

Welcome to WebChat with Minnesota Adult Education!



- We'll begin at 1:00.
- Please stay muted to reduce background noise.
- If you are having any tech issues, please chat to Wendy Lindblom for assistance.

Check-In Discussion (introduce yourself and enter responses in the chat):

- **How is your program celebrating Adult Education and Family Literacy Week?**



Recording Today's Session

The recording will be posted on the Literacy Action Network website.



Welcome to WebChat with MNABE

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Agenda

- LAN Sponsor Message
- Announcements
- Grants and Funding
- Transitions
- Program Performance
- High School Equivalency
- Upcoming PD
- Fall Manager Meeting
- Questions



A large stone monument in the shape of the state of Minnesota. It features a red script 'Minnesota' across its center and the words 'Welcome You' in black block letters at the bottom. The monument is set against a blue sky with white clouds.

Adult Education Team @ MDE

Brad Hasskamp, State Director

Astrid Liden, Professional Development

Hailey Swanson, Grants, Records, and Admin Support

Jodi Versaw, Program Quality

Julie Dincau, Transitions

Neill Allard, Records, Communications, and Admin Support

Sponsor Message

3 Step Outreach Plan



Find your MN Legislators

Contact 1: Introduce yourself and share why Adult Ed is important. Invite your representatives to your site or to get coffee offsite.

- **Deadline:** before September 30

Contact 2: Congratulate your representatives on their election and express how much you look forward to working with them to promote Adult Education.

- **Deadline:** end of November after the election

Contact 3: Remind your representative about the importance of Adult Education as they head into session.

- **Deadline:** January 10



Subscribe to Your Rep's Newsletter



Once a year educators from all over the country join together with adult learners, community partners, business leaders, legislators, and friends of adult education to amplify their successes! COABE has developed a calendar of activities, resources, and so much more! We cordially invite you to join your colleagues as we celebrate national **Adult Education and Family Literacy Week.**

2027 Open Positions

- President Elect (3-year term)
- Treasurer (3-year term)
- Membership & Marketing Chair (2-year term)
- Legislative Co-Chair (2-year term)
- Volunteer Engagement Chair (2 year term)
- Professional Engagement Chair (2-year term)
- Summer Institute Chair (2-year term)



BOARD NOMINATIONS

2027 Board of Directors

Nomination Deadline:
October 30, 2026

Announcements

Thank you, Adult Education Staff and Volunteers!

How are you celebrating National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week?



State-supported Distance Learning Platforms for 2026–27

- ❖ Edmentum - Edmentum Courseware, Exact Path, and Apex (Pointful CTE courses)
- ❖ Elli
- ❖ MobyMax
- ❖ Northstar Digital Literacy

[Learn more](#) about these state-supported options as well as popular free and commonly purchased platforms!



Edmentum Courseware, Exact Path, and Apex (Pointful CTE courses) Training and PD

- Level Up with Edmentum: Strategies and Pro Tips to Make the Most of Courseware, Exact Path, and Apex — [Recording](#)
- [Edmentum Courseware Training for Teachers](#) — Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2:30–4:00 PM
- [Edmentum Exact Path Training for Teachers](#) — Thursday, Oct. 1, 2:30–4:00 PM
- [Virtual Office Hours with Edmentum & DL Team Staff](#) — Fridays 10–11 AM — October 23, December 4, March 5, May 14

Registration links above; will also be on the [ATLAS Events Calendar](#).

Training and PD for Teachers & Reports Managers (Site Admins)

- Training for Ellii Reports Managers — Learn about NEW reporting features that make it much faster and easier to access Ellii data for entering DL proxy hours in SID. [Recording](#)
- [Make Your Life Easier with Ellii!](#) — Tips and tricks for teaching with Ellii — Friday, September 25, 10:00–11:30 AM

Registration links above; will also be on the [ATLAS Events Calendar](#).

Remote Assessment Hub

Eligible Students

- CASAS tests only (*now including pre-tests for students who have completed enrollment and have a SiD ID!*)
- All ABE/ASE students
- ESL students must be NRS level 4 or higher
- Students must meet eligibility detailed on [Remote Assessment Hub website](#)

Program Responsibilities

- Make referral to the Hub — provide requested info
- Provide student with information preparing them for testing remotely
- Ensure students have the appropriate technology needed

The Hub provides:

- Scheduling and reminders
- Free testing
- Trained Proctors
- Completed test information and reports sent to program contact

Did you miss the info session at the ABE Summer Institute?
Check out the [session recording!](#)

Volunteer Needs Survey

Help volunteers find your program!!

Literacy MN (Kelly Rynda) sent an email to volunteer coordinators on 9/13 with a request to respond to a volunteer needs survey.

Responses will be used to recruit and place volunteers with adult education programs that need them.



Grants and Funding

Federal funding updates

Minnesota received a Notice of Award for 2026–2027 funding for Federal Adult Education and IELCE grants. MDE accesses the funding through the U.S. Department of Labor's grant systems.

Federal funding for 2027–2028 has not yet been passed by Congress. Congress plans to address next year's funding after the November elections.



