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Message from the Director

Dear Bridgeport and Fairfield Residents,
The staff members of Bridgeport Adult Education are committed to helping students achieve their personal, educational, and occupational goals. Various courses are offered to develop the skills which will prepare students to successfully continue their education and/or enter the workforce. Our programing will enable students to move ahead in life, attain goals and make their dreams a reality.

Let us...



The Bridgeport Board of Education and I hope you will join us in continuing your education. Remember, it is never too late to take charge of your own learning. Come register now!

School Contact Information

Adult Education Department Main Office and Evening Classes

Central High School
1 Lincoln Boulevard Bridgeport, CT 06606
(203) 275-1509
Fax: (203) 337-0197
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Programs and Advising

High School Completion

Need a High School Diploma? There are 3 programs available to students who are at least 17 years of age and are officially withdrawn from school. All students 17 years of age must schedule a meeting with the Director prior to entering Adult Education.

High School Credit Diploma Program (HSCDP or CDP)

In the High School Credit Diploma Program students earn academic credits which are added to any credits they already earned previously in high school. Upon fulfilling all core and elective requirements, students will receive their high school diploma.

- ❖ Credit may be given for previously earned high school credits, military experience, or independent study.
 - ❖ 25 credits are required to receive a Diploma, which is awarded by the Bridgeport Public Schools.
 - ❖ Bridgeport Adult Education requires students to earn:
 - English: 4 credits
 - Social Studies: 3 credits
 - Humanities Elective: 1 credit
 - Mathematics: 4 credits
 - Science: 3 credits
 - Electives: 10 credits
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A certified school counselor will review your official transcripts and design a program to meet all requirements necessary to receive a high school diploma. Credit Diploma classes are offered at

- ❖ **Central High School:** in-person and on-line classes with certified teacher using **Edgenuity**
 - Monday-Thursday, 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 PM; in-person classes two evenings per week (Monday & Wednesday and/or Tuesday & Thursday)
 - Monday-Thursday, 4:30-6:30PM; on-line

- ❖ **Adult Learning Center:** on-line classes with certified teacher using **Edgenuity**
 - Monday-Friday, 9-12PM & 12:00-2PM
 - Saturday mornings 8:30 AM- 12:30 PM

Open enrollment is available throughout the school year through on-line classes.

Bridgeport Adult Education is in compliance with Connecticut General Statutes Sec.10-73a and **does not charge fees for registration, textbooks or materials** used in mandated program areas.

High School Equivalency/ General Educational Development (GED®)

The focus of the GED® program is to prepare students to pass the computer-based GED® test. Preparation to complete the GED® test includes problem-solving skills in the subject areas of Language Arts, Social Studies, Science and Mathematics. Classroom instruction is supplemented by computer assisted instruction with a GED® interactive computer program and **Edgenuity** on-line classes.

- ❖ Classes and tests available in **English** and **Spanish**.
 - ❖ Classes are available at all levels.
 - ❖ All students take a placement test to determine their appropriate class level.
 - ❖ Individuals are eligible to take the official State GED® Exam at 17/18 years of age if
 - officially withdrawn from school for at least 6 months
 - high school class has graduated
 - 17 years old, you must submit a withdrawal form signed by a parent or guardian.
 - ❖ Individuals who pass the GED® test are awarded a Connecticut State High School Diploma.
 - ❖ Day GED® classes are held at
 - **Adult Learning Center**
 - Monday-Thursday, 9-12PM
 - **Central High School**
 - Monday-Thursday, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
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GED® Exam Dates and Registration Information

The GED® exam is offered at various locations throughout Connecticut. To find out more about the new GED computer-based test, visit www.gedtestingservice.com

General Educational Development (GED®) Test Accommodations

Accommodations for the GED® test are available for qualified individuals with a disability. For more information, contact Lynn Stephens at (203) 275-1509.

