

Policy 6200: Adult Education

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The Governing Board believes that education is a lifelong process and that it is important for adults to continuously develop new life and work skills. Eligible adults shall be offered opportunities to enroll in programs and courses that to develop academic, vocational, technical career and professional workforce, and life skills and, as appropriate, lead to the obtaining of a high school diploma or equivalent certification.

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend, for approval by the Board and the California Department of Education, programs and courses to be offered through the District's Adult Education Division.

To ensure efficient and coordinated adult education services, the district shall collaborate with other local educational agencies and the community college district in the region's Adult Education Consortium. The district shall participate in the consortium's identification of the educational needs of adults in the region, identification of available funding and services, development and approval of an adult education plan pursuant to Education Code 84906, and implementation of strategies to address the identified needs, improve the effectiveness of district services, and improve students' transitions into postsecondary education and the workforce.

The district's representative(s) to the region's Adult Education Consortium shall be designated by the Board. (Education Code 84905)

The Superintendent or designee(s) shall ensure that all teachers of adult education courses and classes possess an appropriate credential issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing and have access to high-quality professional development to progressively enhance their instructional knowledge and skills. For courses and classes of the adult education program that require specific skills training, teachers that have demonstrated industry sector experience may teach the specific skills for courses or classes approved annually by the CDE Adult Education Office (AEO) and listed on the CDE A-22 course approval system list, also annually Board-reviewed and approved.

Adult education classes may be offered any day or evening, including weekends, for such length of time during the school year as determined by the Board. (Education Code 52505, 52513)

A certificate of completion of the eighth grade shall be awarded through the adult school upon successful completion of both of the following:

1. At least one term in the adult elementary program
2. Overall eighth-grade placement on a recognized standardized achievement test

Adult education students who fulfill the district's graduation requirements shall receive a diploma of high school graduation.

The Superintendent or designee(s) shall regularly report to the Board on the effectiveness of the district's adult education program. This report shall include, but not be limited to, the number of adults and high school students participating in the program, student participation in each type of adult education course or class, and the extent to which students successfully completed these programs, including, as applicable, the completion of requirements for the high school diploma or certificate of equivalency.