Statewide Adult Education Funding

26–27 funding:

- State: \$58.2 million
- Federal: \$6.4 million
- IELCE: \$1.0 million

25–26 funding:

- State: \$55.7 million
- Federal: \$6.1 million
- IELCE: \$1.0 million

24–25 funding:

- State: \$54.4 million
- Federal: \$6.4 million
- IELCE: \$1.1 million



Contact hour rates for 2026–27 funding



State ABE funding: \$9.25

Federal ABE funding: \$0.86

Remember: Contact hours are important, but are not ultimately the goal — *student success is the goal.*

Update on statewide contact hours

Contact Hours	May	June	July	Aug*	Total (May–Aug)
2025	426,633	267,526	270,045	175,426	1,139,630
2026	349,367	258,728	226,379	153,125	987,599

* Note that Aug 2026 hours are likely undercounted

Initial statewide decrease in hours = -13%

Grants and Finance: Common Terms

Fiscal year (FY): July 1–June 30

FY26: July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026 ← *Ended in June*

FY27: July 1, 2026–June 30, 2027 ← *Current year*

UFARS: Codes for fiscal reporting that must be used by grantees. Examples:

FIN 322: State Adult Education/ABE Funds

FIN 438: Federal Adult Education/ABE Funds

FIN 801: IELCE Funds

Fall 2026: Key Finance Tasks — FY26 funds

Finance tasks for FY26 funds:

- *Optional* Carry over any unused FY26 State ABE funds (FIN 322).
- Submit final reimbursement requests for FY26 Federal ABE funds (FIN 438) in MEGS
- Submit Closeout Report for FY26 Federal ABE funds (FIN 438) in MEGS
- Submit FY26 Final Fiscal Completion Report by Dec 15*

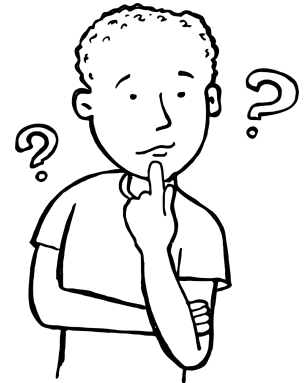
** watch for email with blank report in mid-October*

Key Finance Task: Carryover FY26 state ABE funds (FIN 322)

Up to 20% of state funds can be used between July 1 and Sept 30 of the following fiscal year (“Quarter 5”).

When carrying over funds in this way, be sure they are course coded correctly with UFARS codes.

The course code for FY26 funds is 006. This code should be used for expenses that occurred between July 1 and September 30, 2026 but are being charged to FY26 funding.



UFARS course codes for carryover

Course codes to use for carryover (FIN 322)

FY26 = 006

FY27 = 007

FY28 = 008

etc.



Key Finance Task: Request Reimbursement for FY26 federal funds (FIN 438) in MEGS

- Please check with your business office to make sure reimbursement requests have been submitted for all FY26 FIN 438 Federal Adult Education funds in MEGS.
 - If there are remaining funds, request reimbursement as soon as possible!

ASAP

Key Finance Task: Closeout Report for FY26 federal funds (FIN 438) in MEGS

- The final step in the FY26 process in MEGS is to submit a closeout report.
- All reimbursement requests must be processed before the closeout report can be submitted.
- *Closeout report is available now.*



Key Finance Task: FY26 Final Fiscal Completion Reports



Mid-October: FY26 Final Fiscal Completion Reports will be emailed to fiscal agent contact (by Hailey Swanson)

****Districts** complete audits of ALL education funding by Dec 1**

Dec 15: FY26 Final Fiscal Completion Reports due back to our office (email to Hailey)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	FY 2023 Adult Basic Education Annual Final Fiscal Completion Report - FIN 322 and FIN 438						
General Information:		Agreements for ABE consortia authorized under Minnesota Statutes 124D.531 and					
		Fiscal Year Ending: 9/30/2023					
Fiscal Agent:					FY 23 State Entitlement:		
					FY 23 Federal Entitlement:		
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UFARS Object Code	Expenditure	FIN 438 Federal Expenditures	FIN 322 State Aid Expenditures	Maximum State Admin Allowed	Course Code 002 Expenditures 7/1-9/30/22 Claimed against FY22 revenue	Course Code 003- Expenditures 7/1-9/30/23 using FY23 revenue -max allowed 20% of amount in cell G6	
110	Administration (Max = 5% of award)			\$0.00	\$0.00		
120	ABE Program Management/Supervision				If there is a dollar amount in Column F, Row 11, that means expenditures were claimed between 7/1/22 - 9/30/22 against your FY22 revenue. The dollar		
All Other 100's	ABE Counseling, Instructional, Clerical						
200's	ABE Employee Benefits						
303	Federal Subawards and Subcontracts (amount up to \$25,000)						
	Federal Subawards and Subcontracts (excess						

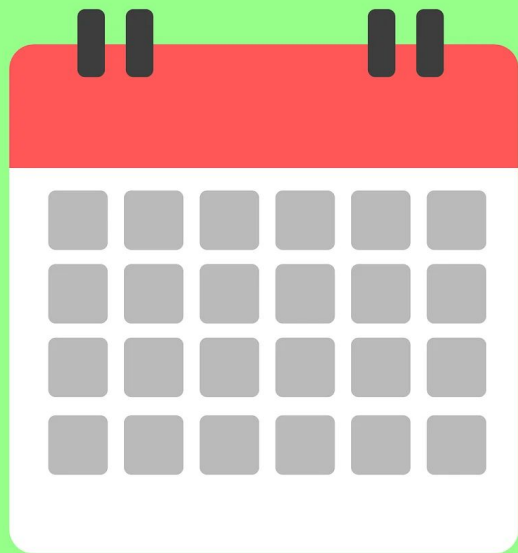
Fall 2026: Key Finance Tasks — FY27 funds

Finance tasks for FY27 funds:

- Create budget for FY27 Federal ABE funds (FIN 438) in MEGS.
 - *Budget tile is now available.*
- Submit reimbursement requests for FIN 438 funds quarterly in MEGS.



FY27 FIN 438 funds: Payment Request Schedule



Recommended payment request schedule:

- **October 30, 2026**, for all expenses from the start of grant to September 30, 2026
- **January 29, 2027**, for all expenses from October 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026
- **April 30, 2027**, for all expenses from January 1, 2027, to March 31, 2027
- **July 15, 2027**, for all expenses from April 1, 2027, to June 30, 2027

Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Grants (IELCE)

The first year of the grant ends September 30, 2026.

Amended OGANS should be sent out by the end of September.



