

Division of Adult Education Monthly Webinar

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- WestEd – Math Pathways
- Advancing Digital Skills
- Eligibility for Division-funded services
 - 16-17 year olds and adult education
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Eligibility for Division-funded services

- Federal
 - Have attained 16 years of age;
 - Are not enrolled **or required to be enrolled in secondary school under state law**; and
 - Are basic skills deficient OR don't have an HSD/HSE OR are ELLs
- State
 - Is 17 year of age or older
 - Is a resident of Pennsylvania; and
 - Is not currently enrolled in a public or private secondary or postsecondary school



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16-17 year olds and adult education

- Compulsory school age is 18, effective 2020-2021 school year
- Limited exceptions
 - See [PDE website](#)
 - Attend adult education is NOT one of the reasons a student can withdraw



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16-17 year olds and HSE test

- HSE tests generally at 18
- 16/17 y.o. if meet option in 22 [PA Code §4.72](#)
- PDE legal office interpretation
 - individuals can take HSE tests while enrolled in secondary school BUT PDE cannot award the CSSD to someone who is enrolled in school
- Also, PA Code says PDE will not issue the CSSD to 16/17 y.o. unless the school district OKs it



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16-17 year olds and HSE test (cont.)

- **IMPORTANT**
 - Being granted permission to take the GED or HiSET test DOES NOT excuse a student of compulsory school age from school attendance
 - Passing the GED or HiSET test DOES NOT excuse a student of compulsory school age from school attendance



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Contact/Mission

For more information on the adult and family literacy education, please visit PDE's website at www.education.pa.gov

The mission of the Department of Education is to ensure that every learner has access to a world-class education system that academically prepares children and adults to succeed as productive citizens. Further, the Department seeks to establish a culture that is committed to improving opportunities throughout the commonwealth by ensuring that technical support, resources, and optimal learning environments are available for all students, whether children or adults.



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