



*January - June*

## **FARMINGTON CONTINUING EDUCATION**

### **Basic Education Courses:**

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- **National External Diploma Program**
- **General Education Development (GED) Prep**
- **Adult Basic Education**
- **Citizenship**
- **English for Speakers of Other Languages**
- **College Transitions Program**

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There are three distinct pathways for adults to attain a high school diploma. These are outlined below:

**Credit Diploma Program (CDP):**

The Credit Diploma Program is a combination of teacher-led classes and internet-based high school curriculum. Students may earn credits through independent study projects, community service, work experience or vocational training. Our teachers are content-area certified secondary educators, and our courses are as equally challenging as regular high school, but are shorter in length.

If you choose this program, it may be because you are a motivated, independent learner with a busy work schedule and/or family concerns OR you have 4-7 credits left to earn your diploma OR you simply believe that earning a high school diploma similar to day high school is what you want.

Twenty-two credits are required to earn a Bristol High School diploma: 4 in English, 4 in Math, 4 in Social Studies, 2 in Science and 8 electives. A minimum of FOUR credits must be completed in this program, no matter how many credits are transferred from previous high schools.

This program is offered through Bristol Adult Education and serves all residents of Avon, Canton, Burlington and Farmington. Rolling admissions - to register call BAE at 860-584-7865.

**National External Diploma Program (NEDP):**

NEDP is geared to assisting adults with life experiences through working and raising a family towards a high school diploma. All work is done in a non-traditional, one-to-one setting, as well as at home. Flexible appointments are made with staff to obtain, review and demonstrate mastery of the 70 competencies measured by this nationally certified program.

If you are a resident of Avon, Bristol, Burlington, Canton, Farmington, Plainville, or Southington, you may be eligible to enroll in the NEDP. Although there is no age requirement, most adults that apply are over age 24. High school proficient scores in Math, Reading & Writing are a prerequisite.

This program is available through both Bristol Adult Education (860-584-7865) and West Hartford Continuing Education (860-561-6900). Call a program coordinator to find out when the next NEDP Orientation is being held. You can be on your way to achieving your diploma and moving on with your goals!

**General Educational Development (GED):**

Adults who have not completed high school must demonstrate, through a four-part computerized examination that includes a writing sample, the attainment of academic skills and concepts normally acquired through completion of a high school program. Applicants for this examination must be at least 17 years of age and officially withdrawn from school for at least six months. Individuals who pass the GED Tests are awarded a CT State High School Diploma.

GED preparation programs are provided through the state in local school districts and a variety of other instructional sites that help individuals prepare for this rigorous examination. The GED preparation program is described on the next page.

***Mark your calendars!  
Classes will not be held -***

**January 19 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)**

**February 16-20 (Winter Recess)**

**April 13-17 (Spring Recess)**

**May 25 (Memorial Day)**

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Hours: 8 AM - 5 PM (Monday - Friday)**

The Farmington Board of Education provides classes in Adult Basic Education (ABE), Citizenship, General Educational Development (GED), and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). These programs are FREE to residents of Farmington, Unionville, Avon, Canton, Collinsville, Burlington, and Harwinton. Registration is required for all classes.

**General Education Development  
Test Preparation**

*Math, English, Social Studies, Science*



This program prepares adult learners to pass the 4-part, computer-based GED® exam to earn a State of Connecticut diploma. Students receive necessary instruction in each of four subject areas – science, social studies, math and language arts – plus basic computer skills to take the exam. Instructors will also review the official website, ged.com, where students can access related exam information and exam registration procedures. Students must be at least 17 years old and officially withdrawn from school to enroll in the GED® preparation classes listed here. To be able to register for the GED® exam, students must be at least 17 years old and officially withdrawn from school for 6 months, and 17 year-olds must submit a withdrawal form with a parent or guardian signature. Individuals who are 18 years of age may submit, in lieu of a withdrawal form, a letter from their last high school that the class with which they entered ninth grade (or would have entered if never enrolled in high school) has already graduated. Students can begin the GED® registration process online at ged.com and complete the process in person through Farmington Continuing Education.

Individuals with a documented disability who require accommodations to take the GED® exam should contact Farmington Continuing Education or the State Department of Education GED Office at 860-807-2111 or email [ged@ct.gov](mailto:ged@ct.gov).

**(A) English/Social Studies/Science**  
**Classes start: January 26 - April 27**  
**Time: 6:00 - 8:30 PM, 12 sessions (M)**  
**Location: Farmington High School - Room 608**

**(B) Math**  
**Classes start: January 28 - April 29**  
**Time: 6:00 - 8:30 PM, 12 sessions (W)**  
**Location: Farmington High School - Room 811**

All new and returning students should register on January 21 at 6 PM in Room 810 at Farmington High School. Registrations will continue for GED and Citizenship on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Room 810 at Farmington High School.

