

## ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

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(1) **Philosophy**

The adult and continuing education program provides quality learning to meet a range of needs through offering both credit and non-credit courses and appropriate services, primarily for adult residents of the River East Transcona community. The focus is on promoting lifelong learning in an adult-focused environment. Programs and/or courses are developed based on research, ongoing evaluation, and the participation, where appropriate, of community and/or industry partners.

(2) **Guidelines**

- (a) Adult students seeking to complete senior years credit courses shall be admitted to the division's adult learning centres operated through the adult and continuing education program, subject to space availability and established criteria.
- (b) Prerequisite courses for post secondary education and courses designed as bridges to economic betterment (i.e. facilitating access to better jobs or career advancement) will be selected as the highest priority to offer for adult students.
- (c) Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)/Challenge for Credit will be a consideration for the placement of adult students in senior years programming.
- (d) Adult and continuing education will endeavor to provide learning programs identified as needed in the community, for which the delivery costs are fully supported through fees and/or external government subsidy/support.
- (e) Adult and continuing education will ensure that courses and services provide participants with opportunities to gain skills, acquire knowledge, enhance good citizenship, and/or lead quality lives.
- (f) Adult and continuing education will also provide learning opportunities for children/youth beyond those offered in the regular day school program.
- (g) Adult and continuing education will support the professional learning and training of divisional staff by offering supplemental programming.
- (h) Where possible and practical, the board of trustees shall provide access to schools and other facilities of the division for adult and continuing education programs, and shall maintain divisional standards of safety for program delivery.

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- (3) Examples of courses and programs of adult and continuing education that fall within the guidelines in item (2) above:
- Academic credit courses leading to the mature student diploma, regular high school diploma and courses required for post-secondary entry
  - Life and leisure
    - computers and technology
    - summer camps
    - arts and crafts
  - Fitness and recreational sports,
  - Courses designed for senior citizens
  - Online learnings
  - English as an Additional Language for adults

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