



St. Louis Park
Community Education
Your lifelong learning begins here!

ST. LOUIS PARK COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADULT PROGRAMS

November 2025

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Adult Options

Senior Program

The St. Louis Park Senior Program, based at Lenox Community Center, is operated through a partnership between the City of St. Louis Park and St. Louis Park Community Education. The program is open to anyone 50 years old or better.

- **Senior Membership:**

- Over 350 members!

- **Expanded Partnerships:**

- 22 NEW partners this year
- Highlight: Senior Community Services
 - 117 one on one appts + 8 tech lectures

- **Increased Attendance:**

- Monday Mah-Jongg and Social Bridge have had more attendees between July 1 - present than they did for the entirety of July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025.
- Senior Speed Friendship results
- Doubled Craft Fair attendees from 2024
- Increased an extra day (now Tuesday and Fridays) for Open Senior Pickleball

- **Highlights from the past year:**

- Senior Police Academy
- Day trips
- Themed BINGO
- Train Dominoes
- Senior Living Bus Tour
- 100 Year Celebration of Lenox!
- Weekly Ballroom Dance
- Monthly Lunch & Learn



Adult Enrichment

Programming for anyone 18+... all are welcome!

We continue to prioritize programming for adults ages 25 - 49.
In the past year, we have added **165 NEW Adult Enrichment classes!**

Highlights from the past year:

- Westwood Hills Nature Center partnership: Adult Archery
- Sip & Paint Workshop
- Discover Your Best Colors – Personal Color Analysis Session
- Leather Craft Workshop
- Pottery
- Paranormal 101 and 102



Volunteer Program

Mission: The St. Louis Park Public Schools Volunteer Program bridges our community and the school district to bring community talent, passion, service, and support to our sites to enrich the lives of our students, families, and staff.

2024-2025:

- Over **190 volunteers**, serving over 8,000 hours, saving the district over \$260,000!

2025-2026:

- Over **700 volunteers!**

Highlights:

- Strengthened the safety of our schools by ensuring all adults who volunteer among students are properly vetted through our application process
- Spanish and Somali versions of application
- Highlighting/honoring volunteers, teachers, and sites!
- Working with Youth Enrichment to amplify student voices



Lenox Community Center: A Multi-Purpose Building!

Community Education:

- Adult Enrichment
- Senior Program
- District Volunteer Program
- Some Youth Enrichment classes
- Project SOAR Classes

St. Louis Park Public Schools:

