

State of Arizona Department of Education

Adult Education Services



MEMO

TO:Representative David Livingston
Acting Chair, Joint Legislative Budget Committee

- **FROM:** Sheryl Hart Deputy Associate Superintendent, Adult Education Services
- **DATE:** December 22, 2017

RE: A.R.S. 15-232 Semiannual Report to the Arizona Legislature from Adult Education Services

Of the 10,361 people who applied for instruction in Arizona Adult Education during the reporting period, 492 people (5% 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 ARS 15-232 C., ADE staff conducts on-site inspections of student enrollment records annually.

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 in accordance with ARS 15-232 C.

| | ARS 15-232 Report Date | | Waitlist ABE/ASE* | Waitlist ELAA** | Waitlist TOTAL | ARS 15-232 Applicants | ARS 15-232 Service Denials |
|--|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Arizona Adult Education ARS 15-232 Compliance Report COMPARISON | December June | 2017 2017 | 1,667 2,416 | 1,921 2,602 | 3,527 5,188 | 10,361 10,142 | 492 498 |
| | December June | 2016 2016 | 2,353 2,632 | 2,398 2,255 | 4,806 4,958 | 9,907 9,304 | 548 945 |
| | December June | 2015 2015 | 3,298 2,529 | 2,189 1,759 | 5,577 4,283 | 12,386 10,123 | 735 453 |
| | December June | 2014 2014 | 2,670 2,998 | 1,671 2,125 | 4,314 5,123 | 12,011 10,126 | 604 442 |
| | December June | 2013 2013 | 3,679 4,058 | 2,000 2,875 | 5,679 6,933 | 14,004 16,471 | 525 714 |
| | December June | 2012 2012 | 3,894 3,289 | 2,374 2,769 | 6,268 6,058 | 15,752 15,363 | 623 486 |

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

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

** ELAA: English Language Acquisition for Adults

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