Transitions

Career-Focused and Specialized Online Statewide Classes

- Prep for Nursing Entrance Exam
- Paraprofessional
- Citizenship
- Microsoft Office Specialist
- English Skills for College Success (College Prep)
- Personal Care Assistant
- Community Interpreter
- Intro to Basic Medical Language for Interpreters
- OSHA
- CDL Permit
- Workplace Health and Safety

[More information on Career-Focused and Specialized Online Statewide Classes](#)

Medical Assistance Changes coming October 1 & January 1

- In Minnesota, Medicaid is called Medical Assistance.
- The Minnesota Department of Human Services has created [helpful tools](#) for partners that provide information on the changes.



What is changing

Starting Jan. 1, 2027, some adults may need to:

- Work, go to school, volunteer or participate in job training or another qualifying activity.
- Report this information when they apply for or renew Medical Assistance.
- Provide proof, if needed, to show how they met the requirement.
- Renew coverage more often, generally every six months.

The biggest risk is not whether someone is working. It is whether they can successfully report it.

SNAP work rules “time limit” reset Jan 1, 2026

Spend 20 hours each week (or 80 hours each month) doing one or a combination of the following work activities:

- Working
- Taking part in a job training or work program
- Volunteering

[SNAP work rules](#)

Program Performance

Minnesota Reported Performance and Targets

WIOA Indicator	2025 MN Outcomes	Target for 2026–2027
Measurable Skill Gain (MSG)	40.59%	40.7%
Employment Rate 6 months after exiting ABE	31.91%	32%
Employment Rate 12 months after exiting ABE	32.65%	32.7%
Median Earnings over 3 months (6 months after exiting ABE)	\$8,939	\$8,400
Credential Indicator (diplomas and degrees + additional outcomes)	38.28%	32%



Federal 2026 Reports

MDE is working with SiD staff, DEED, and MN State to complete our 2026 Federal Performance Reports that calculate Minnesota Adult Education outcomes with the WIOA indicators. The reports are due October 1.

We will share outcomes at the Fall Manager Meeting.

2026 MNABE Report Card

The MNABE Report Card gives Adult Education consortia an opportunity to see how their student numbers, funding, and outcomes compare to other consortia across the state.

MNABE Report Card for 2026 was emailed out by Neill on August 31.

THIS REPORT REFLECTS RESULTS FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026

In this program year, there were 39 ABE consortia in Minnesota

All 39 consortia had ABE-level participants

36 of 39 consortia had ESL-level participants

THIS REPORT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING TABLES:

STATE AID PER PARTICIPANT

This table ranks consortia based on the amount of state ABE aid received per participant.

Note that this table reflects state aid for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, which is based on contact hours generated from May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026.

MEASURABLE SKILL GAINS FOR ABE-LEVEL PARTICIPANTS

This table ranks consortia based on the percentage of their ABE participants who made a level gain, achieved a high school credential, or made another type of MSG.

MEASURABLE SKILL GAINS FOR ESL-LEVEL PARTICIPANTS

This table ranks consortia based on the percentage of their ESL participants who made a level gain, achieved a high school credential, or made another type of MSG.

POST-TESTING RATES

This table ranks consortia based on the percentage of participants (ESL and ABE) who achieved 40+ hours of instruction and received a post-test, excluding those with certain MSGs.

RETENTION AND PERSISTENCE FOR ABE-LEVEL STUDENTS

This table ranks consortia based on the percentage of their ABE participants that reach 40 hours of instruction.

RETENTION AND PERSISTENCE FOR ESL-LEVEL STUDENTS

This table ranks consortia based on the percentage of their ESL participants that reach 40 hours of instruction.

DEFINITIONS:

Enrollee = any student who enters an ABE program, regardless of hours of attendance

Participant = an enrollee who attends 12+ hours

ABE-level student = a student whose pre-test places them into an ABE level

Note: Currently, students pre-tested with the TABE or CASAS GOALS are ABE students.

ESL-level student = a student whose pre-test places them into an ESL level

Note: Currently, students pre-tested with CASAS STEPS are ESL students.

Measurable Skills Gain = Measurable Skills Gain refers to level gains, high school credential attainment, passing a single subject HSE (GED or HiSET) exam, and other MSGs specific to Integrated Education and Training and workplace literacy.

Level gain = Test-based method of achieving a Measurable Skill Gain, accomplished by achieving a post-test score that falls into a higher level than pre-test score

High school credential = GED, HiSET, Standard Adult High School Diploma, or a local diploma achieved through a credit completion diploma program

PY = program year (July 1 – June 30)

FY = fiscal year (July 1 – June 30)