- Transition Plus
- 9-12 Program

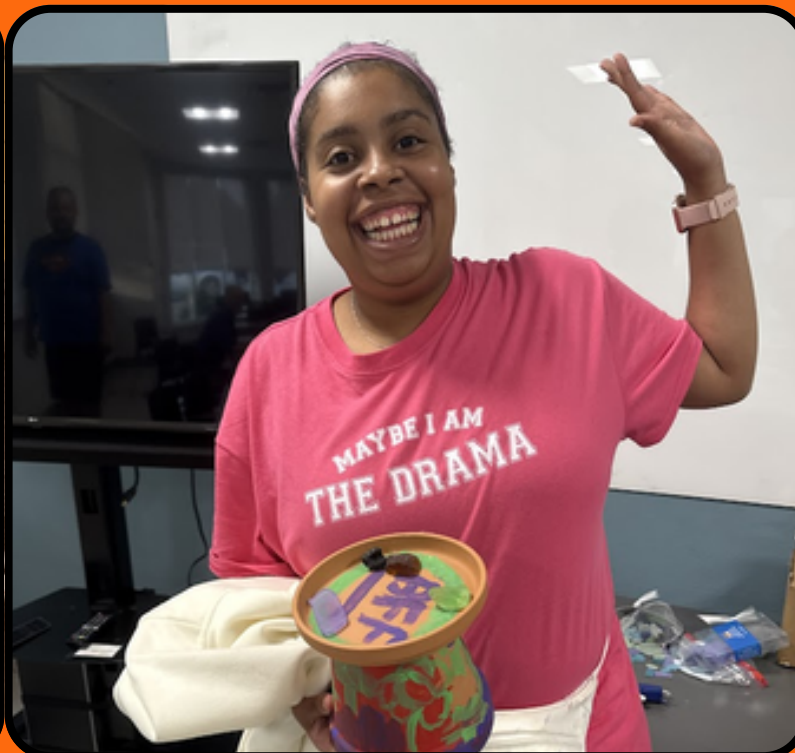
Community Programs/Partnerships/Tenants



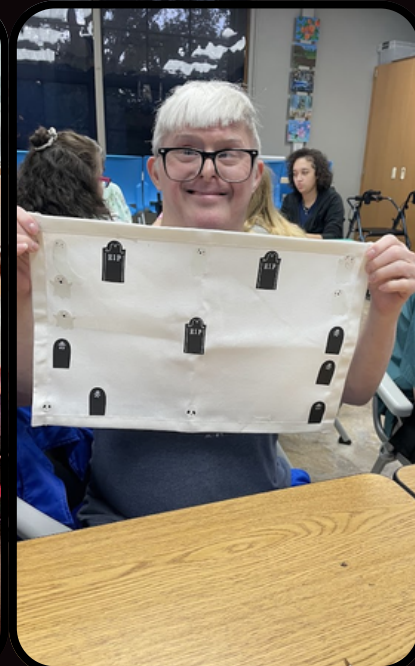
PROJECT SOAR

We offer recreational and leisure programs designed for or tailored to each person's unique needs, creating opportunities to connect, learn, and engage with friends and in the community in an inclusive and adapted environment.

Project SOAR is a non-profit Community Education Program supported by the Hopkins, Minnetonka, St. Louis Park & Wayzata School Districts.



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SOAR
SEE OUR ABILITIES
REALIZED



IN 2024-2025

- Legislation passed for Adults with Disabilities funding to increase for the first time since 1987
- We served 417 individuals in 2024-2025
- Number of Course Sections Offered: 180
- Number of Course Sections Held: 173



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST YEAR

- Our Songbirds Choir sang the National Anthem at the St. Paul Saints Game
 - Plus their 3 other performances with our Stars of the Stage Acting Groups
- Safety and Snacks with the Sherriff
 - Safety talks with Hennepin County Sherriff's Department
 - Connection made through Lenox Senior Resource Fair
- Cooking Classes, Dances, BINGO & Bowling
- Naturalist Nights at Westwood Hills Nature Center
- Seeing meaningful connections forming, communities growing, and our role strengthening as we model inclusive practices for people of all abilities.

Adult Education

Free adult ESL & GED for learners 17+

St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Wayzata

Serving **1,159 adult learners** from **79 countries**

Highlights:

- **ESL** –online, in-person, & HyFlex.
- **GED** – 25 graduates 2025
- **College & Career** – college fair, career counselor, career courses
- **Computer Skills** – embedded Northstar Digital Literacy standards
- **Workplace English** – Methodist Park Nicollet
- **Community Building** – New Americans Academy



Adult Education

Our Vision:

We strive to create a learning environment that is welcoming, safe and peaceful. We are committed to social change, inclusivity, and anti-racism. We aim to build a culture of high expectations for ourselves and our learners. We seek to create a school where all learners are seen, heard, and thrive.

- **MNABE REPORT CARD 2024-2025:**

- Adult Options in Education is a top ranking program in the state!

ABE MSG Rate

Rank: 6 / 39

AOIE 56.8%

State Avg 38.7%

ABE Retained to 40 hrs

Rank: 8 / 39

AOIE 54.4%

State Avg 41%

ESL MSG Rate

Rank: 4 / 34

AOIE 48.6%

State Avg 37.5%

ESL Participants Reached 40 hrs

Rank: 8 / 34

AOIE 77.2%

State Avg 69.2%



Adult Education

Student Highlight



Hello Facility Manager,
Hope this email finds you well, I am one of the Adult option in Education student, Hakim. I have a request to rent and play in your indoor soccer field with my friends from Afghanistan. We would like to play at the weekends for one hour if it is possible and you give us permission to do so.
Thank you so much and please let me know the cost.
Regards,
Hakim Naiazi
Adult option in Education English class student

Looking ahead:

- **Enrollment trends:**

- Contact hours are up 10% statewide in Minnesota.
- Contact hours are up 11% for Adult Options.
- New registrations are down for October and November, but we are up overall for the year. We will continue to monitor how the political climate and ICE impact enrollment.

- **Federal funding:**

- Federal funding is 12% of our budget and currently zeroed out for FY 27.

THANK YOU

