

ADULT HIGH SCHOOLS AND NIGHT SCHOOLS

I. PURPOSE

To provide adult educational opportunities within the Shelby County Schools through the diploma-granting adult high school(s) and to outline provisions regarding night schools.

II. SCOPE

This policy applies to adult high schools and night schools within Shelby County Schools. This policy does not address the High School Equivalence Diploma Program – HSEP (formerly General Education Diploma Program – GED).

III. POLICY STATEMENT

Adult High School

The Shelby County School Board of Education authorizes the establishment and maintenance of adult high schools in accordance with applicable state law. Adult high school may operate twelve (12) months per year and provide flexible scheduling necessary for both day and night programs. All terms in a year round operation are considered regular terms. Students enrolled in the adult high school must adhere to the age requirements outlined in the administrative rules and regulations to this policy.

Night Schools

Night schools may be established and maintained for students who are over eleven (11) years of age under such rules and regulations as prescribed by the Tennessee State Board of Education. Additionally, night schools may be established and maintained, under such rules and regulations as prescribed by the Tennessee State Board of Education, for students who have been suspended for misconduct from the public schools. The district may establish specific age requirements for night schools that are within the parameters of Tennessee state law and regulations.

The Shelby County Schools Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to identify and, subsequently, adopts courses of study for the night schools that will best serve the Shelby County Schools district.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY

A. The Superintendent is responsible for ensuring that this policy is followed.

Legal References:

1. TCA 49-3-319 Adult HS Funding
2. TCA 49-6-409 Adult HS Hours
3. Tennessee State Board of Education Rule §0520-01-02-.05 Adult High Schools
4. Tennessee State Board of Education Rule §0520-01-02-.06 Adult Education
5. TCA 49-6-501 Night Schools
6. TCA 49-6-501; 49-2-203(b)(3) Night Schools

Cross References:

Administrative Rules and Regulations

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Adult High Schools

1. In accordance with Tennessee State regulations⁴, the adult high school shall provide without fee all services, such as free textbooks, to which any student of grades 9 through 12 is entitled under rules and regulations of the Tennessee State Board of Education, state and federal statutes, and policies of local boards of education, with the exceptions listed below:

- (a) The computation of the Full-Time Enrollment Average Daily Membership (FTEADM) of adult high schools shall be on the basis of a four (4) hour day and twenty (20) day school month. The FTEADM for any month shall be determined by dividing the total hours for which persons were enrolled during the month by eighty (80).
- (b) While in attendance at an adult high school, students may earn all or a portion of the required credits necessary for graduation. Physical education, however, shall not be a requirement for graduation. Students are exempted from state-mandated tests.
- (c) Adult high schools may operate twelve (12) months per year and provide flexible scheduling necessary for both day and night programs. All terms in a year round operation are considered regular terms.
- (d) In order to be eligible to attend the adult high school, students must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. However, special exception may be made for seventeen 17 year old students on a case-by-case basis.
- (e) Adult high school students may register for and earn as few as half (1/2) unit of credit per term.

2. Services offered through the adult high school may include day and/or night programs for students from other schools in the district who are behind schedule for graduation or twelfth (12th) grade students who are not likely to graduate by the end of the school year.

3. To be eligible to attend the adult high school, students must be without a regular high school diploma, unless legal or regulatory exemptions apply. Students who graduate from the adult high shall receive their diploma from:

- a. the student's school of record (the school that the student normally would have attended) if the student graduates within one year of his/her ninth (9th) grade high school cohort or
- b. the adult high school if the student's graduation date is beyond one year of the date of his/her ninth (9th) grade high school cohort.

Night Schools

The age and populations of students served in the night schools will be determined by the district based on the academic needs of students in the district and available resources.

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