

## ADULT/COMMUNITY EDUCATION

An educational program for adults shall be established and maintained in the school system. This program shall provide, at convenient times and at reasonable costs, opportunities for residents of the community and surrounding areas to receive instruction in subjects commonly taught in the public schools and in such other fields as recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the School Board. Appropriate recognition certificates of attendance and satisfactory performance of work shall be issued upon completion of units and instruction.

Through its various programs and courses, the School 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, who need additional training to become more efficient in their chosen occupations, or who would like to pursue interests relating to academic, vocational or leisure time activities.

For those students necessitating exceptions such as high school diploma, admission requirements will be met by the sponsoring local educational association.

The adult education program will be administered by the Superintendent/designee and will be supported by a combination of school department funds, state and federal aid, and minimal fees. State aid will be requested for all courses for which the state offers such aid.

In an effort to meet the needs of the community, the School Board will appoint an adult education director. The School Board will also appoint a member to serve on the Adult Education Advisory Council. The Director and the Council will be charged with the responsibility of recommending to the School Board policies and programs for the effective operation of the Adult Education Program.

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