

It is the policy of the Mingo County Board of Education to make available adult education programs to provide basic, general interest and vocational education opportunities for the citizens of Mingo County and surrounding areas. The purposes of the program are to assist citizens in the attainment of at least the equivalent of an eighth grade education and/or the necessary preparation for the General Education Development (G.E.D.) test and the earning of a high school diploma via the equivalency test. These programs are subject to the need of such courses and that resources are available to conduct such courses.

The program is also designed to assist adults who wish to improve their skills in oral and written communications, arithmetic, basic science and social studies. These could serve as further enrichment courses or toward the attainment of the G.E.D.

The High School Equivalency program is for the adult who has not completed high school. In this program, individuals may take a series of General Education Development (G.E.D.) tests. Those receiving a passing score of 40 (standard score) points on each test or an overall average of 45 are awarded the G.E.D. diploma by the West Virginia Department of Education. Candidates seeking admission to state colleges must achieve a standard score of 40 on each of the five tests or an average of 50 on all five tests. This diploma generally is accepted on a basis equal to a high school diploma for employment, promotion or further education.

The High School Equivalency Program is open to all persons who have reached a minimum age of seventeen (17) and have not been enrolled in the public school system for one year. There are not any fees associated with registration or materials but a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) is assessed to take the G.E.D. test.

Enrollment occurs through the coordinator of Adult Basic Education and classes are conducted at the Mingo County Vocational-Technical Center.