COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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The Regional School Unit 78 School Board believes that learning is life long. As such, a Rangeley Community Education Program will exist to achieve this end. The Adult and Community Education Director, the Superintendent, and the Board shall seek to develop various programs that strive to meet the needs of individuals, who, for whatever reason, have been unable to secure a high school diploma in a regular school program or who need additional training to become more efficient in their chosen occupations.

This program shall provide, at convenient times and at a reasonable cost, opportunities for the residents of Regional School Unit 78 to receive instruction in subjects commonly taught in the public schools and in such other areas as recommended by the Adult and Community Education Director, or the Superintendent with final approval of such programs lying with the Board. Appropriate recognition certificates of attendance and satisfactory performance of work shall be issued upon completion of units and instructions.

Programs

I. The Adult and Community Education Programs include:

A. High School Diploma Program: This program is designed to allow individuals to receive a Adult and Community Education diploma. The Program will be conducted under the regulations of the Maine State Department of Education and the Board. To be eligible the student must be either:

1. 21 years of age OR

2. 17-20 years of age and have not been in attendance at the regular day school for a minimum of one half a semester or is 17-20 years of age and drops out of school during the semester may enroll in the Community education Program at the beginning of the next semester. Students 16 years of age or younger must receive permission to enroll from the Rangeley Lakes Regional School Principal or his/her designee; the student's parent/guardian; and the Adult and Community Education Director.

B. High School Equivalency: This program is designed to assist persons without a high school diploma to prepare for the General Educational Development (G.E.D.) examination. Upon successful completion of this examination, the student is awarded a State of Maine high school equivalency certificate.

C. Adult Basic Education: This is a program designed for persons 17 years and older, not enrolled in day schools, who wish instruction in the fundamentals of reading, spelling, grammar, and mathematics.

D. Exceptional Education: This program includes instruction in fundamentals and life skills programming. This program is for individuals 17 years and older with special educational needs.

E. English as a Second Language: This program is for individuals whose first language is not English and who wish to increase their ability to read, write, or speak English.

F. Vocational Education: This program is designed for individuals 17 years of age or older to access a variety of opportunities to develop or upgrade job skills.

G. General Enrichment: These courses are designed to be self-supporting and provide the community at large a variety of opportunities to increase personal knowledge, interests, and pursuits.

Diploma Regulations

II. The Adult and Community Education diploma regulations are as follows:

A. A student 17-20, wishing to drop out of any school and enroll in a high school diploma program may register for community education credit at the beginning of the next semester, e.g. a student withdrawing from day school through the fall semester may begin community education diploma courses in the spring semester.

B. Students may choose to earn a diploma through The Adult and Community Education Program. 20 credits will be required. Upon completion of these requirements, students will receive a Adult Education diploma.

C. Credits are available and may be awarded for work experience, homemaker experience, military experience and volunteer experience. A maximum of 6 credits are available for out of school experiences. Students requesting life experience credits shall submit documentation of the experience(s) to the Adult and Community Education Director for review. The credit determination will be made by the Adult and Community Education Director or his/her designee.

D. No student of any age may receive a Adult Education Diploma without having successfully completed a minimum of one (1) community education course.

E. All students, regardless of age, graduating from the Adult and Community Education Program may participate in the Adult and Community Education graduation ceremonies, but in no cases will they be permitted to take part in the regular day school graduation activities.

F. The Adult and Community Education Director, shall annually examine the high school diploma programs and recommend changes if significant differences between day school and adult education requirements occur and shall maintain appropriate records as required under state and federal regulations.

Diploma Requirements

III. The requirements for a Adult and Community Education Diploma are as follows delineated from the Adult and Community Education Program.

High School Equivalency Regulations

IV. The Adult and Community Education Program will also offer a General Education Diploma (G.E.D.). Regulations are as follows:

A. Students withdrawing from the day school program who are 17 years of age may enroll in the G.E.D. preparation program.

B. Students must be 18 years of age in order to take the G.E.D. exam.

C. Other regulations as delineated by the Adult and Community Education Program.

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