

Southwest Adult Education Project

2015-16



2015-16 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 2015-16 year.

1. **Community Outreach.** The staff of the DALC determined a desire to increase awareness amongst the community as to our program and the services we offer. New residents, immigrants, and existing community members should all be aware of the opportunities we provide for them. The Center will be participated again this year in “Project Connect” and made strives to increase our presence online and in social media. Not surprising, news seems to spread rapidly amongst community members through the use of social media and we saw much evidence supporting that.

GOAL STATUS: Met



Staff and Students donated items from the Domestic Violence Shelter wish list, as part of our holiday “giving” project.



ELL Students & Veterans singing the National Anthem at the Stark County Veteran's Memorial

2. **Amendment to Curriculum with a Focus on Social Studies & US Civics.** In addition to the Legislative Civics requirement, the staff at the DALC felt it would be beneficial to all students if we were to supplement their education with materials and activities that focus on United States History, important American activists, and other topics such as those regarding individual civic duties. Lessons were created with an awareness of current events and holidays; for example, Black History Month, elections and voting, discussion and explanation of Memorial Day, etc. We felt that by amending our curriculum so as to focus on these areas, we could provide our students with a more well-rounded education and better prepare them for their civic duties.

GOAL STATUS: Met

3. **Prepare for Transition from WIA to WIOA.** This year, the State required that all Adult Learning Centers set this particular goal for the program year. Dickinson ALC completed this goal by incorporating college and career readiness and Career Pathways into ABE and ELL instruction and services. We maintain a close relationship with Job Service and Voc Rehab to help us identify the greatest needed skillsets for the state job market. In doing so, we are better able to align our curriculum to provide the necessary education. For example, computer courses pertaining to software necessary for many careers is offered, as well as discussion and career counseling for individual students. Our program would like to continue working to connect students with available internships, apprenticeships, and career pathways in our area and help guide them as they further their education. As always, we have a variety of computer skills classes available to our 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 student numbers for the 2015-16 year.

Class/Service	Students
English Language Learners	65
GED	87
Computer Classes	64
Citizenship Preparation	12
Referrals from WSI & Vocational Rehabilitation	12
Test Proctoring (Online & Distance Education)	33
Resume Construction/Application Completion	10
Total People Served:	283

Total Graduates for program year = 32

Total Citizenship Recipients = 7

DALC HOURS

Total yearly hours 1300 + additional summer hours

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

According to GED Testing Service data, the Dickinson ALC was one of only two Learning Centers in the state to achieve TOP 5 status in all four portions of the GED!

- 1st Place Highest Average Score in Language Arts
- 1st Place Highest Average Score in Science
- 2nd Place Highest Average Score in Mathematics
- 3rd Place Highest Average Score in Social Studies