Division of Adult Education Monthly Webinar

December 15, 2022

Agenda

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

WestEd – Math Pathways
Advancing Digital Skills

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

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
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

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

Contact/Mission

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