

ADULT/COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The board will establish and maintain a program of adult education and may utilize any of its school facilities for accomplishing the legitimate educational purposes of serving the vocational, avocational, cultural, and aesthetic interests of the community.

The board will also maintain a program of instruction in English language and in government and laws for the benefit of foreign-born residents of the district.

In order to support a program of adult education and education for the foreign born, the board may employ staff, use school facilities as required, and provide necessary custodial services. All professional staff members so employed shall possess valid New Jersey teaching certificates.

The chief school administrator is directed to seek out and utilize such federal, state, and private sources of revenue as may be appropriate for the financial support of the adult education program.

Adult High School

The board will establish an adult evening high school for district residents 16 years of age or over and no longer enrolled in the school. The board shall adopt graduation requirements equivalent to those of the day school that shall include passing statewide assessment tests.

Requests from emancipated minors to participate in the program shall be accompanied by a certificate of consent to participate signed by a judge appointed in the State of New Jersey.

Requests from persons 16 or 17 years of age domiciled in a natural or foster home to participate in the adult high school program shall be accompanied by a certificate of consent to participate signed by a parent, guardian, probation or parole officer, State rehabilitation counselor, or a judge.

Requests from persons 16 or 17 years of age who are domiciled in a State, county, or municipal institution, or in a residential program, to participate in the adult high school program shall be accompanied by a certificate of consent to participate signed by either a parent or guardian, or a surrogate parent when neither is available.

The board shall ensure that the rights of a youth are protected through the provision of a surrogate parent who shall assume all parental rights, when either:

- A. The parent(s) cannot be located after reasonable efforts; or
- B. The youth is a ward of the State of New Jersey.

The chief school administrator or his or her designee shall establish a method for selecting and training surrogate parents. The person serving as surrogate shall be no interest that conflicts with the youth he or she represents and shall have the knowledge and skills to ensure adequate representation of the youth.

English language learner (ELL) students may satisfy a special review assessment in lieu of passing the New Jersey Department of Education approved high school proficiency assessment. All courses shall be adopted by the board and shall include standards of proficiency.

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The board shall annually adopt at a public meeting policies that provide for the awarding of credit for the adult high school program.

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Key Words

Adult Education, Community Education

- Legal References:**
- N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-8 Adult high school programs; diplomas
 - N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-47 Total stabilization aid per district, limit on increase
 - N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-58 Adjustment aid; educational adequacy aid
 - N.J.S.A. 18A:48-1 et seq. Public Evening Schools
 - N.J.S.A. 18A:50-1 et seq. Adult Education
 - N.J.A.C. 6A:8-1.1 et seq. Standards and Assessment
- See particularly:
- N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1(a)5
and 6
 - N.J.A.C. 6A:20-1.1 et seq. Adult Education Programs
- See particularly:
- N.J.A.C. 6A:20-1.3, -2.4, -2.5
 - N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1et seq. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts

20 U.S.C.A. §§ 9201 et seq. The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act of 1998.

- Cross References:**
- 3240 Tuition income
 - *3250 Income from fees, fines, charges
 - *4112.2 Certification
 - *5111 Admission
 - *5124 Reporting to parents/guardians
 - *5127 Commencement activities
 - *5131 Conduct/discipline
 - *6142 Subject fields

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.