

FAMILY LITERACY

The Family Literacy Center is designed to empower families by providing opportunities to increase adult literacy and improve parent's ability to support their children academically and developmentally while focusing on the child's parent as the first and most important teacher.

Our center provides:

- ◆ Parent and Child time to support children and parents learning together.
- ◆ Family engagement to engage families in all aspects of their children's academic lives and be advocates for their education.
- ◆ Opportunities for the adults to gain the knowledge to continue and advance in the workforce.
- ◆ A certified childcare facility with highly qualified workers and a rating of 3 (out of 4) from Colorado Shines.
- ◆ The Parents as Teachers Home Visitation Model. This nationally recognized evidence-based model increases parents' knowledge of early childhood development and improves parenting practices. Our parent educators provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues and increase children's school readiness success.



The Family Literacy Center is a place for parents and children to learn together, strengthen bonds, and create families that are empowered to achieve their goals



Adult & Family Education

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OFFERINGS

- ◆ ELA and Workplace ELA
- ◆ Adult Basic Education (ABE) & Adult Secondary Education (ASE) (High School Equivalency preparation)
- ◆ Family Literacy
- ◆ Adult Career Pathways
- ◆ Workforce Training
- ◆ GED Testing Center

GENERAL INFORMATION

The mission of Adult and Family Education is to provide quality educational experiences that equip all students for success as parents, citizens, and workers. For students age 17 and over, Adult & Family Education offers Adult Basic Education (ABE), Adult Secondary Education (ASE) (high school equivalency preparation – for GED/HiSET/TASC tests), and English Language Acquisition (ELA) classes for non-native speakers of English. Adult education students who live within School District 11 boundaries have the option to participate in the Family Literacy program where they bring their children, ages 6 weeks through 5th grade, to school with them. While parents attend adult education classes, the children receive age appropriate literacy instruction.

Group instruction is provided in classes of no more than 25 students. Technology and employability skills are integrated into lessons. Adult and Family Education teachers are required to have a Colorado Teaching License and the Adult Basic Education Authorization (ABEA).

After completion of our program, we work to help students enroll in community colleges, improve their employment, or enter into Adult Career Pathways programs to continue their education.

Many of our students report they have been able to get better jobs, promotions, certificates, and degrees after graduating from their Adult and Family Education classes.



ELA AND WORKPLACE ELA

Our **English Language Acquisition** classes focus on helping non-native English speaking adults improve their reading, writing, speaking, and listening comprehension skills in order to be effective communicators at work and in the community. Students in our ELA program speak over 20 different languages. We use English language immersion techniques to teach work and life skills. With so many languages and cultures represented, our English classes offer a rich English-based learning environment where students can gain confidence and skills.



Workplace ELA is designed for intermediate/advanced ELA students wanting to improve communication skills for work and employment purposes including filling out applications, communicating with co-workers, understanding safety and emergency rules at the worksite, and navigating American work culture. Workplace ELA is a collaboration between Adult and Family Education and the Pikes Peak Community College Workforce Development Division.

WORKFORCE TRAINING

Adult Career Pathway courses are offered in partnership with Pikes Peak Community College. Students complete technical skills training and job-readiness training for entry-level jobs in manufacturing, early childhood development, and information technology. Students under the age of 21 may dual-enroll in School District 11 Career Pathways classes.



Career Pathway; Bridge classes focus on English Language and/or Basic Academic Skills in focused work specific contexts. Students can take Bridge classes to prepare for Career Pathway Classes offered by Pikes Peak Community College or prepare to enter jobs in local high-demand industries.

The **Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC)** has a staff member on-site once a week who assists students in connecting with PPWFC services. Students can attend workshops, and eligible students are able to enroll in workforce programs. Workforce Center staff assists students in finding jobs, planning or continuing their education, or planning their career.

A **Career Navigator** is available to assist students with individualized guidance and support for college or career goal-setting and planning. We give students resources to explore interests, training needs, and job outlooks. Additionally, a **Pikes Peak Community College Career Pathway; Coordinator** is on-site once a week to support all students interested in furthering their education through enrollment in college or workforce training.



ABE/ASE

Our **Adult Basic** and **Adult Secondary Education** classes are designed to help students improve skills in language arts and mathematics to reach educational and post-secondary goals of obtaining a High School Equivalency certification (GED/HiSET/TASC), passing the Accuplacer, improving job opportunities, or entering a college, trade school or certificate program.

Students may select a Language Arts or Math course, or both. Classes are leveled by skills needed to increase literacy, reading, or mathematics for each student. Science and Social Studies content are incorporated into the classes. These face-to-face classes, with a certified teacher, combine classroom instruction with computer-based exercises tailored to the student.