

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Through its various programs and course offerings for adults, the Board shall seek to meet the needs of adults of all ages who, for whatever reason, have been unable to secure a high school diploma in a regular school program, or who need additional training to become more efficient in their chosen occupations. Courses aimed at personal enrichment shall also be offered through the adult education program.

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM

An accredited high school completion program is offered which provides an opportunity for adults to earn a high school diploma. All required high school credit courses are taught including English, U.S. History, Science, Social Studies, Math, and Introduction to Computers. Electives are available to students upon approval of the counselor/director.

Admissions Requirements

To be eligible for the High School Diploma Program, the student must:

- a. be 17 years old or older, and not in attendance at any other public school, unless a waiver has been granted by the Superintendent of Schools;
- b. receive a preliminary evaluation of credits by guidance personnel/director.

There is no registration fee charged to diploma candidates.

GENERAL ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

A variety of personal enrichment and occupational courses are offered as part of the Messalonskee School District (MSAD 47) Adult Education Program. A certificate of attendance is awarded to those adults who complete a course with no more than two (2) absences.

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for the General Adult Education Program, the student must:

- a. be 17 years old or older, and not in attendance at any other public school;
- b. pay the registration fee and any materials fees. (High School Diploma candidates are excluded.)

WAIVER OF ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students who are in attendance at a public or private high school may be admitted to the Adult Education High School Diploma Program only in exceptional cases. Such cases are defined as situations in which students cannot complete their secondary education by employing the resources of the high school because of unusual physical impairment, economic need, or because of the impossibility of scheduling a needed subject in the day high school.

Students enrolled in a day high school program who wish to apply for admission to the Adult Education High School Diploma program must proceed as follows:

1. complete the Application for Admissions Form available at the Adult Education Office;
2. secure a parent or guardian's signature if the student is under 18 years of age;
3. have the recommendation of the High School Guidance Counselor, the High School Principal, and the Director of Adult Education.

Further, acceptance into the Adult Education High School Diploma Program shall be contingent upon approval by the Director of the Division of Adult Education, Maine Department of Education.

Credit for satisfactory completion of Adult Education courses will become part of the student's cumulative record.

Day high school students may be admitted to the Adult Education personal enrichment and vocational education courses if such courses are unavailable or cannot be scheduled in the day high school. Such students may be admitted on a space-available basis with no academic credit granted. Students may apply by following the procedure outlined above. A registration fee equivalent to the adult fee will be charged. Students must be 17 years of age.

Priority will be given to those who are 18 years of age or older for admission into any adult education program. In addition, residents of the Messalonskee School District (MSAD 47) will be given priority for admission in to any adult education program partially funded by the District.

All adult education diploma credit programs shall be subject to approval by the Board. The Superintendent shall set the salary structure for teachers, with approval by the Board. The Director shall be responsible for the operation of the Adult Education Program and shall report to the Superintendent.

Tuition and fees collected in the operation of the Adult Education Program shall be accounted for in the normal records and reports of the district.

Annual approval of the Adult Education Program must be granted. An article shall be placed in the warrant of the District Budget Meeting to raise the necessary funds to operate the program for the ensuing year. Funds shall be raised by each district town on a percentage basis as determined by the state valuation in relation to the total district state valuation.

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