

Adult Basic Education FAQs

1. What do the letters ABE stand for?
 - a. ABE is the acronym for Adult Basic Education
2. Who does Adult Basic Education in Minnesota serve?
 - a. ABE is a statewide system that serves approximately 65,000 adults in Minnesota each year. ABE serves individuals 17 years or older who are not enrolled in K-12 and want to improve their basic skills in math, reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
3. How much do ABE classes cost?
 - a. ABE classes at the Community Education Center are free of charge.
4. What types of classes are offered?
 - a. We offer a wide variety of classes at the Community Education Center, including the following:
 - i. English Language
 - ii. GED
 - iii. Basic Computer Skills
 - iv. Career Pathways
 - v. Distance Learning
5. Is one-on-one tutoring available?
 - a. ABE has a dedicated staff of volunteers that work with students in a variety of settings, including one-on-one tutoring, when applicable.
6. What is the registration process?
 - a. To register for classes, call 507-727-1278 or stop by the Community Education Center at 827 N. Crailsheim Rd, Worthington, MN 56187 (hours are Monday - Thursday 8 AM - 8 PM and Friday 8 AM - 5 PM)

7. What are the requirements for joining classes?
 - a. Before joining classes, all new and returning students must attend an orientation session. During the orientation, students will learn more about our program and take entry tests to help determine the best placement.
8. Are online classes available?
 - a. Yes! Many of our classes are taught in a HyFlex model where students have the option of attending in person, or if a conflict arises (such as an illness in the household), the student may attend online.
 - b. We also offer fully online English Language classes in the evening through our Regional Online Program.
 - c. Distance Learning is another online learning opportunity. We have a variety of learning platforms available whether students are studying for GED or working to improve their English Language skills.
9. Are classes offered in other towns?
 - a. Southwest ABE South currently offers classes in Adrian, Butterfield, Fairmont, Jackson, Madelia, Mountain Lake, Pipestone, St. James, Windom, and Worthington. Call 507-727-1278 for information on classes in any of these towns.