



DULUTH ADULT BASIC EDUCATION Program at-a-Glance 2009 - 2010

The mission of ABE in Minnesota is to provide adults with educational opportunities to acquire and improve their literacy skills necessary to become self-sufficient and to participate effectively as productive workers, family members, and citizens.

Duluth ABE is one of 53 ABE consortia which serve over 70,000 adult learners annually. Duluth Consortium includes Duluth, Proctor & Hermantown School Districts.

- 2009-10 total number of enrollees 897
 - English as a Second Language 117 (from approx. 20 different countries)
 - GED Preparation 302
 - Adult Diploma (21 & older) 84
 - Basic Skills Dev. or Brush-up 259
 - Work Readiness (with SOAR) 63
 - Basic Skills - Corrections 257
 - Dropout Recovery Program 114

(duplicated count; some learners enroll in more than one program)
- *Total learner hours: 27,928*
- *GED and Adult Diploma Graduates: 103*
- *Participants (12 hrs. or more of attendance) showing a skill level increase on federally mandated pre and post tests: 45%*
- *Primary site: Duluth Adult Learning Center, HOCHS - shared with the GED Testing Center, the Dropout Recovery Program & the Duluth Area Learning Center*
- *Satellite sites: Classes at Lake Superior College, St. Louis County Jail & SOAR/Career Solutions. Outreach & tutoring at Proctor Area Community Center.*
- *Calendar: Classes offered 46 weeks/year*
- *Instructional staff: Two full-time and seven part-time teachers, one outreach worker/tutor (PACC) ; assisted by three work-study students, one senior aide & 26 volunteers*
- *Funding: State ABE: \$423,000 Federal ABE: \$22,500*
Based on a combination of "base aid" to consortium and student attendance hours
- *Initiatives/Trends in 2009 - 10:*
 - *"Pathway to College Success " collaborative ABE class at the Lake Superior College Learning Center for those with a GED or diploma who are assessed as unready for college-level classwork; running during school year and summer*
 - *Collaboration with SOAR/Career Solutions to provide coordinated ABE basic skills and SOAR work readiness instruction.*
 - *"FastTRAC"partnership initiated with Workforce Center, LSC and SOAR to provide integrated instruction in basic skills and work skills plus support for work transitions*
 - *Increased number of basic skills learners from residences for adults with disabilities*
- *GED Testing Center:* a separate entity, licensed by the GED Testing Service in Washington DC and the GED State Testing Office, to serve a 50-mile region.
 - *Tested 372 examinees; 293 completed the five-test battery to receive a General Educational Development diploma from the State of Minnesota.*
 - *Funded solely by examinee fees (approximately \$30,000/year)*