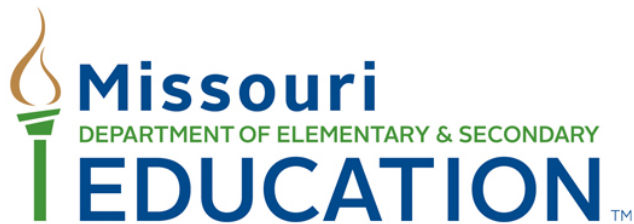




# Adult Education and Literacy

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*Office of College and Career Readiness*

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# What is AEL?



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## Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA)

- ❑ Federal law allocates funding to each state (WIOA Title II)
- ❑ Details requirements for spending and serving citizens

## Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

- ❑ Office of College and Career Readiness



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# What is the purpose of AEFLA (WIOA TITLE II)?



- assist Adults to become literate, attain High School Equivalency (HSE, HiSET), obtain employment, become self-sufficient
- assist parents to obtain educational skills necessary to become full partners in the education of their children
- assist English Learners to become literate in the English language and understand the responsibilities of citizenship

# Who is eligible for AEL?



- At least 17 years of age (or 16 years with 16 units of credit)
- AND**
- Is Basic Skills Deficient (including those attending post-secondary needing remediation)
- OR***
- Does not have a high school diploma or its equivalent
- OR***
- Is learning the English Language



# How does AEL fund local service providers?



## Competitive grant process 3 year grant cycle (7/2020-6/2023)

- 28 local programs and 1 statewide distance learning program
  - ❑ Adult Basic Education (ABE, equivalent to grades K-8)
  - ❑ Adult Secondary Education (ASE, equivalent to grades 9-12)
  - ❑ Family Literacy
  - ❑ Integrated Education and Training (IET)
  - ❑ Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE)
  - ❑ English Language Learning (ELL)



# What does AEL do?



- Skills assessments
- Prepare for High School Equivalency (HiSET)
  - ❑ Reading, writing and math
- Integrated Education and Training (career pathways)
- Career, cultural and family soft skills
- Transition to post-secondary
- Assistance obtaining employment
- Assist English learners in competencies
  - ❑ Reading, writing, speaking and listening



# Why does AEL work?



## Certified Teachers

- 100% of AEL teachers are certified by DESE
- All AEL teachers must attend professional development that relates to teaching adults reading, writing, math and/or English
- Instruction is research-based

## Multi-Level Classrooms

- AEL classes are designed to teach adult learners at educational levels from pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Individual Learning Plan created for each student
- Student progresses at their own pace
- Students have the opportunity to learn basic literacy skills in the context of their chosen career pathway as well as basic life skills providing real life experience

# Where are AEL local programs?



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## Adult Education and Literacy Programs 2020-2023 (\*indicates English Language Learner Program)

*Cape Girardeau Public Schools	*Literacy KC (Kansas City)	*Ritenour Public Schools
*Carthage Public Schools	Macon Public Schools	*St. Charles Community College
*Columbia Public Schools--ELL only	Maryville Public Schools	*St. Joseph Public Schools
*Crowder College (Neosho)	Missouri State University (West Plains)	*St. Louis Community College (Kirkwood)
Department of Corrections (statewide)	Moberly Area Community College	*St. Louis Public Schools
*East Central College (Union)	Nevada Public Schools	*State Fair Community College (Sedalia)
*Independence Public Schools	*North Kansas City Public Schools	*University City Public Schools
*Jefferson College (Hillsboro)	*North St. Francois Public Schools (Bonne Terre)	*Waynesville Public Schools
*Joplin Public Schools	*Ozark Technical College (Springfield)	MOlearns (statewide virtual program)
*Lincoln University (Jefferson City)	*Parkway Public Schools	<a href="http://ael.mo.gov">ael.mo.gov</a>



# Where are AEL class sites?



Missourians can find AEL classrooms in many places including:

- online
- career and technical education centers
- Missouri Job Centers
- public school district campuses
- community college campuses
- church buildings
- justice, rehabilitation, parole and corrections facilities
- community centers
- Salvation Army or MERS Goodwill
- municipal court buildings
- within employer's facilities
- housing authority



# What additional services do AEL programs offer?



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## Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE) 2020-2023

East Central College (Union)	Literacy KC (Kansas City)	St. Charles Community College
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## Integrated Education and Training (IET) 2022-2023

Crowder College (Neosho)	advanced manufacturing
East Central College (Union)	business, customer service, digital literacy
Literacy Kansas City	business, construction, finance, IT, manufacturing, nursing, transportation
Macon	nursing
Moberly	child development, emergency telecommunications, IT, nursing, pharmacy, production, transportation
Parkway	digital literacy, kitchen cook
St. Charles	IT, kitchen cook, logistics, nursing