You may also contact Sabrina Mancini at the Connecticut State Department of Education at (860) 807-2110, or by email at GED@ct.gov

National External Diploma Program (NEDP)

The National External Diploma Program (NEDP) is a High School diploma program for adults who qualify and have acquired their academic skills through life and work experiences and demonstrate what they have learned. NEDP measures academic and life skills, such as Reading, Critical Thinking, Oral Communications, Mathematics, Writing, Self-Awareness, Consumer Awareness, Occupational Awareness, Scientific Awareness, and Social Awareness.

The NEDP is offered by our educational partners, **Literacy Volunteers of Greater Bridgeport** in partnership with the **Bridgeport Public Library**, and the **Mercy Learning Center** (a women's ONLY program). Candidates work independently while maintaining weekly appointments with their NEDP advisor/assessor.

Diplomas are issued by the Bridgeport Adult Education Department.

The goal of this initiative is to help those candidates who need a secondary school diploma but choose not to go through the traditional credit diploma classes or the GED program. Please contact:

Lisa Wolfeiler at Literacy Volunteers of Greater Bridgeport
Bridgeport Public Library
925 Broad Street Bridgeport, CT 06604
Phone: 203-576-7012
lwolfeiler@bridgeportpubliclibrary.org

Mercy Learning Center
637 Park Ave. Bridgeport, CT 06604
Phone: 203-334-6699
info@mercylearningcenter.org

Adult Basic Education (ABE)

Adult Basic Education (ABE) classes are offered for adults who wish to improve their basic skills in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. Classes are offered in various locations at different times during the day and evening. See pages 14 and 16 for specific times, locations, and registration information.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESL)

We offer ESL classes to students whose primary language is not English. Courses range from introductory to advanced levels and are designed to improve reading, writing, listening, speaking, and life skills. The use of technology is an integral part of our program. Students are given a placement test to determine ability level.

- ❖ Integrates Life Skills and Basic Skills.
- ❖ Listening, writing, speaking and reading skills are taught.
- ❖ Weekly interactive computer instruction.
- ❖ Classes are offered in **four** instructional levels: Survival, Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced. Students are placed according to their ability level. A placement test is given to assess students' level.
- ❖ These courses are designed to strengthen the students' basic **math, reading comprehension,** and **grammar** skills.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESL) classes are offered during the day and on Saturdays at the **Adult Learning Center**, and in the evening at **Central High School**.

Citizenship

This course prepares students for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) exam and interview of U.S. History. Students must be assessed at Intermediate level or higher.

- ❖ Prepare to become a U.S. Citizen by studying for the U.S. Naturalization Interview and Test.
- ❖ Course covers U.S. History, Government and Civics.

Must be able to read, write and speak English to pass the test.

Day Classes at The Adult Learning Center

Located at 418 Kossuth Street, the Adult Learning Center offers classes Monday – Friday. Classes run from 9:00-12PM, and 12:00-2PM.

For more information call (203) 275-3266

Fall Semester 2023

Registration:

- August 21, 2023 - August 24, 2023 (9-12PM)
- August 28, 2023 - August 31, 2023 (9-12PM)

Classes Begin: September 5, 2023

Classes End: December 21, 2023

Spring Semester 2024

Registration: December 18, 2023 – December 21, 2023

January 2 - 4, 2024

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Semester: January 8, 2024 – May 30, 2024

Summer Classes 2024 (Adult Learning Center)

July 1, 2024 – August 2, 2024 (9-1PM)

Monday - Friday

Registration by appointment call (203) 275-3266

GED

Students will focus on improving their skills in the four subjects tested on the official GED Exam: Math, Social Studies, Science, Language Arts. These classes are offered in **English** and **Spanish**.

GED Tutorial

Designed for those students who need additional help in Writing and Math. This class is offered **by appointment** and space is limited.

Citizenship

This course prepares students for the United States Citizenship Test. Content includes U.S. History, Government, and English Language Skills.

