

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Adult and Community Education

Adult Education – Extended Education Programs

This policy supersedes Policy 3510.2.

I. PURPOSE

To provide for an adult education program leading to high school completion or educational and vocational enrichment for the citizens of Fairfax County.

II. ADULT HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION PROGRAMS

A. General Educational Development Tests

Several educational tests leading to certificates of general educational development (high school equivalency) shall be given regularly by the Fairfax County Public Schools.

B. Evening and Adult Classes

With the approval of the assistant superintendent of the Instructional Services Department, regularly enrolled day students who are seniors may earn credits toward high school graduation in evening or adult classes. They must pay the tuition fees currently in force for summer school. Persons from 18 to 20 years of age for whom the day and/or evening adult credit classes constitute primary enrollment for the purpose of completing high school shall not be charged tuition. The tuition for persons 20 years and older shall be in accordance with the summer school rates, including income eligibility guidelines for tuition reduction, and will be charged per six-month enrollment period.

C. External High School Diploma

Residents 21 years of age and older may be granted high school diplomas by demonstrating competencies that relate to the courses required for graduation according to the state's standards for graduations and in keeping with the national standards established by the American Council of Education for the External Diploma Program.

III. COURSE DESIGN AND INSTRUCTION

Instruction shall be based on the Fairfax County Public Schools Program of Studies. Course formats include classes, independent studies, computer-assisted instruction,

self-paced materials, correspondence courses, work-study programs, credit by objective, college dual-enrollment, and/or a combination of these and other programs. According to the Virginia Board of Education Regulations Governing Adult High School Programs, satisfactory completion of 108 hours of classroom instruction shall constitute sufficient evidence for one unit of credit.

IV. WAIVER OF FEES

Persons 60 years of age or older residing in Fairfax County may enroll in adult education classes without paying tuition fees if such fees create a financial hardship for the persons involved. Funding for approved waivers will be provided by the Freire Scholarship Fund or the Educational Contingency Account. All other persons 60 years of age or older may enroll by paying half tuition. In all instances, senior citizens shall pay all textbook and material fees.

|| Legal reference: Code of Virginia §22.1-223. Adult Education
Code of Virginia §22.1-225. Authority of School Boards

|| See also: Virginia Board of Education 8 VAC 20-30-10 et. seq. Regulations
Governing Adult High School Programs
Virginia Board of Education 8 VAC 20-131-10 et. seq. Regulations
Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia

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