

PHILOSOPHY OF ADULT EDUCATION

MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Traditionally, Madison Public Schools has been committed to meet the educational needs of adults in our community. The S.A.D. #59 Board of Education intends to continue this commitment by taking advantage of all available State and Federal funding and by recommending from local resources the amounts needed to provide a varied program.

The administration of the various adult education offerings shall be coordinated by the Adult Education Director and staff under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools. Residents and nonresidents of the school district may enroll, in accordance with State regulations and local Board policies.

Adult Education programs shall include:

1. Adult Basic Education (literacy, English As A Second Language, citizenship training, handicapped).
2. The accredited high school diploma program
3. Vocational training for new job skills, retraining, upgrading, vocational special training.
4. Personal enrichment courses.
5. General Educational Development (high school equivalency).

There shall be no tuition charged for adult education credit courses, although nominal registration fees shall be levied for personal enrichment courses. Rates for residents and nonresidents shall be set by the Board of Education. Lab and material fees shall be charged where necessary.

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Admission Policy

Students seventeen years of age or older will be admitted to the Adult Education High School Diploma program if they have been out of a day school program for one full quarter school semester. Students who are in attendance at a public or private high school will be admitted to the Adult Education High School program in exceptional cases. Exceptional cases are defined as situations in which students cannot complete their secondary education by employing the resources of the high school because of economic need, social need, or because of the impossibility of scheduling a needed subject in the day high school. Day high school students may be admitted to adult education personal enrichment and vocational courses if such courses are unavailable or cannot be scheduled in their day high school. Students will be admitted on a space-available basis. Priority will be given those who are 17 years of age or older for admission into any adult education program. In addition, residents of Madison will be given priority for admission into any adult education program partially funded by SAD #59. Final acceptance into the S.A.D. #59 Adult Education program will be contingent upon approval by the Commissioner, Maine State Department of Educational and Cultural Services.

The Director of Adult Education is authorized to request from the Commissioner of the Department of Educational and Cultural Services a waiver to allow a student to enroll in adult education on an exceptional basis. The waiver request will contain complete documentation showing a concurrence of opinions by the student, the student's parents, guidance counselor, and adult education director. The documentation will also show approval and concurrence by the student's high school principal, the superintendent and the Board of Education as well as a copy of the official minutes of the Board of Education showing the student's release from day school to the adult evening school.

Upon receipt of the approval of the requested waiver, the director of adult education is authorized to enroll the student in the Madison Adult Education program.

Graduation

A small formal graduation will occur, if graduates number 5 or more in any given year.

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