Consortium	FY2026–27 State Aid	State Aid Rank	Number of Participants (PY 25–26)	Number of Participants Rank	State Aid per Participant
Southwest Metro	\$ 1,123,548.44	15	390	19	\$ 2,880.89
Brainerd ABE	\$ 287,886.28	27	116	30	\$ 2,481.78
Arrowhead Economic OA	\$ 882,223.03	18	374	20	\$ 2,358.89
South Suburban ABE	\$ 389,521.20	25	166	27	\$ 2,346.51
Dakota Prairie ABE	\$ 190,942.50	33	84	35	\$ 2,273.13
Lakeville ABE	\$ 255,047.08	29	113	32	\$ 2,257.05
ThinkSelf Deaf AE	\$ 80,404.23	35	36	39	\$ 2,233.45
Glacial Lakes ABE	\$ 676,570.68	21	308	22	\$ 2,196.66
Area Adult Learning Coop	\$ 371,451.25	26	171	26	\$ 2,172.23
Mankato	\$ 1,039,353.15	16	507	18	\$ 2,050.01
Northwest Service Coop	\$ 587,932.50	22	287	23	\$ 2,048.55
Corrections	\$ 5,273,937.32	3	2577	4	\$ 2,046.54
Southwest ABE	\$ 1,619,070.45	12	867	15	\$ 1,867.44
Metro North ABE	\$ 4,527,336.37	5	2444	5	\$ 1,852.43
Duluth AE	\$ 491,231.70	24	266	24	\$ 1,846.74
Minneapolis	\$ 5,926,510.62	2	3227	2	\$ 1,836.54
Osseo ABE	\$ 1,803,523.26	11	985	14	\$ 1,830.99
Adult Options	\$ 1,815,013.72	10	1010	13	\$ 1,797.04
Hiawatha Valley AE	\$ 202,402.50	32	115	31	\$ 1,760.02
Rochester ABE	\$ 1,858,948.85	8	1058	11	\$ 1,757.04
Metro East	\$ 4,721,615.00	4	2758	3	\$ 1,711.97
Central MN ABE	\$ 2,110,497.07	7	1233	7	\$ 1,711.68
Alexandria ABE	\$ 236,805.00	30	140	29	\$ 1,691.46
Statewide	\$ 56,217,392.59		33,457		\$ 1,680.29
Southeast ABE	\$ 1,826,187.22	9	1130	8	\$ 1,616.09
Metro South ABE	\$ 2,433,977.94	6	1524	6	\$ 1,597.10
Moorhead	\$ 524,799.49	23	331	21	\$ 1,585.50
WEST ABE	\$ 950,022.60	17	602	16	\$ 1,578.11
Lakes Area AE	\$ 277,447.50	28	178	25	\$ 1,558.69
St. Paul CLC	\$ 9,074,101.75	1	6184	1	\$ 1,467.35
Cass Lake-Bena	\$ 75,123.30	36	52	37	\$ 1,444.68
Tri-Co Corrections	\$ 222,441.23	31	158	28	\$ 1,407.86
Rosemount-AV-Eagan	\$ 1,314,432.72	13	1013	12	\$ 1,297.56
Great Rivers AE	\$ 746,863.81	20	597	17	\$ 1,251.03
Robbinsdale	\$ 1,239,840.70	14	1109	9	\$ 1,117.98
American Indian OIC	\$ 82,778.44	34	95	33	\$ 871.35
Burnsville	\$ 860,042.41	19	1065	10	\$ 807.55
Red Lake	\$ 34,533.05	38	44	38	\$ 784.84
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	\$ 33,388.95	39	56	36	\$ 596.23
White Earth ABE	\$ 49,639.28	37	87	34	\$ 570.57

MNABE Report Card 2

State Aid Per Participant

Lists each consortium's (grantee's) state ABE aid/funding, rank, number of participants and aid per participant

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 (1d, 3, 4, 5) **	Percent of Participants with MSG ***
ThinkSelf Deaf AE	4	39	3	0	0	75.0%
Hiawatha Valley AE	53	33	13	1	26	69.8%
Northwest Service Coop	171	20	23	61	80	57.3%
Duluth AE	224	18	102	43	32	55.8%
Adult Options	121	24	55	13	27	54.5%
Cass Lake Bena Walker	52	34	11	19	11	53.8%
Brainerd AE	90	27	24	20	26	53.3%
Tri-Co Corrections	156	22	81	3	11	53.2%
Alexandria ABE	55	32	12	11	17	52.7%
Rochester AE	478	7	127	46	145	52.7%
Red Lake	44	36	10	11	21	52.3%
Corrections	2463	1	656	451	589	50.3%
White Earth	86	28	20	12	27	50.0%
Rosemount-AV-Eagan	292	14	29	29	113	49.7%
Arrowhead Economic OA	344	12	132	28	53	48.3%
Moorhead	169	21	35	27	52	46.2%
Mankato	266	16	34	25	97	45.9%
Robbinsdale	452	9	128	54	116	45.4%
Metro South ABE	442	10	150	29	51	45.0%
Southeast ABE	501	6	137	33	94	44.3%
SouthWest Metro	104	25	33	8	19	44.2%
Area Adult Learning Coop	28	37	0	7	11	42.9%
Central MN ABE	276	15	61	51	38	41.3%
Statewide ABE	13741		3136	1359	2656	40.3%
Lakeville	46	35	10	2	9	39.1%
Minneapolis	738	5	63	130	194	38.2%
Great Rivers AE	308	13	27	17	97	37.0%
NRS Target						36.8%
Lakes Area AE	126	23	27	13	23	36.5%
Glacial Lakes ABE	78	30	8	16	22	35.9%
St. Paul CLC	2045	2	496	46	338	35.7%
Burnsville	205	19	43	10	31	34.1%
Osseo ABE	355	11	95	20	39	34.1%
Metro North ABE	1084	4	296	57	108	33.9%
Metro East	1304	3	238	77	180	31.8%
Dakota Prairie ABE	14	38	3	2	3	28.6%
South Suburban ABE	86	28	15	9	13	27.9%
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	56	31	12	1	3	26.8%
Southwest ABE	226	17	48	5	14	26.1%
Program Improvement Benchmark						25.8%

MNABE Report Card 3

Measurable Skill Gains (MSG) — ABE Participants

Lists each consortium's number of ABE-level participants, rank, and number and percent of participants with an MSG (level gain, diploma, or MSG 3/4/5)

MNABE Report Card 4

Measurable Skill Gains (MSG) — ESL Participants

Lists each consortium's number of ESL-level participants, rank, and number and percent of participants with an MSG (level gain, diploma, or MSG 3/4/5)

