



**St. Louis Park  
Community Education**

Your lifelong learning begins here!

# **Adult & Senior Programs Final Year End/Summer Review for 2023/2024**



**St. Louis Park  
Public Schools**

Prepared November 2024



# St. Louis Park Community Education

ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS



*The St. Louis Park Senior Program,  
housed 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 Program:

- **Senior Membership:** Over 440 members! Includes mailed Newscaster (Senior publication) 3x per year + discounted/free classes!
- **Popular Classes:** Ballroom Dancing, Cards & Games, Painting, Day Trips, Open Pickleball, Men's Group, Needlecraft, Movies, Exercise & Movement Classes
- **Events:** Birthday Party in the Park, Lunch and Learns, Annual Craft Fair, Annual Pop Your Trunk Flea Market, Annual Senior Resource Event, Monthly Social Hours



## Adult Enrichment:

- Available to anyone 18+
- **Popular Classes:** Open Pottery Studio, Sewing, Bob Ross Art Class, Fantasy Football, Pickleball Instruction, Zumba, Language Classes (Conversational ASL and Spanish), Cooking Classes, Open Woodshop



## Volunteer Program:

### CELEBRATING **VOLUNTEERS** AT ST. LOUIS PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS



### 2023-2024 IMPACT:

OVER 100 VOLUNTEERS

OVER 8,000 HOURS SERVED

OVER \$239,600\* SAVED

HUNDREDS OF TEACHERS, STUDENTS,  
AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
SUPPORTED

\*NATIONAL HOURLY WAGE FOR VOLUNTEER WORK, AS OF 2021, IS \$29.95 ACCORDING TO THE IRS

# Lenox Community Center: A Multi-Purpose Building!

## Community Education:

- Adult Enrichment, Senior Programming, Volunteer Program

## SLP Student Services:

- Transition Plus and 9-12 Program

## Community Programs:



## GED Graduation!



## New SLP Teachers!



## Student Achievements!



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# Adult Learners

Country Of Origin (Top 20 Displayed)	# of Students	%
Somalia	123	19.5%
Ukraine	46	7.3%
Ecuador	38	6.0%
Mexico	33	5.2%
Venezuela	31	4.9%
Afghanistan	27	4.3%
China	27	4.3%
United States	26	4.1%
Ethiopia	25	4.0%
Russia	24	3.8%

Primary Language (Top 20 Displayed)	# of Students	%
Spanish	173	27.4%
Somali	151	23.9%
Russian	42	6.7%
Ukrainian	37	5.9%
English	30	4.8%



# MN ABE Report card

Minnesota ABE PY 2024 Measurable Skill Gains - ESL Participants

Consortium	Number of Participants (ESL levels)	Number of Participants Rank	Number of Participants who made a Level Gain	Number of Participants who completed a HS Credential *	Number of Participants with Other MSG (3, 4, 5)	Percent of Participants with MSG **
Brainerd ABE	28	30	15	0	0	53.6%
Great Rivers AE	271	15	83	0	89	51.3%
SouthWest Metro	265	16	121	0	0	45.7%
Metro North ABE	1232	4	559	0	0	45.4%
Area Adult Learning Coop	147	21	56	0	5	40.1%
Osseo ABE	645	12	255	1	0	39.5%
Metro East	1485	3	575	9	0	39.0%
Arrowhead Economic OA	18	33	7	0	0	38.9%
Adult Options	897	6	343	0	0	38.2%
Central MN ABE	780	8	292	1	0	37.4%
Mankato	183	18	68	0	0	37.2%
Robbinsdale	468	14	172	0	0	36.8%
Lakeville ABE	50	28	18	0	0	36.0%
Rosemount-AV-Eagan	588	13	199	0	10	34.9%
Statewide ESL	18777	0	6059	34	136	32.8%

Minnesota ABE PY 2024 Measurable Skill Gains - ABE Participants

Consortium	Number of Participants (ABE Levels)	Number of Participants Rank	Number of Participants who Made a Level Gain	Number of Participants who Completed a HS Credential *	Number of Participants with Other MSG (3, 4, 5)	Percent of Participants with MSG **
Mankato	277	15	41	17	96	52.0%
Brainerd ABE	83	28	22	21	0	49.4%
Tri-Co Corrections	164	21	80	6	0	48.8%
Adult Options	254	16	107	19	1	47.2%
Area Adult Learning Coop	24	30	4	0	0	45.8%
Rochester	504	8	132	61	59	45.6%
Alexandria ABE/ESL	58	33	11	18	0	44.8%
Cass Lake-Bena	63	32	14	18	0	44.4%
Hiawatha Valley AE	70	30	19	10	6	44.3%
Duluth AE	185	19	71	26	16	43.8%
White Earth	5	39	0	2	0	40.0%
Metro South ABE	444	9	144	22	17	39.6%
Lakeville ABE	55	34	16	5	0	38.2%
Southeast ABE	638	6	172	39	39	37.9%
SouthWest Metro	164	22	52	7	0	35.4%
Arrowhead Economic OA	299	14	92	17	0	34.4%
Glacial Lakes ABE	90	27	8	25	0	34.4%
Great Rivers AE	154	24	28	24	9	34.4%
Moorhead	170	20	37	25	0	32.4%
Northwest Service Coop	147	25	11	37	0	32.0%
South Suburban ABE	66	31	16	7	0	31.8%
Corrections	3549	1	860	342	69	31.8%
Burnsville	219	18	61	8	0	31.1%
Minneapolis	784	5	133	116	0	30.7%
Statewide ABE	15216	0	3465	1151	447	30.7%



