



Transforming Lives Through Education!

At Dover Adult Learning Center of Strafford County, lives are transformed through education. Adults and youth get a second chance, a fresh start or a new opportunity. They become better prepared for work, college & training, and more prepared as family members & citizens.

- **Adult Learning in Strafford County began in 1968, with adults learning to read in a church basement.** Over forty years later, our multiple locations (Dover, Rochester, Farmington and Strafford County House of Corrections) serve one of the largest adult literacy populations in the state of NH.
- **In the past 40 plus years, over 7,000 people have become high school graduates.** The 2015 graduating class numbered 154 adult high school diploma and high school equivalency (GED/HiSET) recipients. Eight of the last ten graduating classes have totaled over 200 and one was over 300. Hundreds of people attend our June graduation ceremony. Most years, more people earn their high school equivalency here than anywhere else in the state of NH.
- **Since 1994, the Center has been the adult literacy agency for Strafford County.** We serve students in all 13 towns in Strafford County in four locations and with volunteer tutors. We are the only adult learning center in Strafford County and the only HiSET testing site in Strafford County.
- **Last year, we saw over 4,000 enrollments in our educational and testing programs,** about 1,000 of them in literacy classrooms, where students received instruction in basic math, English, reading and writing skills. Others took computer, adult high school, or enrichment classes. Hundreds took high school equivalency (GED/HiSET) or employment exams.
- **Adult Career Pathways prepares adult graduates to continue their education and prepare for a family sustaining career.** In addition to reading, writing and math, they learn computer skills, gain “college knowledge” and prepare a career plan. Many enter career training, community college or apprenticeships better prepared to succeed.
- **Over 200 adults from more than 40 countries** annually improve their ability to speak, read and write English; about a dozen or so earn their US Citizenship each year. We offer 4 levels of English instruction and a series of mini courses in grammar, pronunciation and reading. Many ESOL students are very well educated and some have earned professional credentials in their native countries.
- **Every year, 30-50 children of adult students receive care while their parents attend class.** In our childcare room in Dover, they learn their ABC’s and numbers, play games, get healthy snacks and celebrate holidays, birthdays and their diversity.
- **Annually, up to 50 inmates at the Strafford County House of Corrections earn their High School Equivalency (GED/HiSET).** We provide Adult Basic Education instruction and administer a high school equivalency testing onsite at the jail. Our teachers also provide anger management, parenting and computer classes there, so inmates leave with skills and credentials for success.
- **We provide a safety net for teens who would otherwise drop out of high school.** Each year, dozens of 16 & 17 year olds complete some or all of their high school education with us under alternative learning plans written by their high school counselors. These students become part of the graduation rate instead of the drop out rate.

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Dover Adult Learning Center
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