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Agenda



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DESE UPDATES

- High School Equivalency Updates
- AEL Performance
- AEL Distance Education
- AEL Integrated Education and Training (IET)
- AEL Monitoring
- AEL Professional Development

AEL and HSE STATEWIDE STRATEGIC INITIATIVES



High School Equivalency Updates



- **Missouri High School Equivalency Test Fee Assistance Resources**
 - ❑ List can be found on the Resources Page of hse.mo.gov
 - ❑ Plan to update it at least once a year
 - ❑ Send new leads to hse@dese.mo.gov



Missouri High School Equivalency (HSE) Test Fee Assistance Resources

Test Fee Assistance Program	Eligibility Requirements	Contact Phone Number	Contact Email Address	Website Address
Community Action Agency of St. Louis County (CAASTLC)	The test-taker must be an at-risk young adult aged 17-24.	314-446-4412	aahern@caastlc.org	caastlc.org
CSBG-Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation (DAEOC) Adult Education & Job Training Center	The test-taker must be aged 18 or older and at or below 200 percent of the poverty guidelines .	573-379-3851 ex 102	amurphy@daeoc.com	daeoc.com
East Central Area Literacy Council	The test-taker must be enrolled in an Adult Education & Literacy class in Franklin, Gasconade, Crawford, Phelps, or Montgomery Counties. Students must complete practice tests for the sections of the test being paid for on their behalf and be referred by their instructor.	844-322-4235	alice.whalen@ecaliteracy.org	ecaliteracy.org



High School Equivalency Updates



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- **New MO Department of Corrections (DOC) HSE Contact**
 - **Shawn Duplin**, DOC Education Supervisor
 - Shawn.Duplin@doc.mo.gov
 - 573-522-5006
 - HiSET Chief Examiner
 - Processes HSE verifications for Missouri DOC residents with HSE test records from Missouri and DiplomaSender partner states.



High School Equivalency Updates



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- **GED®** ([GED.com](https://www.ged.com))
 - ❑ 23 Public GED® Testing Centers in Missouri
- **HiSET®** ([HiSET.org](https://www.hiset.org))
 - ❑ Now allows six (6) attempts per subtest per calendar year (January-December)
 - ❑ HSE Age Waiver Application no longer needed for 17-year-olds who wish to take the online proctored HiSET @ Home exam



High School Equivalency Updates

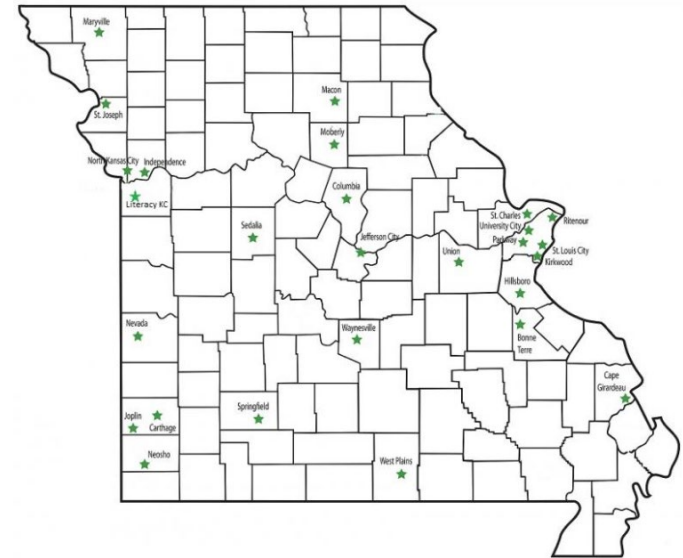


- **DiplomaSender**

- ❑ Students may combine current-series GED® and HiSET® subtest scores to obtain an HSE credential (TotalTranscript®)
- ❑ Students must take action to order initial complimentary HSE documents
 - DiplomaSender sends a congratulations email to each passer with instructions on how to register for a DiplomaSender.com account.
- ❑ **DiplomaSender Support**
 - Chat: DiplomaSender.com
 - [DiplomaSender Contact Cards](#) for HSE Test Takers



