

# Adult Learning Centers by the NYC Department of Education (NYCDOE)

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## Location

Adult Learning Centers & Literacy Zones by the NYC Department of Education (NYCDOE)

## Website

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/other-ways-to-graduate/adult-education>

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(646) 481-8227

## Description

Adult Learning Centers by the NYC Department of Education (NYCDOE) provide information and advice on adult education classes and services.

### WHAT IS ADULT EDUCATION?

• Over 800 free classes--see course catalog below

• For adults age 21 and over

• Held both during the day and evening, Monday through Saturday

• Based at more than 175 sites in all five boroughs,

• You can take classes anywhere in the city, regardless of which borough you live in.

• Taught by certified teachers

• Tuition-free

• Some classes require fees for textbooks, certification exams, and/or uniforms

### WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BASIC EDUCATION AND HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY?

• Basic Education classes address lower literacy levels in reading and math to prepare students for High School Equivalency classes (HSE).

• HSE classes prepare students for the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC).

### WHAT TYPES OF CLASSES DOES THE ADULT LEARNING CENTERS OFFER?

• English as a Second Language: Helps students build English language and reading skills

• Basic Education: Basic literacy and preparation for the High School Equivalency Assessment Exam

• High School Equivalency Classes: Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC)

• Career and Technical Education with year-round courses in computer literacy, health careers, technology, auto mechanics, carpentry, plumbing and electrical training

**WHO DO THESE PROGRAMS AIM TO SERVE?** Adults aged 21 years and older in all five boroughs who do not have a high school diploma or equivalency.

**WHAT ARE LITERACY ZONES?** Literacy Zones are drop in centers that can help families cope with the challenge of assimilating into a new culture and learning a new language. Literacy Zone staff can offer resources that help with housing, legal, medical, employment and other needs. There are four Literacy Zones:

• BRONX: The Bronx Literacy Zone (BxLZ): 3450 E Tremont Avenue, Room 302, Bronx, NY 10465, (718) 863-4057,

extension 3021

â€¢ MANHATTAN: Mid-Manhattan Literacy Zone (MMLZ), 212 W 120th Street, Room 102, New York, NY 10027, (212) 666-1919, extension 1021

â€¢ BROOKLYN: Brooklyn Literacy Zone (BLZ), 475 Nostrand Avenue, Room 107. Brooklyn, NY 11216, (718) 638-2635, extension 1070

â€¢ QUEENS: Queens Literacy Zone (QLZ), 25-35 Jackson Avenue, Room 309, Long Island City, NY, 11101, (718) 361-9480, extension 3091

The High School Equivalency Central Processing Unit is located in the Brooklyn Literacy Zone (BLZ) and can be contacted via telephone at (718) 638-2635, extension 1208.

HAVE THESE PROGRAMS BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? Many in-person classes and events have been suspended until further notice. Students are encouraged to enroll in remote learning by emailing [adultednyc@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:adultednyc@schools.nyc.gov) or calling (646) 481-8227. For updates to the NYCDOE's response to COVID-19, please visit <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/health-and-wellness/coronavirus-update>.

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