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Minnesota ABE PY 2024 Retention and Persistence By Consortium - ABE Students

Consortium	Number of Enrollees (ABE Students)	Percent of Enrollees Retained to 12 Hours	Percent of Enrollees Retained to 40 Hours	Number of Participants (ABE Students)	Average Participant Hours	Percent of Participants Retained to 40 Hours
ThinkSelf Deaf AE	19	84.2%	73.7%	16	139.06	87.5%
SouthWest Metro	272	60.3%	46.7%	164	118.58	77.4%
Metro South ABE	661	67.2%	50.7%	444	131.02	75.5%
St. Paul CLC	2687	66.9%	49.6%	1797	132.66	74.2%
Minneapolis	1260	62.2%	45.8%	784	123.38	73.6%
Adult Options	305	83.3%	59.0%	254	112.27	70.9%
SouthEast ABE	929	68.7%	47.9%	638	83.70	69.7%
Duluth AE	483	38.3%	26.1%	185	77.75	68.1%
Rochester	768	65.6%	44.5%	504	134.18	67.9%
Lakeville ABE	84	65.5%	44.0%	55	84.33	67.3%
Burnsville	374	58.6%	39.0%	219	131.18	66.7%
Osseo ABE	481	74.2%	48.2%	357	100.93	65.0%
Metro North ABE	1757	68.2%	42.5%	1199	111.65	62.3%
Tri-Co Corrections	265	61.9%	38.1%	164	173.98	61.6%
Statewide ABE	22768	66.8%	40.5%	15216	108.45	60.7%

Minnesota ABE PY 2024 Retention and Persistence By Consortium - ESL Students

Consortium	Number of Enrollees (ESL Students)	Percent of Enrollees Retained to 12 Hours	Percent of Enrollees Retained to 40 Hours	Number of Participants (ESL Students)	Average Participant Hours	Percent of Participants Retained to 40 Hours
Corrections	110	95.5%	86.4%	105	305.20	90.5%
ThinkSelf Deaf AE	41	92.7%	80.5%	38	161.99	86.8%
SouthWest Metro	417	63.5%	51.3%	265	135.52	80.8%
Brainerd ABE	33	84.8%	66.7%	28	126.01	78.6%
Mankato	249	73.5%	56.2%	183	194.91	76.5%
Adult Options	1061	84.5%	64.3%	897	121.78	76.0%
Duluth AE	37	75.7%	56.8%	28	77.31	75.0%
Osseo ABE	836	77.2%	57.3%	645	130.60	74.3%
Metro North ABE	2128	77.9%	42.6%	1232	143.74	73.6%
Metro South ABE	1435	72.8%	53.3%	1044	118.25	73.3%
Robbinsdale	669	70.0%	49.0%	468	118.59	70.1%
South Suburban ABE	130	73.8%	50.8%	96	84.40	68.8%
Minneapolis	4295	62.1%	42.3%	2668	130.44	68.1%
Central MN ABE	1183	65.9%	44.2%	780	97.69	67.1%
Metro East	2157	68.8%	46.0%	1485	125.62	66.8%
Statewide ESL	27331	68.7%	45.8%	18777	115.58	66.6%



# Project SOAR

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SEE OUR ABILITIES REALIZED

Project SOAR provides recreational and leisure programs that are designed and adapted for Adults (18+) with a Special Need/Disability.



SOAR Songbirds Choir: Began in Jan 2024 to give everyone the opportunity to share their love of music!



Saint Paul Saints Game Field Trip



Annual Serene Lake Cruise on Lake Minnetonka. We packed the boat with 80 SOAR friends!



Great Day Out with Wilderness Inquiry at a local park.



SOAR has a wonderful partnership with Westwood Hills Nature Center. In the past year we have had 9 Nature Classes, 2 Workshops with the W.O.W Mobile Metal Lab Bus, and have done 2 community service projects for Westwood Hills.



Partnered with Senior Programs at Lenox where senior program member, Jean Johnson taught SOAR participants how to make fancy boxes!



SOAR sold concessions at the 2023 Senior Craft Fair at Lenox and used all the funds to buy new BINGO equipment to be used by both Project SOAR and the Senior Programs. SOAR plays BINGO monthly at Lenox.

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# SUMMER CATALOG HITS & MISSES

## Summer Catalog Hits:

- Serene Lake Cruise with Supper
- Howdy Hoedown & Fried Chicken Feast
- Pizza, Pop and a Picture Show
- BINGO
- Pizza, Pins & Pop
- Ice Cream Social: Fall Catalog Kick-Off
- Icey Tie Dye Shirts
  - We added a session and ended with 3 classes
- 13 Classes Reach max capacity



## Summer Catalog Misses:

- Cultural Connections: Celebrating Vesak (Buddha Day)
  - Only Class cancelled in the entire catalog
- American Swedish Institute
  - We went on the Saturday of Pride Parade and Special Olympics but still had enough people to go



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