Adult Education Advisory Council

Ensuring equitable career pathways for students of all ages and backgrounds.

What is the AEAC?

The Washington state Adult Education Advisory Council (AEAC), together and individually, support adult education in our community and technical colleges, community based organizations and corrections education. A governor-appointed body, AEAC recommends strategies and policies to achieve our state’s adult education goals and implement the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the federal act governing adult education in the United States.

Charge 1
AEAC partners with stakeholders to develop equitable and inclusive policies to build college and career pathways that result in a strong Washington economy.

Charge 2
Works to ensure everyone in Washington has the knowledge, skills and credentials necessary to earn a living wage and achieve economic self-sufficiency.

Who is the AEAC?

Education  Labor  Workforce  Community  Supporting State Agencies

Who do we serve?

550,889
Potentially 550,889 Washingtonians without a high school credential.¹

21% not in the labor force
41% employed
38% unemployed

53%
English language learners

22% 45 and older
24% 16-24 years old

54%
25-44 years old

67%
Students of color²

44% male³
56% female³

45,000
Over 45,000 students who are at least 16-years-old build academic skills for college and careers and learn English every year.²
How has AEAC helped students?

- Streamlined programs to get students through faster and further
- HS 21+ 5,244 high school diplomas earned 2014-18
- I-BEST 7,985 college certificates and degrees earned 2014-18
- Ensured tuition remains affordable
- Advocate for increased present of full-time faculty
- Clarified financial aid opportunities for students
- Outreached to local partners to encourage students to enroll in High School 21+

How will we achieve our goals?

**Mission**
AEAC partners with stakeholders to develop equitable and inclusive policies to build college and career pathways that result in a strong Washington economy.

**Vision**
Everyone in Washington state has the knowledge, skills and credentials necessary to earn a living wage and achieve economic self-sufficiency, which results in a dynamic economy and vibrant communities.

**Values**

- **Inclusiveness** — respects people and cultures, values diversity, and is committed to equitable student-centered educational and economic opportunity.
- **Collaboration** — works collaboratively and openly with stakeholders to bridge systems.
- **Quality** — endorses continual data-driven innovation and improvement of adult education that impacts all students.
- **Innovation** — promotes rigorous educational innovation that moves students further and faster toward educational and career goals.
- **Advocacy** — seeks to inform and advance an agenda of student-centered education and economic development.

Sources:
1. Five-year American Community Survey 2013-17 estimates
2. SBCTC 2017-18 Annual Allocation and Enrollment Monitoring Report
3. Washington Adult Basic Education Reporting System (WABERS+), spring 2018
4. SBCTC Data Warehouse