Minnesota ABE PY 2026 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 (1d, 3, 4, 5) **	Percent of Participants with MSG ***
White Earth	1	35	1	0	0	100.0%
Adult Options	889	7	429	0	1	48.3%
Osseo ABE	630	12	299	0	4	47.6%
Arrowhead Economic OA	30	32	14	0	0	46.7%
South Suburban ABE	80	25	37	0	0	46.3%
Mankato	241	17	107	2	4	45.6%
Area Adult Learning Coop	143	20	61	1	9	45.5%
Glacial Lakes ABE	230	18	102	0	1	44.3%
Great Rivers AE	289	15	96	2	43	43.6%
Metro East	1454	3	614	16	13	43.3%
Corrections	114	23	45	4	2	43.0%
Northwest Service Coop	116	22	48	0	1	42.2%
Metro North ABE	1360	4	555	4	5	41.3%
Duluth AE	42	30	17	0	0	40.5%
Robbinsdale	657	10	257	3	5	39.6%
Brainerd AE	26	33	9	0	2	38.5%
SouthWest Metro	286	16	108	0	0	37.8%
Burnsville	860	8	287	1	45	37.4%
Statewide ESL	18661	0	6714	63	261	37.0%
Central MN ABE	957	6	352	0	1	36.9%
NRS Target						36.8%
Metro South ABE	1082	5	389	1	6	36.1%
Southeast ABE	629	13	210	1	24	36.1%
Dakota Prairie ABE	70	26	23	1	5	35.7%
St. Paul CLC	4139	1	1443	22	57	35.5%
Minneapolis	2489	2	861	5	5	34.8%
Lakeville	67	27	22	0	1	34.3%
Hiawatha Valley AE	62	28	17	0	6	33.9%
Alexandria ABE	85	24	28	0	0	32.9%
Rochester AE	580	14	182	2	10	32.2%
Southwest ABE	641	11	203	2	3	31.7%
Rosemount-AV-Eagan	721	9	194	0	28	29.7%
Moorhead	162	19	48	0	0	29.6%
Lakes Area AE	52	29	12	0	4	28.8%
Program Improvement Benchmark						25.8%

MNABE Report Card 5

Post-Testing Rates

Lists each consortium's number of participants, percent of participants that had a post-test, and percent of participants with 40+ hours that had a post-test (excluding those that achieved MSG 1d, 2, 3, 4 or 5)

Minnesota ABE PY 2026 Post-testing Rates — ABE-Level and ESL-Level Participants (12+ hours)

Consortium	Number of Participants	Percent of Participants w/ 12+ Hours Post-Tested	Number of 40+ Hour Participants	Percent of Participants w/ 40+ Hrs Post-Tested	Percent of Participants w/ 40+ Hours Post-Tested (Excluding those with MSG 1d, 2, 3, 4 or 5)
Red Lake	44	34.1%	11	90.9%	100.0%
ThinkSelf Deaf AE	36	83.3%	30	93.3%	93.3%
Northwest Service Coop	287	37.3%	110	80.9%	88.7%
Lakeville	113	57.5%	68	85.3%	87.5%
Dakota Prairie ABE	84	59.5%	47	85.1%	85.4%
Metro East	2758	55.0%	1603	83.4%	84.8%
Central MN ABE	1233	57.9%	814	83.2%	84.2%
Hiawatha Valley AE	115	51.3%	72	73.6%	83.7%
Southeast ABE	1130	57.0%	724	79.6%	83.5%
Adult Options	1010	68.6%	784	83.4%	83.4%
Statewide ESL	18661	63.9%	13436	83.4%	83.7%
Tri-Co Corrections	158	55.7%	92	84.8%	83.1%
Rochester AE	1058	61.1%	760	77.5%	83.1%
Brainerd AE	116	49.1%	66	78.8%	83.0%
Metro North ABE	2444	64.2%	1736	81.9%	82.2%
Rosemount-AV-Eagan	1013	53.9%	600	79.0%	80.6%
Minneapolis	3227	60.9%	2373	76.0%	80.6%
Glacial Lakes ABE	308	53.6%	185	79.5%	80.3%
Alexandria ABE	140	49.3%	70	80.0%	80.0%
SouthWest Metro	390	64.6%	309	79.0%	80.0%
Osseo ABE	985	62.8%	752	78.9%	79.8%
Burnsville	1065	57.1%	707	79.2%	79.6%
Robbinsdale	1109	53.0%	680	79.0%	79.6%
South Suburban ABE	166	51.8%	98	79.6%	79.5%
Metro South ABE	1524	60.1%	1090	77.9%	79.3%
St. Paul CLC	6184	60.1%	4397	78.1%	77.5%
Arrowhead Economic OA	374	45.7%	217	73.3%	77.3%
Great Rivers AE	597	49.9%	299	80.6%	76.4%
Southwest ABE	867	50.5%	507	76.3%	76.2%
Area Adult Learning Coop	171	48.5%	104	71.2%	75.0%
Moorhead	331	47.1%	183	77.0%	74.7%
Lakes Area AE	178	36.5%	68	73.5%	72.6%
Duluth AE	266	50.8%	174	74.7%	70.7%
Mankato	507	45.6%	349	56.7%	68.4%
Statewide ABE	13741	44.0%	8720	64.4%	67.0%
White Earth	87	34.5%	42	61.9%	63.0%
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	56	44.6%	37	62.2%	62.9%
American Indian OIC	95	42.1%	51	62.7%	61.9%
Program Improvement					60.0%