**Data is current
as of 6/16/25**



Missouri AEL Follow-Up Survey Trends



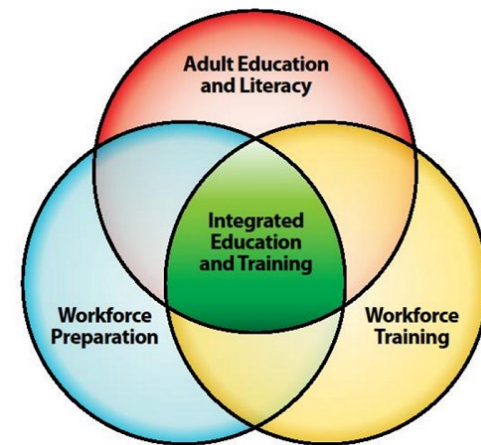
Fiscal Year	#Positive Surveys	Number of Programs Conducting Follow-Up Surveys	Number of Programs Entering FU Survey Data into LACES
FY2023	606	19	6
FY2024	629	19	8
FY2025	1261	24	16

Hats off to all AEL programs who have worked hard to increase follow-up survey numbers! This has a huge effect on Missouri performance numbers for follow-up outcomes.



Distance Learning	Current	April 2025
Programs Reporting Distance Learning Hours	22	22
# Distance Learning Participants (12+ Hours)	1142	1093
Total Distance Learning MSG	60.40%	48.08%

IETs	Current	April 2025
Total # IET Participants (12+ Hours)	388	318
IET Persistence Rate	100.00%	91.38%





- Proper AEL Teacher Certification
- AEL Teacher Professional Development requirements
- Classroom Observations
- Teacher Feedback discussions
- Student Feedback discussions

Our Contracted Presenters



Kyley Ast



Amanda
Phillips



Mike Boles



Kristine
Kelly



Melinda
Brown-Mason



Michelle
Craig



Brad
Turnbull



Andrea
Echelberger



Karen Distler



Lorraine
Anthony

Current Inventory—ELL Specific



Course Name	PD Hrs
ABC! Teaching Phonics to Adult Language Learners	2
Approaches and Activities to Support Writing Development in ELL Classrooms	2
Beginning Reading Activities for ELL Students	2
Building Strong Teaching Practices for Adult Teachers	2
Developing Fluency & Vocabulary for Beginning English Speakers	2
ELL Listening	2
Embracing Technology! Using WhatsApp and ChatGPT to Support English Language Instruction NEW	2
Engagement and Interaction in the English Language Classroom	2
How Adult Brains Learn Language	2
I Hear You! Effective Listening Instruction for English Language Learners	2
It Takes a Village to Teach: Volunteers in the EL Classroom NEW	2
Let Routines Set You Free: The Power of Predictability in Adult EL Instruction NEW	2
Let's Start at the Very Beginning: Instruction for Literacy Level Adult Learners	2
Promising Practices for a Multilevel Classroom	2
Talk Amongst Yourselves: Building up to Student-Facilitated Conversations	2
Teaching English through Songs, Movies and Art	2
Teaching Soft Skills to English Language Learners NEW	2
Teaching the Melodies: Incorporating Effective Pronunciation into EL Lessons	2
Teaching the Notes: Incorporating Effective Pronunciation Instruction into EL Lessons	2
The View from the Other Side of the Desk	2

Current Inventory



Course Name	PD Hrs
"Reading Skills for Today's Adults": Take a Deep Dive into an Amazing Free Instructional Resource	2.5
A Literacy Deep Dive into Using Free Text Resources	3
Active Instruction, Active Learning (Foundational Course)	4
AI Wizardry: Crafting Classroom Magic with Technology NEW	3.5
Algebra Concepts	3
Best Practices for Teaching Writing to Adults	3.5
Book Study- <i>Teaching Reading to Adults: A Balanced Approach</i> by Pat Campbell	9
Book Study- <i>Understanding the Adult Learner: Perspectives and Practices</i> NEW	12
Building a Reading Toolkit: Strategies to Improve Comprehension	2.5
Creating a Culture of Persistence: An Emphasis on High Cognitive Demand Instruction	3
Developing Positive Attitudes and Enhancing Meaning for Adult Learner Motivation	4
Differentiated Instruction in the Multi-Level Classroom (Foundational Course)	3
Effective Questioning (Foundational Course)	3.5
Essays for the AEL Classroom: Narrative, Informative, and Argumentative Writing	3
Geometry Concepts	3
Get Them Writing Every Day! NEW	2
Hitting the Target: Using Learning Targets & Formative Assessments for Teacher & Learning Reflection	2
Incorporating CCRS into Distance Learning Activities: Reading	2
Introduction to Teaching Adults (formerly known as BTAP)	3.5
Key Drivers of Learner Persistence	2

Current Inventory Continued . . .



