advertising on marquees, Omnalink buses, radio station, and banners
 Diverse Adult Education population-over 90 languages spoken
 Partnership with Head Start to provide Adult Education program information to parents
 Partner with area businesses and community agencies
 Presentations at local, state, and national level forums

Associations:

National External Diploma Program Council (NEDPC) Member/Trainer
 Teachers to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Member
 Washington Area Teachers to Speakers of Other Languages (WATESOL) Member, Adult Ed. Special Interest Group Co-chair
 Virginia Association for Adult and Continuing Education (VAACE) Board Member
 Virginia Adult Learning Resource Center (VALRC) Advisory Council Member/Trainer/Online Facilitator
 Commission on Adult Basic Education (COABE) Member
 Regional Literacy Coordinating Committee (RLCC) Member
 Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Board Member
 WIB Leadership Committee, Quality Assurance Committee, and Continuous Quality Improvement Team Member
 State and National level assessment trainers on staff
 Virginia Board of Education Advisory Committee on Adult Education and Literacy Member

Awards:

VAACE Outstanding Adult Education Leadership Award - 2008
 Race to GED - 2004, 2005, 2006
 VAACE Distinguished Service Award - 2005
 Prince William County Schools Staff Recognition Outstanding Performance Award - 1999, 2005
 Recognition Award for Workforce Improvement Network Best Practices Research Project - 2001
 The VAACE Joan E.D. Kushnir Teacher of the Year Award - 2001
 The Virginia Adult Education and Literacy Excellence in Teaching Award - 2000
 Certificate of Recognition, Prince William County Public Schools - 1999, 2000
 Exemplary Employer Sponsored Adult and Continuing Education Program, VAACE - 1998, 1999, 2000

State-wide Curricula Developed:

ESOL Transition to GED Curriculum: SOAR (Successfully Obtaining Academic Results)
 Adult Education ESOL Orientation Video: *Learning English: The Journey Begins with You*
 Money Talks (VALRC) Pilot Site
 Workplace Skills for the Adult Learner: An Integrated Curriculum
 ESOL and GED Content Standards Writing Team/Steering Committee/Trainers
 Virginia Numeracy
 Fast Track GED
 Our Voices ESOL Curriculum - under development

Grant Recipient/Pilot Program:

Standards-in-Action Pilot - 2008-2009
 Expanded GED Testing Grant - 2004-2009
 EL Civics Grant - 2006-2007, 2008-2009
 "Money Talks" Curriculum Pilot Program - 2005-2007
 WalMart Good Works Grants - 2004-2009
 Race to GED Grant - 2004-2009
 EL Civics Grant with the VALRC - 2003-2005
 EL Civics-Compass Grant with WIN - 2003-2004
 GED as Project - 2002-2004
 ESOL PEP-WIN Grant - 2003
 ESOL Mainstreet - 2002-2003

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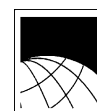
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