Consortium	Number of Enrollees	Percent of Enrollees Retained to 12 Hours	Percent of Enrollees Retained to 40 Hours	Number of Participants	Average Participant Hours	Percent of Participants Retained to 40 Hours
Corrections	3195	77.1%	64.6%	2463	211.41	83.8%
Hiawatha Valley AE	83	63.9%	50.6%	53	54.92	79.2%
SouthWest Metro	133	78.2%	59.4%	104	119.97	76.0%
ThinkSelf Deaf AE	6	66.7%	50.0%	4	313.88	75.0%
St. Paul CLC	3243	63.1%	45.9%	2045	124.87	72.8%
Metro South ABE	639	69.2%	49.6%	442	128.98	71.7%
Rochester AE	777	61.5%	43.0%	478	138.95	69.9%
Minneapolis	1257	58.7%	40.2%	738	97.68	68.4%
Adult Options	155	78.1%	52.9%	121	123.81	67.8%
South Suburban ABE	184	46.7%	31.5%	86	72.06	67.4%
Duluth AE	456	49.1%	33.1%	224	77.25	67.4%
Metro North ABE	1452	74.7%	49.9%	1084	106.42	66.9%
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	144	38.9%	25.7%	56	71.63	66.1%
Burnsville	409	50.1%	33.0%	205	143.69	65.9%
Osseo ABE	574	61.8%	40.4%	355	88.76	65.4%
Statewide ABE	21237	64.7%	41.1%	13741	117.20	63.5%
Southeast ABE	852	58.8%	36.2%	501	71.29	61.5%
Lakeville	66	69.7%	42.4%	46	88.29	60.9%
Tri-Co Corrections	245	63.7%	37.1%	156	147.23	58.3%
Robbinsdale	715	63.2%	36.8%	452	69.22	58.2%
Arrowhead Economic OA	489	70.3%	39.9%	344	86.39	56.7%
Mankato	381	69.8%	39.1%	266	154.02	56.0%
Central MN ABE	520	53.1%	28.8%	276	63.88	54.3%
American Indian OIC	138	68.8%	37.0%	95	87.71	53.7%
Brainerd AE	128	70.3%	35.2%	90	63.26	50.0%
Moorhead	313	54.0%	26.8%	169	70.65	49.7%
Southwest ABE	422	53.6%	25.8%	226	60.98	48.2%
White Earth	177	48.6%	23.2%	86	62.39	47.7%
Dakota Prairie ABE	22	63.6%	27.3%	14	51.04	42.9%
Alexandria ABE	105	52.4%	21.9%	55	42.39	41.8%
Metro East	2169	60.1%	24.9%	1304	76.55	41.4%
Lakes Area AE	224	56.3%	23.2%	126	47.95	41.3%
Area Adult Learning Coop	43	65.1%	25.6%	28	55.05	39.3%
Cass Lake Bena Walker	120	43.3%	16.7%	52	75.68	38.5%
Rosemount-AV-Eagan	482	60.6%	21.6%	292	61.11	35.6%
Glacial Lakes ABE	182	42.9%	14.8%	78	54.16	34.6%
Great Rivers Adult Education	518	59.5%	20.5%	308	44.30	34.4%
WEST ABE	1053	44.3%	14.4%	467	39.10	32.5%
Red Lake	102	43.1%	10.8%	44	34.76	25.0%
Northwest Service Coop	354	48.3%	10.7%	171	35.68	22.2%

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Retention and Persistence — ABE Participants

Lists each consortium's number of ABE-level enrollees, percent of enrollees with 12+ hours, 40+ hours, number of participants, average participant hours, and percent of participants retained to 40+ hours

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Retention and Persistence — ESL Participants

Lists each consortium's number of ESL-level enrollees, percent of enrollees with 12+ hours, 40+ hours, number of participants, average participant hours, and percent of participants retained to 40+ hours

Minnesota ABE PY 2026 Retention and Persistence By Consortium — ESL Students

Consortium	Number of Enrollees	Percent of Enrollees Retained to 12 Hours	Percent of Enrollees Retained to 40 Hours	Number of Participants	Average Participant Hours	Percent of Participants Retained to 40 Hours
White Earth ABE	1	100.0%	100.0%	1	108.50	100.0%
Corrections	122	93.4%	90.2%	114	399.79	96.5%
ThinkSelf Deaf AE	35	91.4%	77.1%	32	229.93	84.4%
Brainerd AE	30	86.7%	70.0%	26	160.79	80.8%
Osseo ABE	816	77.2%	63.7%	630	182.49	82.5%
Adult Options	1105	80.5%	63.5%	889	148.21	79.0%
Mankato	334	72.2%	59.9%	241	192.17	83.0%
SouthWest Metro	403	71.0%	57.1%	286	139.40	80.4%
Minneapolis	3455	72.0%	54.1%	2489	155.90	75.1%
Metro East	1968	73.9%	54.0%	1454	162.88	73.1%
Statewide ESL	25212	74.0%	53.3%	18661	135.85	72.0%
Metro South ABE	1453	74.5%	53.2%	1082	115.72	71.4%
Central MN ABE	1251	76.5%	53.1%	957	96.79	69.4%
Great Rivers AE	369	78.3%	52.3%	289	96.21	66.8%
Rochester AE	833	69.6%	51.1%	580	124.34	73.4%
Rosemount-AV-Eagan	992	72.7%	50.0%	721	98.68	68.8%
Burnsville	1147	75.0%	49.9%	860	126.42	66.5%
Robbinsdale	837	78.5%	49.8%	657	90.00	63.5%
Metro North ABE	2054	66.2%	49.2%	1360	146.09	74.3%
Area Adult Learning Coop	189	75.7%	49.2%	143	72.08	65.0%
St. Paul CLC	5970	69.3%	48.7%	4139	130.05	70.3%
Lakeville	83	80.7%	48.2%	67	85.62	59.7%
Arrowhead Economic OA	47	63.8%	46.8%	30	82.49	73.3%
Southeast ABE	889	70.8%	46.8%	629	106.72	66.1%
Moorhead	213	76.1%	46.5%	162	75.70	61.1%
Southwest ABE	937	68.4%	42.5%	641	86.53	62.1%
Glacial Lakes ABE	392	58.7%	40.3%	230	126.83	68.7%
Dakota Prairie ABE	102	68.6%	40.2%	70	72.84	58.6%
Northwest Service Coop	180	64.4%	40.0%	116	95.49	62.1%
Alexandria ABE	120	70.8%	39.2%	85	59.03	55.3%
Duluth AE	63	66.7%	36.5%	42	101.60	54.8%
WEST ABE	199	67.8%	34.7%	135	60.66	51.1%
Tri-Co Corrections	3	66.7%	33.3%	2	35.38	50.0%
South Suburban ABE	122	65.6%	32.8%	80	63.19	50.0%
Hiawatha Valley AE	98	63.3%	30.6%	62	49.75	48.4%
Lakes Area AE	89	58.4%	18.0%	52	36.95	30.8%
American Indian OIC	2	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%

Targets and Program Improvement Benchmarks

Program Improvement is a state-required process for consortia whose MSGs fall 30% below targets, or whose post-testing rates fall below the target

- 2025–2026 MSG target was 36.8%
 - *Benchmark for Program Improvement was 25.8%*
- Post-testing expectation is 60% of all participants
 - *Benchmark for Program Improvement is 60% of all participants with 40+ hours, excluding those with MSG 1d, 2, 3, 4 or 5)*



2026–27 Program Improvement Process

No Program Improvement Cohort this year due to the low number and varied needs of consortia identified for program improvement.