Course Name	PD Hrs
Let's Go Deep: Building Literacy Instruction around an Essential Question NEW	2.5
Little Tools of Power! Strengthening Academic Vocabulary Instruction	2.5
Making Reading Active: During & Post-Reading Activities FY25 (Foundational Course)	3
Making Reading Active: Pre-Reading Strategies FY25(Foundational Course)	3
Math- TABE Levels D & A: Numbers and Quantities, Algebra and Functions	3
Math- TABE Levels D & A: Ratios, Proportions, Geometry, Statistics & Probability	3
Math-TABE Levels M to D: Algebra, Ratios, Proportions, Statistics and Probability	3
Math-TABE Levels M to D: Numbers, Quantities, Operations, Geometry and Measurement	3
Pre-Certification Course (PCW)	0
Sentence Combining: A Strategy to Improve Student Writing	2
Teaching Adults with Learning Disabilities (Foundational Course)	3.5
Text Complexity: What, Why, How?	2
Trauma-Informed Teaching Practices for Adult Learners	2
Unlocking Skilled Reading: Teaching Metacognitive Strategies to Adult Learners NEW	2.5
Writing for High School Equivalency (HSE) Students NEW	2.5
Yes! I Know That Word!	2



Pre- Approved List

Professional Development opportunities are available to directors and staff of local AEL programs.

Pre-Approved List

- AEL Directors' Conference - PD Hours TBD
- CASAS Summer Institute - 8 PD Hours
- Commission on Adult Basic Education (COABE) Conference - 12 PD Hours
- COABE Regional Conference - 8 PD Hours
- HiSET Road Show - 4 PD Hours
- GED Conference - 8 PD Hours
- Missouri Association of Adult Continuing and Community Education (MAACCE) Conference - 10 PD Hours
 - MAACCE all-day preconference – additional 6 PD Hours
- Missouri Association for Workforce Development (MAWD) Conference - 8 PD Hours
- Missouri Reentry Conference (for Department of Corrections staff only) - 6 PD Hours
- National Center for Families Learning Conference - 10 PD Hours
- Pro Literacy Conference on Adult Education - 12 PD Hours
- Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Conference - 12 PD Hours
- MIDTESOL Conference - 8 PD Hours
- **LINCS** ⓘ - PD Hours as listed on LINCS website.



Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)

*A **collaborative, ongoing** process that allows educators to **share** expertise, **analyze** data, **reflect** on practices, and **refine** teaching strategies to improve student learning; focuses on **collective inquiry***

- Topics?
- PLC leaders?
- Format?



DESE AEL will provide:

- Syllabus
- Complete single set(s) of learning objectives (SSLOs)
- Curriculum that aligns with the CCRS and provides adult education and literacy activities concurrently and contextually with workforce preparation activities and workforce training.
- Quizzes/Assessments
- Follow-up surveys
- Suggested marketing template
- Ongoing support



DESE AEL will provide:

- Class structure guidance
- Student readiness interview
- Assessment guidelines
- Curriculum suggestions
- Test preparation resources
- Professional Development
- Technical Assistance





- Must use starting July 1
- Training available now
<https://tabetest.com/tabe-certification-process/>
- Pilot Results:
There are some scale score discrepancies from 11/12.
Discrepancies exist across subject areas.
Test time is shorter but seems to be adequate.
When using auto-locator, no one was out of range.
Teachers did not need to adjust curriculum.



- ❑ Funding depends on Congress
- ❑ DESE is considering:
 - Bonus funding for new sites in rural areas
 - Bonus funding for IET
 - 5-year grant cycle
 - New Grant Management System
 - More streamlined application
- ❑ MOLeads will no longer be tied to local programs

Next DESE Download:

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