



Adult Diploma Program Monthly Meeting

Date: February 3, 2026

Start: 1:00 pm

End: 2:00 pm

Key Updates:

- OH|ID Issues
 - Once students have completed their OH|ID, be sure they are then creating their ODEW Profile.
 - The Student Manual will provide step-by-step instructions for students to create their accounts. The [ADP Student Manual](#) can be found on the Department of Education and Workforce website. This manual can also be sent through email.
 - Remember that the adult options team does not have access to any information as it relates to the OH|ID. Students who are having issues with creating their accounts should contact the help desk. The “new” phone number is 614-644-6443 (OHID). An email was sent on January 26 alerting stakeholders and providers to the new phone number.

- Adult Diploma Program
 - Individuals who have already completed a 12-point industry-recognized credential can apply it to fulfill that portion of the Adult Diploma Program. Students do not need to earn another credential to complete the program but must earn the required WorkKeys scores.
 - Utilizing the prior credential toward the HSD is as an available ADP option that comes with a \$0 reimbursement.
 - Send documents to Dean Scheiderer and Stephanie Schab about any potential students who may qualify for the prior credential option for prior approval.
 - Credentials must be worth 12-points and have been earned in Ohio.
 - The credential must be current and in good standing

- Draft Rules for Competency-Based Educational Program
 - The [Ohio Administrative Code \(OAC\)](#) draft rules were posted to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce rules page on January 16, 2026 for public comment. The public comment period will remain open until February 15, 2026.
 - Everyone is encouraged to submit their thoughts and ideas about the proposed rules.
 - Once the public comment period has closed, the leadership team will review and may address any comments for each section.

- FY26 Program Enrollment
 - As we approach the end of Fiscal Year 2026, remember that participants for this program must be completed with all coursework, credential testing, and invoicing by the end of September 2026.
 - Participants will need to be submitted, awarded, and accepted prior to June 12, 2026.
 - There will be no “carry-over” students for the Adult Diploma Program for FY27 which means any student not completed by this date may need to complete additional requirements of the new program.

- Current Participant Numbers
 - 102 students in awarded status statewide (some from July and August of 2025)
 - Participants who are not active, they should be moved to terminated status.
 - Funds will return to the provider bucket.
 - 158 students in accepted status.
 - Providers can terminate applications for students who are not engaged in their program.
 - Funds will return to your bucket.

- FY26 Provider Buckets
 - Provider buckets will be reevaluated in the spring to try and serve as many students as possible.
 - Partial payments are an option for covering program costs.

- If you would like to request a lesser amount than what is identified in statute, please inform Dean Scheiderer when submitting the student application.
 - There is roughly \$500,000 in unencumbered ADP funds across the state.
 - Funds that are not being utilized may be reallocated in the spring.
- Updates
 - Please send any scheduled dates, time, and locations for graduations/celebrations to a member of the team so our office can try to provide coverage to attend. This information should be sent to Stephanie Schab at stephanie.schab@education.ohio.gov and to Ashlyn Edwards at Ashlyn.edwards@education.ohio.gov.
 - Important dates and notes from previous monthly meetings will be available on the main information page of the adult options page.
 - <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Ohio-Options-for-Adult-Diploma>
 - If you have high school equivalency programs, please make sure that 16 - 17, and 18-year-old test takers have created their account with either GED® or HiSET® before submitting to our office for approval.
 - Parental consent must be signed and notarized. This must be the original document. For individuals who are signing as a guardian, be sure that any court documentation identifying that person is included.
 - Include a current school year copy of the formal withdraw paperwork signed by a school official.
 - Make sure that students know to request a voucher code prior to testing.
- Draft Rules/Questions
 - Some concerns about the draft rules PDF document does not match the text shown on the ODEW website.
 - The information shown on the website will remain current until the proposed rules are in effect.
 - Chapter 45 is struck out completely because the goal is to have one set of rules for the new program.
 - Public comments must be submitted to the appropriate email address and not through personal communication.

- Adult Diploma Competency Based Educational Program
 - On July 1, 2026, the Adult Diploma Program, as it is currently known, will end and the new Adult Diploma Competency Program will launch.
 - The communications team at ODEW is working on branding that will utilize words for better understanding for students, stakeholders, and the community
 - Students enrolled in the 22+ Program before the end of June will receive their full awarded amount to complete the program but will be required to complete all remaining credits and assessments before June 30, 2027.
 - No new students will be permitted to enroll in the 22+ Program beginning on July 1, 2026.
 - New students will be required to enroll in the Adult Diploma Competency Based Educational program after this date.
 - Providers will receive only one funding allocation next fiscal year, even if there are 22+ renewal students.
 - Funds will go first to those year-two students before serving new students.
 - The Office of Career Technical Education is meeting with experts from the Office of Exceptional Children to discuss IEP exemptions about their use to exempt students for the consequences of not passing the end of course tests. Will exemptions be able to satisfy the testing requirements of the new available options (EOCs, WorkKeys, credit recovery)? Answer will be addressed in the forthcoming FAQ document.

- Funding and Payment for the Adult Diploma Competency Based Educational Program
 - The Department is determining how to distribute funds to eligible providers for the new program.
 - Factors like persistence, graduation, and follow-up outcomes may impact the funding model in coming years.

- Provider Application
 - The provider application for the new program will be released in mid-spring
 - Current applications will not carry over.
 - Most likely, the application will be a fillable PDF and will be submitted to a specific email address.

Approved provider applications will cover three years.

- Data Management
 - The current HSD system for creating student OH|IDs and submitting students will be phased out.
 - The current system will remain the same for 22+ students renewing next year and for ADP students awaiting test results or program completion.
 - Literacy Pro systems will be the new data management system.
 - There will be multiple opportunities for training to ensure confidence in the system.
- Prior Learning Credit
 - Prior learning credit refers to students who enroll with existing core credits
 - Payment may not be requested for credits already earned.
 - If a student already has a credential but wants to pursue another, that is acceptable.
 - As an example, an individual already has their CNA credential but wants to pursue robotics, that is allowable.
- Student Diploma Verification
 - It is the responsibility of the provider to ensure the students does not already have a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma.
 - Students with a GED®, HiSET®, or have graduated from an accredited K12 school are not eligible for this program.
 - Providers are responsible for ensuring processes are in place for students meeting the program's eligibility criteria.
- Aspire
 - Aspire is currently housed with the Ohio Department of Higher Education.
 - The Aspire staff will transition to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce in July but will maintain separate federal and state funding streams.
 - The goal for this is to create a more seamless process for students transitioning between programs.