Fall 2023 - Evening Classes

CDP / ESL / GED

Registration:

- August 21, 2023 - Aug. 24, 2023 (4-7PM)
- August 28, 2023 - Aug. 31, 2023 (4-7PM)
- Monday - Thursday

Classes Begin: September 5, 2023

Classes End: December 21, 2023

Class Time: 6-8PM

Spring 2024 - Evening Classes

CDP / ESL / GED

Registration:

December 18, 2023 - Dec. 21, 2023 (4-7PM)

January 2, 2024 - January 4, 2024 (4-7PM)

Classes Begin: January 8, 2024

Classes End: May 30, 2024

Class Time: 6-8PM

Call (203) 275-1509 for more information.

Enrichment and Elective Courses Evenings @ CHS

Computer Classes

❖ **Intro to Microsoft Office**

You will learn basic Word, Excel, and email skills. You will learn how to create and manage Word documents, organize information in tables, perform calculations on data, create graphs and charts, organize your email inbox, and send files over email.

❖ **Advanced Microsoft Office**

Have some experience with Microsoft Office and want to improve your skills or need a refresher? This course will help you learn advanced techniques. You will learn how to create and update a Table of Contents, Mail Merge to labels, envelopes, form letters, and emails, work with captions and footnotes, track changes, and much more. The basics of Microsoft Publisher will also be explored.

Bridgeport Adult Education **Online Credit Diploma Courses** **through Edgenuity Learning**

Online CDP courses are offered at both Adult Education locations. This is an ideal option for students who seek to work independently, with the support of an instructor, to earn credits at their own pace.

In this program, students are monitored and supported by certified instructors. Students enrolled in online courses have the ability, and are encouraged, to work independently where technology is accessible. A minimum of 12 hours of in-person is required for assessment completion and support.

Nondiscriminatory Policy

Bridgeport Adult Education is committed to a policy of equal opportunity/affirmative action for all qualified persons and does not discriminate in any employment practice, education program, or educational activity on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability (including, but not limited to, intellectual disability, past or present history of mental disorder, physical disability or learning disability), genetic information, or any other basis prohibited by Connecticut state and/or federal nondiscrimination laws. Inquiries regarding Bridgeport Adult Education's nondiscrimination policies should be directed to Lynn Stephens, 203-275-1509.

General Accessibility and Accommodation

All activities offered by Bridgeport Adult Education are held in accessible locations. Accommodations for individuals with a disability are available upon request. Please contact Lynn Stephens at 203-275-1509.

Adult Education Policies and Procedures

Attendance/Tardiness

Attendance will be taken daily in class and monitored closely by office staff. Credit Diploma Students who do not attend for the minimum required hours will not receive credit for the course. Students will be marked tardy after 6:45 P.M. Three tardies to any class shall constitute an absence from that class. Students are not permitted to enter the building after 6:45 PM.

Security

All students must pass through one of the security checkpoints at Central High School. Cell phones, jewelry, and other metal items must be removed prior to passing through the metal detector. Hats are not allowed, with the exception of head coverings required in religious observance. Students may be refused entry for inappropriate dress.

Cell phones, other electronic devices

The use of these during class time is prohibited unless the use is directed by the teacher and is necessary for a learning activity.

Use of School Telephone

Students will not be called out of class for incoming calls, except for extreme emergencies.

Dress

Students are asked to come to school wearing appropriate attire. Clothing should be clean and appropriate for a school environment.

Smoking

Smoking of any kind is not permitted on school grounds.

Change of Address/Telephone

Please notify the school if you have a change of address or telephone number.

Identification Cards

Students must wear a school-issued identification card at all times while in attendance.

Bus Passes

Bus passes will be issued to students in good standing according to established criteria. See Office Staff for more information.

General Behavior

Students will conduct themselves as mature, responsible adults. Behavior that is in any way disruptive to the educational process or disrespectful of others may result in removal from the program.



Bridgeport Public Schools Adult Education

For more information regarding our class offerings, call

(203) 275-1509 or visit our website at

www.bridgeportedu.net/adulted