

# ACADEMIC INFORMATION

## ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY

The Adult Education and Literacy Program offers High School Equivalency (HSE) and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes free of charge in Navarro, Ellis, Kaufman and Rockwall counties for students who have not graduated high school or test in the non-college ready range on an approved testing metric. Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) is a program that provides instruction for adults whose ability to compute, speak, read, or write the English language substantially impairs their ability to find or retain employment commensurate with their real ability.

Students must qualify for the Adult Education Program through a state approved test. The instruction in Adult Education and Literacy program is designed to help adults by increasing their independence, increasing their opportunities for more productive and profitable employment, and making them better able to meet adult responsibilities.

The HSE (High School Equivalency) preparation classes help provide a means for determining the education level of adults who did not complete a formal high school education. A certificate of high school equivalency may be issued to adults who successfully complete a HSE examination, verifying that the holder has demonstrated a level of educational competence equivalent to that of a high school graduate. The certificate may be used to meet job requirements and for admittance to college.

ESL (English as a Second Language) classes are designed to provide English instruction, in a comfortable and informal setting, to those who are not fluent in reading, writing or speaking the English language. Additional program classes include Citizenship classes and Integrated Education and Training support classes.

Citizenship classes assist the student in preparing for the 100 question Naturalization test and completion of the N-400 Form to apply for citizenship.

The Integrated Education and Training classes support students in basic skills acquisition in direct relation to approved Continuing Education (CE) and Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes. These classes promote student success in the CE and CTE classes. Students must test for grant eligibility prior to enrollment in this program.