

AUTHORIZATION

Arizona Adult Education provides comprehensive literacy services to learners 16 years of age and older who are not enrolled in a K-12 school. Adult Education is authorized under Title II of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, also known as the Adult and Family Literacy Act, and Arizona Revised Statute 15-234.

PROGRAMS

Adult education instruction is delivered in the contexts of the adult learner's roles as family member, worker, and member of the community:

- ABE** = Adult Basic Education - Reading, Writing and Math through the 8th grade level
- ASE** = Adult Secondary Education and GED® Test Preparation
- ELAA** = English Language Acquisition for Adults
- Citizenship & Civics** are integrated into ABE, ASE, and ELAA instruction
- Distance Learning** = GED® Test preparation through online instruction

PROVIDER SELECTION & REQUIREMENTS

Adult Education providers are funded by the Arizona Department of Education through a competitive process. Eligible providers include local education agencies, community colleges, and community-based organizations. Funding is based upon the provider's demonstrated record of delivering extraordinary educational services and producing learners who meet their personal academic and employment goals.

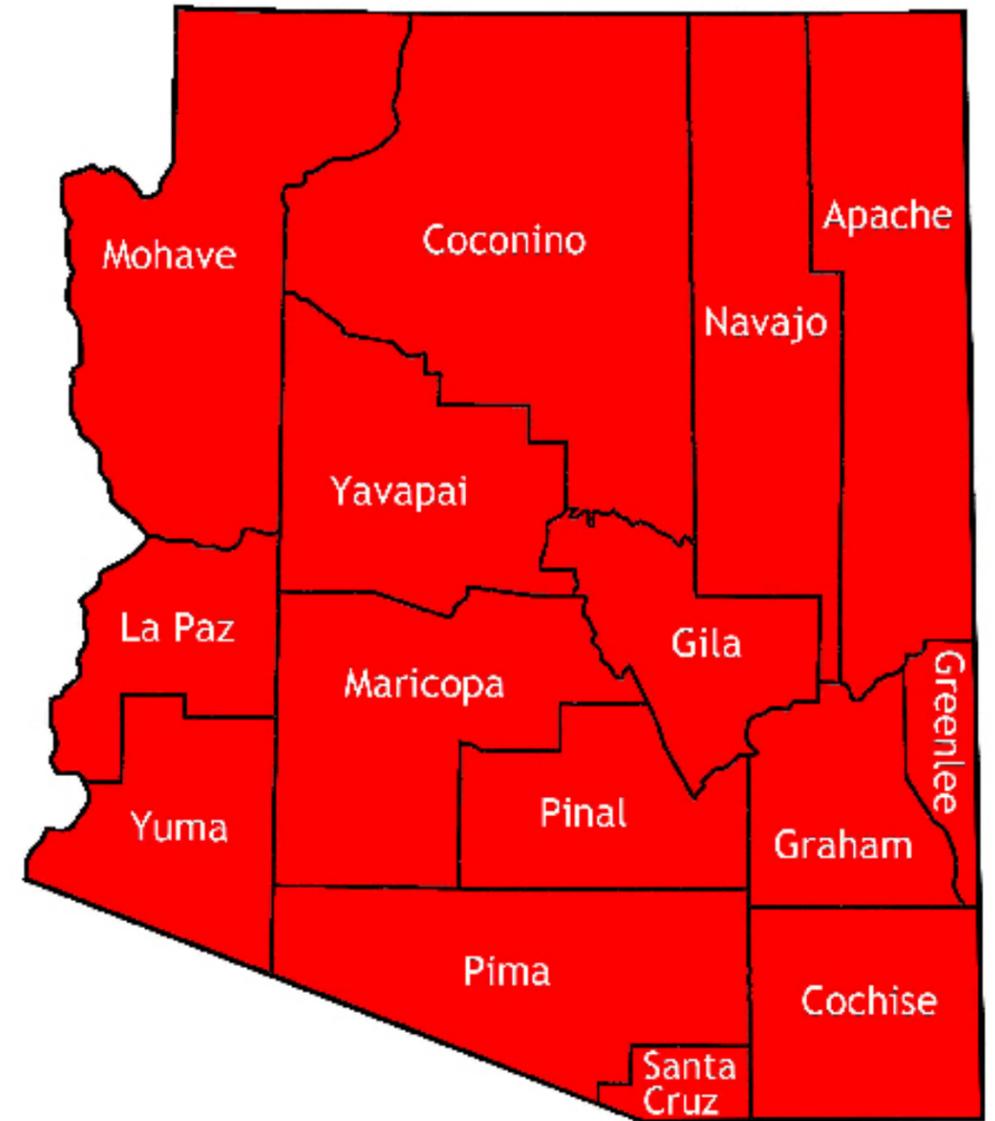
2009-2010 CERTIFIED ADULT EDUCATION PROVIDERS



Adult Literacy Plus of Southwest Arizona; Arizona Call-A-Teen-Teen Youth Resources; Camp Verde Adult Reading Program; Central Arizona College; Cochise College; Coconino Community College; Crane Unified School District; Friendly House, Inc.; Gila County Adult Education; Gilbert Unified School District; La Paz Career Center; Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County; Literacy Volunteers of Santa Cruz; Maricopa County Adult Probation; Mesa Unified School District; Mohave Community College; Northland Pioneer College; Phoenix Indian Center; Pima Community College; Pima County Adult Probation; Queen Creek Unified School District; Rio Salado College; Santa Cruz County Continuing Education; South Yuma County Adult Education Consortium; Tempe Union High School District; Yavapai College; and Waiting to Excel Education Center.