Consortia that have been identified for program improvement have been notified. They will be going through an individualized program improvement process that includes:

- program data analysis
- a program improvement plan
- coaching

High School Equivalency (HSE)

High School Equivalency Diplomas earned in 2025–26

2,088 High School Equivalency Diplomas in Minnesota

- 2,059 GED passers
- 29 HiSET passers



How to access testing account after corrections release

The tester will need to:

1. Reach out to the test vendor
 - a. GED: call 1-877-392-6433
 - b. HiSET: call 855-694-4738
2. Indicate they were recently released from a correctional facility and would like access to their account. They will need to confirm name, DOB, last 4 of SSN, facility they were released from
3. Ask the representative to update the mailing address, phone number, and email address on the account
4. Log in with the email address now associated with the account and reset the password by following the prompts
 - a. GED: www.ged.com
 - b. HiSET: www.hiset.org

Professional Development

Plan your PD for the upcoming year with these MN Adult Ed resources!

Announcements & Future PD

See below for upcoming & online professional development offerings!

[NOTE: Access the ATLAS CEU Policy here >>](#)



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Recorded webinars and other videos for adult education. See all [MN ABE PD YouTube Playlists here](#)

NOTE: CEUs available for watching most recordings.

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30	31 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Ask ATLAS in the ATLAS Learn More - Open/Not Open	1	2 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Developing and Implementing Standards Learn More - Open/Not Open	3	4	5

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All Courses

☐ Public courses only ☐ Open enrollment courses only

Teaching Reading to Adults - FY26 How to teach evidence-based reading to adults, including methods of diagnostic assessment and instruction around the four components of reading.	ACES TIF Foundations - FY26 Learn the basics of the Transitions Integration Framework (TIF) and the Academic, Career, and Employability Skills (ACES) initiative in MN ABE	ABE FOUNDATIONS - FY26 This course is for anyone new to Minnesota Adult Education and meets the state PD policy requirement for staff training.
Understanding Post Traumatic Stress Disorder - FY26	Reducing the Stigma of Mental Illness - FY26	Suicide Prevention for Adult Educators - FY26

Statewide Mentorship Experience

Interested in receiving or providing 1:1 mentoring?!

Join an upcoming Cohort — Fall and Spring next school year!

Applications* accepted on ongoing basis.

*[New application](#) available now!

Open to **instructors, administrators, coordinators, support staff...any MN ABE practitioner!**

Fall 2026 Orientation (*virtual*):
Oct. 2, 2026 9am-2pm
submission deadline: Sept. 16

Spring 2027 Orientation (*virtual*):
Feb. 12, 2027, 9am - 2pm
submission deadline: Jan. 25

Assessment Trainings

CASAS Training for New Staff – CASAS Implementation Trainings:

- [September 18, 2026](#) – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- [November 12, 2026](#) – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM



TABE Training for New Staff – TABE Implementation Training:

- [November 12, 2026](#) – 1:00-4:00 PM



[Learn more](#) about these & other assessment training options!

Best Practices in Digital Learning Cohort

Starts Friday, October 30 and runs through early March

- **Meets DL training requirement**
- For teachers, support staff, and administrators; open to individuals or program teams
- Cohort content includes current readings & discussion on best practices for asynchronous and synchronous online learning, instruction, and assessment; Digital equity, digital resilience, and digital navigation
- Canvas online course & 4 webinars; 20+ hours over 4 months
- CEUs and \$250 stipends available for those who fully complete
- Facilitated by Adam Kieffer (St. Paul ABE/Hubbs Center) and Susan Wetenkamp-Brandt (Literacy MN)
- Direct questions to Adam Kieffer at: hubbsadam@gmail.com

Applications due by October 16!



Friday, October 9

8:30 am–3:30 pm

Theme: Instructional Routines & Strategies that Deepen Conceptual Understanding

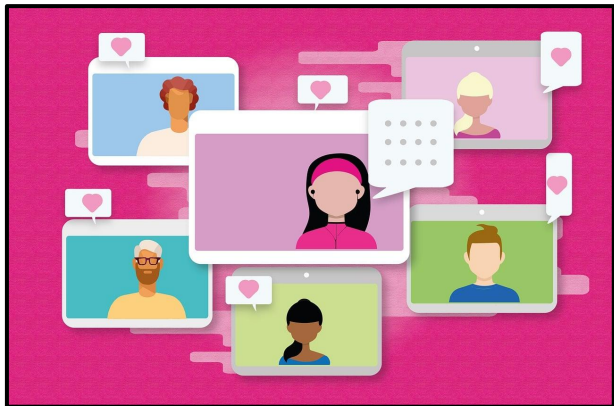
- ❖ Keynote speaker and morning workshop: Heidi Schuler from TERC, and our CALM facilitator
- ❖ Afternoon concurrent workshops

Registration is open!

New: *Math Institute: Continue the Learning* webinar on January 14th



ATLAS Monthly Webinars



[More information here!](#)

Monthly ATLAS webinars will be on Wednesdays at 2:30-4:00 pm

- Sept. webinar: [Recredentialing Pathways for International Trained Professionals Recording](#)
- Oct. 21: *Tools for Deepening Equity in Your Program*
- Nov. 18: *Creative Differentiation for Adult Learners*
- Dec. 16: *ABE Transitions to College with Focus on MN State Collaborations*
- Topics TBD: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 17, April 14, May 12, June 9

Mark your calendar for FY27 PD events!

