

Southwest Adult Education Project 2014-15

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2014-15 PROGRAM GOALS

Together the staff and teachers of the Dickinson Adult Learning Center and the Beulah and Bowman satellites organized a list of intended goals for the 2014-15 year.

1. **Career & College Guidance Program.** Our first goal involved creating a more useful system of helping our students prepare for their future. Last year, a member of our Advisory Council expressed her wishes for us to have career aptitude tests and information available for both students and referrals of partnering agencies. We wholeheartedly supported her idea and decided to make this one of our top goals for the 2014-15 year. At the NDALL conference in September, we were able to obtain a good deal of useful information and materials and selected an aptitude test as well as a variety of information and sources regarding careers and employment in North Dakota. **GOAL STATUS: Met**
2. **Language Lab.** In an effort to reach out to our community and the ever-increasing population of New Americans, we decided to use our existing computer lab for the dual purpose of being a language lab. Language learning software, games, and exercises are available to individuals at various times throughout the week. This idea was born after meeting with members of the Public School District and discovering that the growing ELL population is overwhelming to the public education system. The DALC then decided to reach out to the parents of these students in an effort to alleviate some of the burden. Flyers were given to the Dickinson schools to distribute to parents. **GOAL STATUS: Met**
3. **Closer monitoring of GED Students.** We have made great strives to stay “on top of” the attendance of our GED students. They are contacted every two weeks and are asked to “check in” if they are not regularly attending classes. Many of the students have adjusted well to this new requirement. This goal has enabled us to better retain our students and results in individuals meeting their personal goals. **GOAL STATUS: Met**
4. **Visible Growth in ELL Student Levels.** By using the BEST Plus test, we have been able to better track the growth achieved by our ELL Students. In an effort to show level growth, we have readjusted our curriculum to focus even more on the conversation and oral parts of learning. The students have responded positively to this change. Some of our students have reached the extent of the scoring capabilities of BEST Plus, which means that we have to again put them into the TABE test. This change in testing and curriculum has resulted in higher levels of growth for students. **GOAL STATUS: Met**

DALC SERVICES

The following table illustrates the services offered at the Dickinson Adult Learning Center and the satellites as well as the numbers for the 2014-15 year.

Class/Service	Dickinson Students	Satellite Students
English Language Learners	42	4
GED	35	8
Computer Classes	32	0
Post-secondary Preparation	17	3
Citizenship Preparation	12	0
Services for WSI & Vocational Rehabilitation	11	2
Test Proctoring	21	0
Resume Construction/Application Completion	14	2
Total People Served:	184	19

Total Graduates for program year = 14
 Total Citizenship Recipients = 5

DALC HOURS

Total yearly hours 1300 + additional summer hours (June & August)

Monday – Thursday

8:00 AM – Noon

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Monday & Wednesday Nights

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

PARTNERING AGENCIES

- Workforce Safety & Insurance
- Job Service North Dakota
- Stark County Social Services
- Dickinson Public Schools
- Southwest Community High School
- Badlands Human Service Center
- TriO Student Support Services
- West Dakota Parent & Family Resource
- ND Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Dakota Center for Independent Living
- Community Action
- Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center