

**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.

**2008-2009 CERTIFIED ADULT EDUCATION PROVIDERS**

*Adult Literacy Plus of Southwest Arizona; Arizona Call-A-Teen Youth Resources, Inc.; Camp Verde Adult Reading Program, Inc.; Central Arizona College; Chandler Public Library; Cochise College Adult Education; Coconino Community College Adult Education; Crane Adult Education; F.A.I.T.H. Waiting to Excel; Friendly House, Inc.; Gila County Adult Education; Gilbert Adult ESOL Program; La Paz Career Center / One-Stop; Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County, Inc.; Literacy Volunteers of Santa Cruz County, Inc.; Maricopa County Adult Probation - Education Services; Mesa Unified School District Adult Education Program; Mohave Community College; Northland Pioneer College Adult Education; Phoenix Indian Center; Pima Community College Adult Education; Pima County Adult Probation - Education Services LEARN; Queen Creek Unified School District Adult Education; Rio Salado Adult Basic Education Program; Santa Cruz County Continuing Education - Nogales; South Yuma County Adult Education Consortium; Tempe Adult Education Program (TAEP); and Yavapai College Adult Basic Education.*

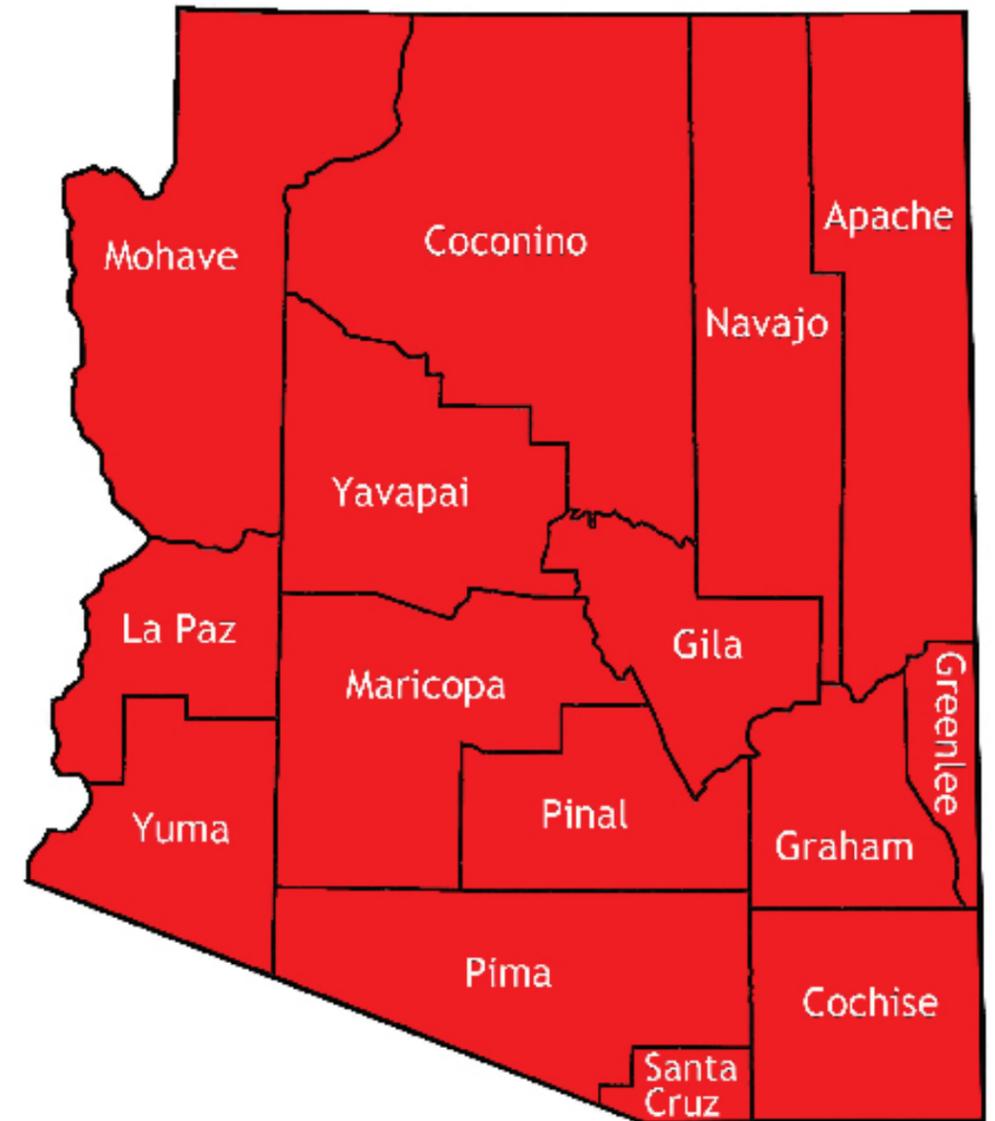


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**WHAT ADULT EDUCATION MEANS TO ARIZONA**  
**PROGRAM YEAR 2008-2009**



Arizona Department of Education  
 Tom Home, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**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, 825,000 (approximately 17%) Arizonans do not have a high school diploma or GED® and are not enrolled in school.\*\*
- Of adults aged 18 and older, 246,170\* (6.5%) cannot communicate effectively in the English language.\*\*
- Almost 90% 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-eight programs statewide met rigorous requirements to receive funding. They served over 21,000 learners with over 1,850,000 instructional hours in classrooms located throughout Arizona.

**RESULTS: ARIZONA'S 2008-2009 OUTCOMES\*\*\***

# or %	Outcome Category
7,501	English language learners
12,699	Adult basic education learners
1,501	Adult secondary education learners
5,556	Learners between the ages of 16 and 21
79%	Of adult learners who were pre-and post-tested advanced two or more grade levels
57%	Of adults who sought a job found employment
76%	Of adult learners who sought to retain job or improve employment were successful
56%	Of adult learners who wanted to enter post-secondary education or training went on to other educational pursuits



*Making a real difference....*



*....by opening life's doors.*

**GED® GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEST**

1. Over 21,000 students in Arizona take the GED® Test annually (Program Year 2008-2009).\*\*\*
2. Approximately 20% of all high school diplomas issued in Arizona each year are earned through the GED® Testing program.\*\*\*
3. During the Program Year 2008-2009, 50% of those taking the GED® Test in Arizona were 16 to 22 years of age. Approximately 75% (age 16 to 22) or 69% (all candidates) passed the test and received an equivalency diploma.\*\*\*
4. Of the over 21,000 students who took the GED® Test in Arizona during the Program Year 2008-2009, 14,529 high school equivalency diplomas were issued. \*\*\*
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](http://www.ade.azgov/adult-ed) . . . [www.gedtest.org](http://www.gedtest.org)

**GED® TESTING CENTERS PROGRAM YEAR 2008-2009**

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 College Community Campus; Pima College -West 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 \*\*U.S. CENSUS BUREAU-CENSUS 2000  
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