**Registration Dates & Times for  
ABE-ESL-GED-Citizenship Programs**

**Evening: January 21, 26, & 28 - 6 PM  
at Farmington High School in Room 810**

**Daytime: Jan 20, 22, 27, & 29 - 10 AM  
at Farmington Library - upstairs**

**Registration Info**

**Registration and assessment is  
required  
for all students in  
ABE, ESOL, GED and Citizenship.**

**Bring photo identification  
(drivers license or passport)**

**Proof of residency**

**Allow 1-2 hours for  
assessment testing**

**Special testing accommodations can be arranged  
for individuals with appropriate documentation.  
Individuals with a disability should call Lori  
Wyrebek at 860-404-0290.**

**Venga a las clases para aprender el ingles. Las  
clases son para mejorar su ingles. El enfasis es en  
escribir, leer, escuchar, y hablar mejor. Mira abajo  
para tiempos y fechas. Todos estudiantes tienen  
que registrar en persona.**

**Textbook Policy**

**In accordance with CT General Statute Sec 10-73,  
Farmington Continuing Education does not charge  
a fee for any classes, textbooks, or materials used  
in the mandated programs.**

**Childcare will be available for children who  
are 4 years and older and are toilet-trained  
(evening classes only)**

**Adult Basic Education (ABE)**

This course is for adults who want to learn basic reading, writing and math skills. You will improve your life skills and can prepare to enter a high school completion program.

**Classes start: January 26 - April 29**  
**Time: 6:00 - 8:30 PM, 12 sessions (M,W)**  
**Location: Farmington High School - Room 812**

**Citizenship**

This 12-week course prepares the applicant in the 3 areas of the naturalization process including both the application and documents, U. S. History and government, and reading and writing skills.

**Classes start: January 26 - April 27**  
**Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM, 12 sessions (M)**  
**Location: Farmington High School - Room 811**

**English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)**

Learn to speak, read and write English in a program that will focus on those skills needed in everyday life. Both day and evening classes will be offered at three levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced). Registration is required for all new and returning students. See the registration dates and the class schedule that is listed below. For more information, call 860-404-0290.

**(A) Daytime Classes - Tuesdays & Thursdays**  
**Classes start: January 27 - April 30**  
**Times: 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM for Beginner**  
**11:45 AM - 1:15 PM for Intermediate/Advanced**  
**Location: Farmington Library - Upstairs**

**(B) Evening Classes - Mondays & Wednesdays**  
**Classes start: January 26 - April 29**  
**Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM**  
**Location: Farmington High School - Room 807**



**Volunteers Needed  
 for evening ESL program  
 Call 860-404-0290 or  
 email [continuinged@fpsct.org](mailto:continuinged@fpsct.org)**

**College Transitions Program**

**What Does Success Mean to You?**

This program is offered by Bristol Adult Education in partnership with New Britain Adult Education, Farmington Continuing Education, and Tunxis Community College.

If you are currently enrolled in Bristol, Farmington or New Britain Adult Education Programs, and have an interest in continuing your education, you may be eligible for the Transitions program.

**In addition, to start the Transitions program:**

- **Credit Diploma students must have 16 or more credits**
- **GED students must have a 2500 on the GED practice tests or proficient college-ready Accuplacer scores**
- **NEDP students must be in Portfolio Review**
- **ESL students must be enrolled in the Advanced ESL class**

**Students must be referred by their local adult education program for Diagnostic ACCUPLACER testing at Bristol Adult Education.**

**Accuplacer Test Results:**

**Students will be enrolled in both adult education and in Tunxis Community College for Math 075 or Math 095, dependent on Accuplacer testing.**

**Career Awareness Workshops:**

**Discover what career choices are available for you. Workshops will be scheduled with college counselors.**

**Campus Visits:**

**Buses will be provided for field trips to the campus as needed. Pickups at each adult education program will be scheduled.**

**Fees:**

**Non-refundable Participatory fee to cover graduation costs will be charged.**

**For more information, call 860-584-7865 or your local participating adult education program.**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Farmington Board of Education will provide a planned program of studies to expand the educational opportunities for adult learners in the areas of Basic Skills, GED Preparation, ESOL and American Citizenship. The plan takes into account the intent of state statutes to expand educational accessibility of offerings, and educational achievement as indicated by the receipt of a high school diploma. This is a common standards-based educational program that will enable every student to achieve rigorous performance standards.

**EQUAL TREATMENT**

Farmington Board of Education policy states that no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against under any program, including employment, on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, past/present history of mental disorder, learning disability and/or physical disability. Questions concerning Title VI or Title XI compliance should be directed to the Assistant Superintendent of Schools at 860-673-8298. Section 504 compliance questions should be directed to the Director of Special Services at 860-677-1791.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

All activities held by Farmington Continuing Education are held in accessible locations. Accommodations for individuals with a disability are available upon request. Please contact Lori Wyrebek at 860-404-0290.