



State of Arizona
Department of Education

MEMO

TO: The Honorable Andy Biggs
President, Arizona State Senate

The Honorable Andy Tobin
Speaker, Arizona House of Representatives

FROM: Karen Liersch
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DATE: June 27, 2014

**RE: A.R.S. 15-232 Semiannual Report to the Arizona Legislature from
Adult Education Services: December 1, 2013 – June 1, 2014**

The Arizona Adult Education System was ranked 2nd nationally for educational gains, producing over two grade level increases for less than \$1,250 per student annually. The U.S. Department of Labor statistics show that adults who complete Adult Secondary Education and earn their high school diploma by passing the GED® Test earn \$8,000 more in taxable wages each year, which generates tax revenue at both the state and federal levels almost immediately. During FY 2013, over 14,540 Arizona adults earned their high school diploma by passing the GED® Test.

Of the 10,126 people who applied for instruction in Arizona Adult Education during the reporting period, 442 people (4.4% percent) were denied instruction because they failed to provide acceptable evidence of citizenship or legal residence in the United States.

At the time of enrollment, ALL students must provide documented proof of legal residency. To ensure compliance with Prop 300 amendments to ARS 15-232, ADE staff conducts on-site inspections of student enrollment records annually.

Note: DACA individuals are excluded from participation in ADE-funded adult education programs.

The following table provides current and historical state totals for the number of people who are waitlisted for classes in each AES service area, who applied for classes, and who were denied enrollment according to changes made to ARS 15-232 as part of Prop 300.

ARS 15-232 Report Date		Waitlist ABE/ASE*	Waitlist ELAA**	Waitlist TOTAL	ARS 15-232 Applicants	ARS 15-232 Service Denials
June	2014	2,998	2,125	5,123	10,126	442
December	2013	3,679	2,000	5,679	14,004	525
June	2013	4,058	2,875	6,933	16,471	714
December	2012	3,894	2,374	6,268	15,752	623
June	2012	3,289	2,769	6,058	15,363	486
December	2011	4,112	2,328	6,440	16,606	510
June	2011	4,173	2,368	6,541	16,248	555
December	2010	4,077	2,271	6,348	15,873	544
June	2010	4,521	3,338	7,859	19,652	503
December	2009	4,775	3,020	7,795	18,488	523
June	2009	4,048	2,551	6,599	19,040	890
December	2008	4,025	2,877	6,902	20,060	470
June	2008	3,347	2,703	6,050	16,373	771
December	2007	3,151	2,434	5,585	18,276	1,149

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COMPARISON**

*ABE: Adult Basic Education (Reading, Writing, Math through 8th Grade)

* ASE: Adult Secondary Education (Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies: grades 9-12)

** ELAA: English Language Acquisition for Adults

