

PARTICIPATING SCHOOL DISTRICTS AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the School Board accepts the responsibility of providing Adult Basic Education (ABE) opportunities to its adult residents 17 years of age and older who are not currently enrolled in public school regular classes; and

WHEREAS, the School Board understands that programs funded through PL230 (Adult Education Act of 1965 as amended) and MS Chapter 123.35 Subd. 1, 2 and 4, Education program for Adults needs to be part of a cooperative ABE delivery system established by a written agreement among/between two or more school districts; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Education, through state and federal laws, makes funds available for ABE services; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the laws are to enable all adults to acquire basic skills necessary to function in society and also enable adults who so desire to continue their education to at least the level of completion of secondary school; and

WHEREAS, the participating public school districts include but are not limited to:

Gibbon Fairfax Winthrop	District 2365
Le Sueur-Henderson	District 2397
St. Peter	District 508
Tri-City United	District 2905
Sibley East	District 310
Nicollet	District 507
Cleveland	District 391
Waseca	District 829
Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton	District 2835
New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva	District 2168
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown	District 2143

WHEREAS, the participating agencies may include but are not limited to:

Nicollet County Law Enforcement Center
Le Sueur County Law Enforcement Center

WHEREAS, the participating school district will:

- Provide the services of their Community Education Director as a representative of the ABE Management team
- Provide as needed: space, equipment, evening building supervision, CE catalog advertising

- Submit appropriate financial data required by the State to qualify for program approval which makes them eligible for State and Federal grants as well as local levy authority to support ABE programming
- Have the responsibility at the direction of the ABE Management Team to employ ABE staff working in multiple school districts; and

WHEREAS, the management team will:

- Develop and monitor the program budget
- Develop formulas, both revenues and expenditures, for distribution of consortium dollars
- Make organizational structure and staffing recommendations to implement the program
- Develop operational guidelines and procedures
- Evaluate the overall program; and

WHEREAS, The Le Sueur-Henderson School Board, serving as the fiscal agent, will:

- Submit application materials for State and Federal and other grants
- Submit all applicable State and Federal reports
- Provide assurances to State and Federal reports
- Provide the services of their Community Education Director as the chairperson of the ABE Management Team
- Approve and administer the annual budget
- Employ consortium-wide ABE staff working on behalf of the consortium; and

WHEREAS, the length of this agreement is from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Independent School District #2397 Le Sueur-Henderson Schools, agrees to work with the above named schools districts and agencies in continuing a cooperative ABE program. The Area Adult Learning Cooperative is not a legal entity. All authority and liability rests with the local School Boards of the participating school districts.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025.

District Number

Superintendent

School Board Chairperson

School Board Clerk