

Policy Update

I-7.5 Adult Education

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Proposed Title Revision

The Superintendent recommends the following revisions to School Board Policy I-7.5 Adult Education

Title change from “Adult Education” to “Adult Community Education”

Rationale: to help clarify the focus on learning opportunities available to all adult learners in the APS community.

Proposed Policy Revision

The Arlington Public Schools supports learning opportunities for **all residents of Arlington County and recognizes that the philosophy of lifelong learning benefits everyone in the community; children, youth, and adults.**

These opportunities, limited by available funding and space, may include:

1. Professional, personal, and extended learning courses and programs designed to meet the identified needs of adults residing in Arlington County,
2. English-language courses for limited English proficient (LEP) adults residing and/or working in Arlington County and to others on a contract basis,
3. Family literacy programs for LEP parents of children attending Arlington Public Schools, and
4. **General Education Development (GED) courses to prepare adults to successfully pass the GED exam and receive their high school equivalency credential.**

These opportunities are largely self-supporting through fees, tuition, and grants. The Arlington Public Schools supports these opportunities through the provision of classroom space and some administrative services.

Please note, additional high school credit bearing courses are offered at both Arlington Community High School and Langston High School Continuation Program for adults who are pursuing a Virginia standard or advanced high school diploma. See the Policy Implementation Procedures I-7.2.8 Alternative Delivery of Instruction for more details.

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