## AEL Programs with a Career Pathway Component 2022-2023


Cape Girardeau	nursing
Carthage	nursing
Crowder College (Neosho)	transportation
Jefferson College (Hillsboro)	construction, mechanical
Independence	business, construction, finance, IT, manufacturing, nursing, transportation
Ritenour	construction, health care, IT, manufacturing, transportation
St. Louis City	pharmacy, office administration

# Who does AEL serve?



**Enrolled Students have taken a pre-assessment and have at least 12 instruction hours.**

**Program Year is July 1 – June 30**

	2018-2019		2019-2020 		2020-2021		2021-2022 YTD	
Enrolled Students	15,632		13,074		7,859		8,742	
English Language Learners	4,732	30%	4,197	32%	1,982	25%	2,731	31%
Integrated English and Civics	503	3%	392	3%	401	5%	530	6%
Adult Education Students	10,397	67%	8,485	65%	5,476	70%	5,484	63%
<i>Adult Basic (K-8)</i>	9,209	89%	8,214	97%	5,249	96%	5,311	97%
<i>Adult Secondary (9-12)</i>	1,188	11%	271	3%	227	4%	173	3%
Integrated Education and Training	142		118		103			

# How well does Missouri AEL perform?



Fiscal Year	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Number Enrolled	18,206	17,358	15,632	13,074	7,859
Number Students Post-Tested	12,981	12,213	10,898	8,382	5,445
Percent Students Post-Tested	71%	70%	70%	64%	69%
Post-Tested Students Making Academic Gain	87%	87%	82%	77%	67%
Measurable Skill Gains %	65%	63%	60%	53%	56%

## 7/2019-6/2020 WIOA Post-Exit Performance

Employment Second Quarter after exit: 44.3%

Employment Fourth Quarter after exit: 44.3%

Median Quarterly Earnings: \$4,538.94

Credential Attainment: 47.1%





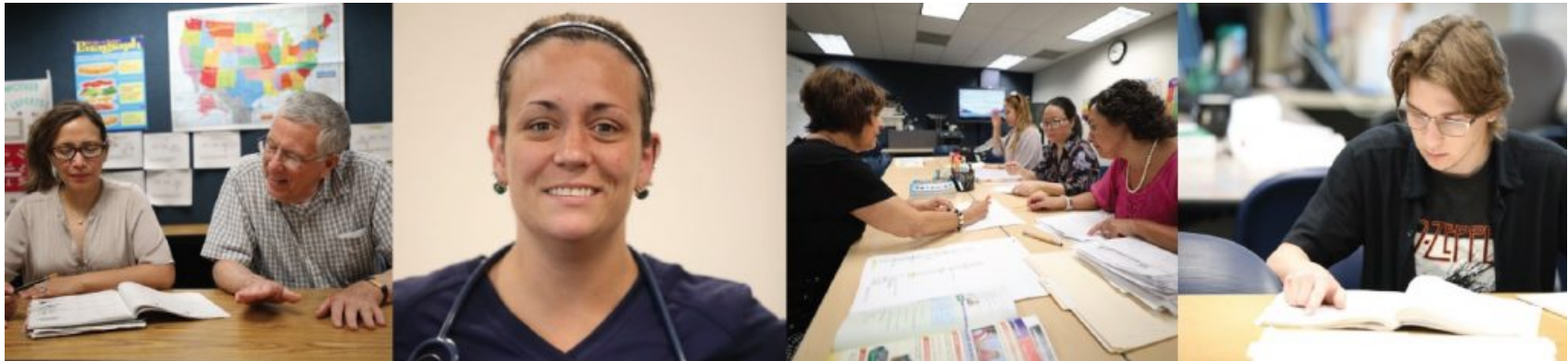
- MOlearns ([molearns.com](https://molearns.com))
  - ❑ Missouri's free online adult education classroom
- Missouri Option Program ([desemooption@dese.mo.gov](mailto:desemooption@dese.mo.gov))
  - ❑ High school students can use the HSE exam towards their diploma in order to graduate with their student cohort
- Education for Justice Involved Individuals
  - ❑ Missouri DESE AEL serves all incarcerated individuals that have not attained their high school diploma or its equivalency
- High School Equivalency Office ([hse@dese.mo.gov](mailto:hse@dese.mo.gov))
  - ❑ [hiset.ets.org](https://hiset.ets.org)



# How can I help?



- Direct adult citizens with education and literacy needs to their nearest local program through [AEL.MO.GOV](https://www.ael.mo.gov) or online at [MOLEARNS.COM](https://www.molearns.com)
- Partner with local AEL programs for and support of adult literacy activities and services
- Provide technology and study-space access to adult students
- Offer programming ideas to increase adult literacy in your area







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