

**WINSLOW PUBLIC SCHOOLS
25 MESSALONSKEE AVENUE
WATERVILLE, ME 04901**

ADULT/COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Because education should be a life long process, the Winslow School Committee is committed to meeting the continuing educational needs of adults in our community. Therefore, an educational program for adults shall be established and maintained in the school system. This program shall provide, at convenient times and at reasonable costs, opportunities for residents of the community and surrounding areas to receive instruction in subjects commonly taught in the public schools and in such other fields as recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the School Committee. Appropriate recognition certificates of attendance and satisfactory performance of work shall be issued upon completion of units and instruction.

Through its various programs and courses for adults, the School Committee shall seek to meet the needs of adults of all ages who, for whatever reason, have been unable to secure a high school diploma in a regular school program, who need additional training to become more efficient in their chosen occupations, or who would like to pursue interests relating to academic, vocational or leisure time activities.

The adult education program will be organized and coordinated by the Adult Education Director under the direction of the Superintendent.

Adult education program courses are open to all persons 17 years-of-age or older who are not attending public secondary schools. Residents of the towns of Winslow, China and Vassalboro will be given registration preference when class space is limited.

The School Committee will approve fees to be charged for adult education courses, except that no fee will be charged to persons who are not high school graduates who are in the adult education program for the purpose of obtaining a high school equivalency diploma.

An Adult Education Advisory Committee will be formed with the following objectives:

- A. To aid the director in the development and improvement of the adult education program;
- B. To advise the director on the needs and possibilities of adult education programs;
- C. To encourage and assist the director in collecting and disseminating information concerning adult education; and
- D. To serve as a sounding School Committee for the director regarding any proposed programs.

The Advisory Committee shall consist of at least seven members appointed by the Director of Adult Education, including the following: an individual from the Town Council, an individual from

the School Committee, an adult education faculty member, a student or former adult education student; a local senior citizen; and a member of local business or industry.

Meetings of the Advisory Committee will be held at least twice each year, in May and November.

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LEGAL REFERENCE: 20-A MRSA § 8601 et seq.

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