

First Mondays

Monthly Notes for Virginia's Adult Education Providers



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Calendar



New Regional Program Managers Meeting
September 22
Boar's Head Inn
Charlottesville

Regional Program Managers and EL/Civics Program Managers Meeting
September 23
Boar's Head Inn
Charlottesville

State GED® Meeting
October 17
Ramada Inn – Oceanfront
Virginia Beach

GED®



Resources for 2014 GED® information

[GED Credentialing™](#)

[Virginia's GED® Web site](#)

[VALRC](#)

[Online Forum for Virginia's 2014 GED® Instructors](#)

[GED® Testing Service](#)

[OAEL](#)

College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education

Virginia has adopted the [College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education](#), and over the next few months, the Office of Adult Education and Literacy and the Virginia Adult Learning Resource Center will be developing an implementation plan for the standards. A primary goal of this plan will be to help teachers understand the components of standards-based instruction and the changes that standards-based instruction will bring to the typical adult education classroom structure and environment.

We will delve much deeper into issues related to standards-based instruction over the next year, and this newsletter will feature monthly articles about the College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education and the implementation of the standards. So stay tuned for much more.

Knowledge Center

VALRC unveiled the Knowledge Center learning management system at the 2014 VAILL Conference. Those who attended the hands-on workshops agreed that "KC" is easy to use and will be quite useful in preparing regional reports. Attendees also liked the advanced transcript features that can include external learning events.

If you missed the training, VALRC will provide other opportunities for you to learn, including online training, tips and tricks, and video tutorials.

Knowledge Center replaces the ERO registration system. Virginia's adult educators will now use this new learning management system to register for professional learning opportunities, including classroom trainings, online non-facilitated trainings, and self-paced online courses.

Data migration from ERO is underway and is expected to be complete by mid-August. If you need to enroll in any course offered in August, please contact us at 1-800-237-0178. We will explain the temporary process for registration.

2014 GED® Stats



GED.com accounts - 12,197

Test takers - 2,143

Completers - 1,238

Passers - 674

State pass rate - 54%

National pass rate - 52%



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Please visit our [Web site](#) for more information about adult education and literacy in Virginia and for news and updates throughout the month.

Money Matters

One-Stop Activity reports for 2013-2014 are due by September 17, 2014, from recipients of AEFLA, C & I, EL/Civics, GAE, Race to GED, and PluggedIn VA grants. These reports should reflect the fiscal contributions made by adult education programs to support the activities of local One-Stops that are allowed under the terms of the grants.

Award notifications for AEFLA, C&I, if requested, GAE, and SLCA funding for 2014-2015 have been mailed to superintendents, community college presidents, and regional program managers. A letter containing a budget summary and, if applicable, a request for revisions will follow for federal and GAE grant subrecipients. Because the budget summary may contain modifications to your submitted budgets, please do not attempt to disperse AEFLA, C & I, or GAE funds in OMEGA until you receive a budget summary for those grants. The request for revisions will identify the budget modifications made.

EL/Civics, PluggedIn VA, and Race to GED grants are still in the review process. Notifications should be received in August.

Because Race to GED® and PluggedIn VA funds originate from Lottery funds, budgets will not be loaded in OMEGA until January, 2015.

Finance forms for 2014-2015 have been updated and are now available on OAEL's Web site under the Grants & Funding page.



Did you know that the Virginia Adult Learning Resource Center Web site has resources for reading and writing instruction? If you are looking for strategies for building vocabulary skills or lessons on decoding and spelling words more accurately and fluently, then check out the reading and writing resources on the Web site at <http://www.valrc.org/resources/topic.html>.