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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - ADULT EDUCATION SERVICES



WHAT ADULT EDUCATION MEANS TO ARIZONA
PROGRAM YEAR 2009-2010

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SITUATION: ARIZONA'S CRITICAL NEEDS

There is a direct relationship, economically and socially, among low literacy levels, unemployment, and poverty. Many parents lack the skills necessary to help their children succeed in school. The greatest predictor of a child's success in school is the education level of the parent.*

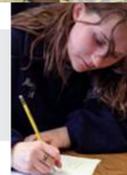
- Of people aged 16 and older, approximately 825,000 (17%) Arizonans do not have a high school diploma or GED® and are not enrolled in school.**
- Of adults aged 18 and older, over 384,000* (10%) cannot communicate effectively in the English language.**
- Almost 60% of adults enrolled in Adult Education classes read below the 9th grade level.***
- Estimated Annual Lost Earnings: Per the U.S. Department of Labor - Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median annual earnings in 2008 of a person with less than a high school diploma is \$8,580 less per year than a high school graduate.****
- The over 825,000 Arizonans without a high school diploma or GED® represent over \$7,075,000,000 in lost annual taxable income.

SOLUTION: ARIZONA'S AVENUES FOR EDUCATION

Through Adult Education Services, Arizona adults can break the cycle of poverty while simultaneously increasing the safety and well-being of Arizona communities. Twenty-six programs statewide met rigorous requirements to receive funding. They served over 18,000 learners with approximately 1,800,000 instructional hours in classrooms located throughout Arizona.

RESULTS: ARIZONA'S 2009-2010 OUTCOMES***

# or %	Outcome Category
6,492	English language learners
11,791	Adult basic education learners
1,506	Adult secondary education learners
4,685	Learners between the ages of 16 and 21
60%	Adult learners who were pre-and post-tested advanced two or more grade levels
82%	Adults who sought a job found employment
88%	Adult learners who sought to retain job or improve employment were successful
79%	Adult learners who wanted to enter post-secondary education or training went on to other educational pursuits



Moving forward...



GED® GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEST

1. Over 18,000 candidates in Arizona took the GED® Test during Program Year 2009-2010.***
2. Approximately 20% of all high school diplomas issued in Arizona each year are earned through the GED® Testing program.***
3. Of the over 18,000 students who took the GED® Test in Arizona during the Program Year 2009-2010, 13,403 candidates were awarded Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas. ***
4. During the Program Year 2009-2010, approximately 50% of those taking the GED® Test in Arizona were 16 to 22 years of age. Over 75% of candidates age 16-22 passed the test and received an equivalency diploma. This age group represents 72% of all candidates.***
5. At today's rates, an individual with a high school diploma can earn approximately \$343,000 more during his/her working career than someone without a high school diploma.****
6. The Arizona High School Equivalency Diploma is recognized by state community colleges and universities, U.S. Military, employers and business organizations.
7. A high school equivalency diploma meets one of the criteria for federal financial aid, which is often the support needed for those who cannot afford the cost of a post-secondary program.
8. The GED® Test is available in English, French, and Spanish. Special accommodations are available for those candidates with disabilities. The test consists of five sub-tests: Language Arts-Writing/Essay; Social Studies; Science; Language Arts-Reading; and Mathematics.

For more information on GED® Testing, call (602) 258-2410
www.ade.azgov/adult-ed . . . www.gedtest.org

GED® TESTING CENTERS PROGRAM YEAR 2009-2010

Arizona Department of Education - GED Testing; Arizona Western College; Central Arizona College Apache Junction/ Aravaipa/ Florence Center/ Signal Peak; Chinle Unified School District; Cochise College Testing; Coconino Community College Testing; Dine College; Douglas Public Schools; Eastern Arizona College - Thatcher; Estrella Mountain Community College; Gateway Community College; Gila County Education Service Agency; Glendale Community College; Mesa Community College; Mohave Community College - Bullhead City/ Kingman/ Lake Havasu; Northland Pioneer College - Holbrook-Show Low; Phoenix College; Pima Community College Campus; Pima Community College - Central Campus; Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community; South Mountain Community College; Yavapai College - Prescott/ Verde Campus; Yavapai County High School; and Yuma UHSD.

SOURCES: *NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF ADULT LITERACY 2003
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