

Adult High School Pilot Program



The **Adult High School Pilot Program** (“AHS Program”) establishes an alternative pathway for adults **who did not graduate from high school to earn a high school diploma** in an environment that meets the needs of the adult learner. Students may potentially earn post-secondary credits and/or an industry-recognized certification while completing their secondary education requirements.

Students enrolled in an adult high school under the AHS Program must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older, have not earned a high school diploma, and have not completed the requirements for a high school diploma through the National External Diploma Program® (NEDP) or GED® testing program.

The AHS Program is under the authority of the [Maryland State Department of Education](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org) ([marylandpublicschools.org](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org)) and the [Maryland Department of Labor](http://www.labor.maryland.gov) (www.labor.maryland.gov).

The Adult High School Program became effective July 1, 2017.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

- ◇ **Approved HS Curriculum**
- ◇ **Geographic Diversity**
- ◇ **Wraparound Services**
- ◇ **English Language Instruction**
- ◇ **Accelerated Instruction**
- ◇ **Advisory and Coaching**
- ◇ **Performance Standards**
- ◇ **Student Accommodations**
- ◇ **Post-Secondary Credit Opportunities**
- ◇ **Industry Credentialing Opportunities**

SCHOOL OPERATOR MUST BE:

- ◇ Maryland-registered, private non-profit organization
- ◇ Experience & success providing adult education and workforce development
- ◇ Appropriately trained instructional personnel
- ◇ Funding & financial stability

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