Fall Manager Meeting (in-person) - October 7, 2026

Math Institute (virtual) - October 9, 2026

Support Services Conference (virtual) - Nov. 12-13, 2026

MN English Learner Conference (in-person) - Nov. 20-21, 2026

Volunteer Management Conference (virtual) - Dec. 11, 2026

Language & Literacy Institute (in-person) - Jan. 28-29, 2027

Digital Learning Institute (virtual) - Feb. 19 and Feb. 26, 2027

Manager Retreat (in-person) - March 3, 2027

South Regional (Mankato) - April 9, 2027

North Regional (Bemidji) - April 22-23, 2027



2026 Fall Manager Meeting

Fall Manager Meeting

Fall Manager Meeting
Wednesday, October 7
Vadnais Heights Commons

9:00 am–3:00 pm

(Doors open at 8:00 am with continental
breakfast & networking time)

*Travel reimbursement available for those
traveling more than 100 miles round trip*

***Bring a device to access meeting
materials and collaborative notes**

Did you miss the
registration deadline?
Contact Neill Allard by
*this Friday at the latest
to get registered!*

Watch for a logistics email
the week of Sept. 28!

Fall Manager Meeting



THANK YOU to everyone who provided input on the Fall Manager Meeting via our survey!

We are also grateful to LAN and ATLAS for supporting the planning and logistics of the meeting!

Meeting topics will include:

- Performance data: Reporting and strategies for improvement
- Grants & funding updates
- Enrollment trends & program reponses
- Computer-based & remote testing
- Career-focused & specialized classes
- Support Network services
- Providing input on system needs to inform future supplemental service grants (Support Network services)

New(ish) Manager Session

Date: Tuesday, October 6

Time: 12:30 – 4:00 pm

Location: Vadnais Heights Commons

Target audience: *New(ish)* adult education managers, coordinators, administrators, and other program leaders

Session will include a review of key adult ed topics including:

- Overview of adult ed system
- Funding formula
- Financial & accountability reporting
- WIOA, transitions, & partnerships

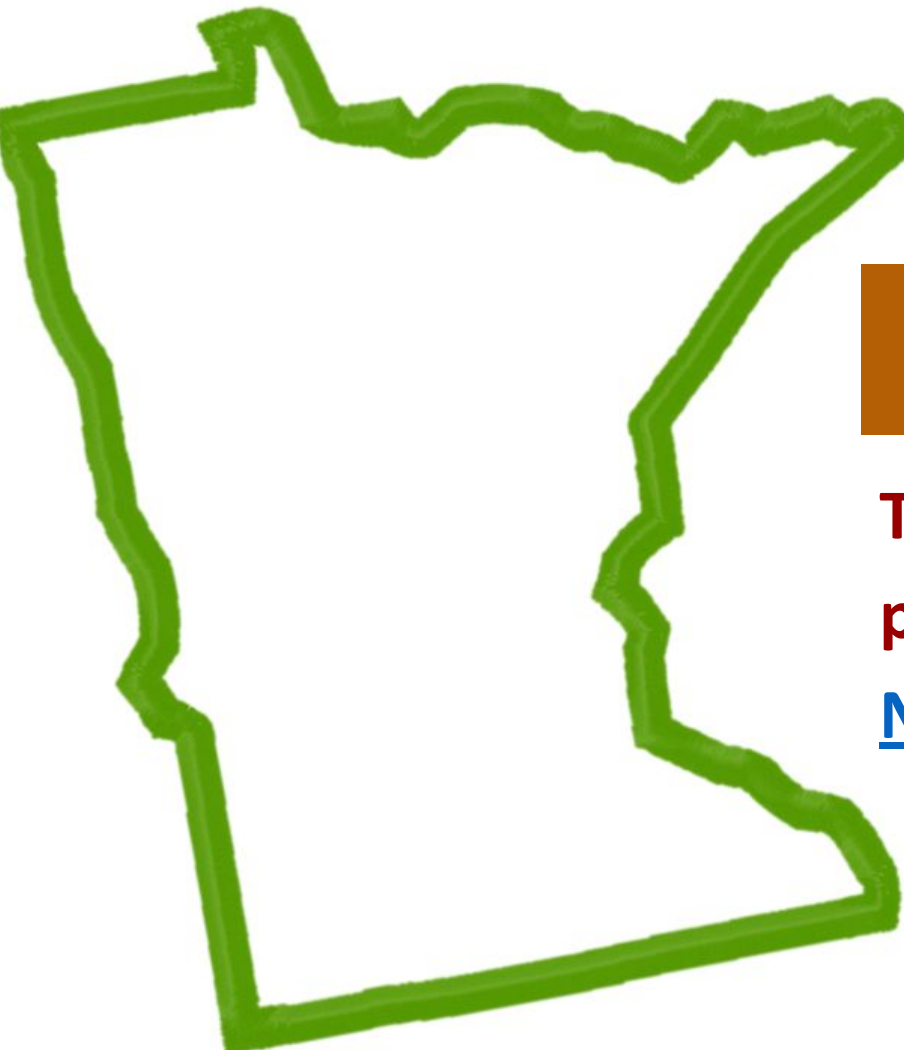
Time for Q&A with state staff



We're looking forward
to seeing you!!

- Physical movement
- Deep breathing
- Positive social interaction
- Laughter
- Crying
- Creative expression
- Affection (in appropriate contexts)

1. How are you **completing the stress cycle** these days?
2. What is a practice you could **try, or renew**, to help you move through times when your energy is depleted by leader (and other) tasks?



Materials

The recording and slides will be posted on the [Literacy Action Network website.](#)



Next WebChat

Wednesday, February 10,
2027

1–2:30 pm

[Registration](#)



Thank You!

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