



FALL 2026
Adult & Community Education



There are 3 ways to register & pay for a Community Education class:



ONLINE

www.isdschools.ce.eleyo.com



IN PERSON

Independence School District Central Office
201 N. Forest Ave., Independence, MO 64050



PHONE 816-521-5307

Monday through Friday | 8:00 am-4:30 pm

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**Community Education registration fees are non-refundable.*

If you are attending class at Truman High School, use the entrance
on the south side of the building under the PATRIOTS sign.

Do not arrive more than a quarter hour before class.

Do you want more information? Email is best!

Email isdael@isdschools.org, or refer to our website

<https://adulthood.isdschools.org>



High School Equivalency & English Classes

The Independence School District offers high school equivalency classes to assist people in obtaining their **state issued** diploma (HiSet/GED). English Classes are also offered. In addition, we help adults increase their skills to become more marketable for employment.

Do you want to enroll into a High School Equivalency class?

Attend one of our enrollments:

**FULL EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL
CLASSROOM**
WED., AUG. 12 | 9:00 AM or 6:00PM
WED., SEPT. 9 | 9:00 AM or 6:00PM
1524 E. 23rd Street S. 64050

MAYWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
TUE., AUG. 18 | 9:00 AM
TUES., SEPT. 8 | 9:00 AM
10105 E. Winner Rd. 64052

Do you want to enroll into English Language classes?

¿Quieres inscribirte en clases de inglés?

ATTEND ONE OF OUR ENROLLMENTS:

Asista a una de nuestras sesiones de inscripción:

MAYWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
TUE., AUG. 18 | 9:00AM or 6:00PM
TUE., SEPT. 8 | 9:00AM or 6:00PM
10105 E. Winner Rd. 64052

TRUMAN HIGH SCHOOL*
TUE., AUG. 25 | 6:00PM
TUE., SEPT. 22 | 6:00PM
3301 S. Noland Rd. 64055
**Enrollment begins in the Lecture Hall*

English Language Classes* HELD AT THREE LOCATIONS:

MAYWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
10505 E. Winner Rd. 64052
TUE., WED. & THU.
9:00 - 11:30AM OR 12:00 - 3:00PM
TUE. & THU. | 6:00 - 9:00PM

Las clases de inglés en la Iglesia
Maywood son los

Martes, Miércoles, Jueves.
9:00 a 11:30am OR 12:00 a 3:00pm

Martes y Jueves de
6:00 a 9:00pm

**Community members 17 years & older may
participate in our English classes.*

FULL EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL
1524 E. 23rd St. S. 64055
TUE. & THU. | 9:00AM TO NOON
También se ofrecen clases de inglés
en el Pleno Empleo.

Martes. y jueves. mañanas de
9:00 am a mediodía

TRUMAN HIGH SCHOOL
3301 S. Noland Rd. 64055
MON. & WED. | 6:00PM TO 9:00PM
Tambien se ofrecen clases de ingles
en Truman High School.
Martes y Jueves de 6:00pm a 9:00pm



Computers

Computer Boot Camp for Beginners

TERRY STOVALL

TIME: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

LOCATION:

Truman High School*
3301 S Noland Rd. 64055

ROOM: 122

REGISTRATION FEE:

Basic 1 \$30; Basic 2 \$30

This class will cover the basics of managing your computer hardware, software, e-mail, internet usage, computer purchasing, security, privacy and much more.

BASIC 1 (6 WEEKS):

September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6 & 13

BASIC 2 (4 WEEKS):

October 27, November 10, 17 & 24

Social Media 101

TERRY STOVALL

DATES (4 WEEKS):

Sept. 10, 17, 24 & Oct. 1

TIME: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

LOCATION:

Truman High School*
3301 S Noland Rd. 64055

ROOM: 122

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30

Learn the basics of how to use Facebook, Twitter, and Snap Chat to communicate with friends and family members.

**Please bring laptop, tablet or smart phone, if you own one.*

WHAT DO STUDENTS SAY about Terry's computer classes?

“I took two computer classes this year. Being 77, I was needing an update. Terry Stovall taught the class and was excellent. I now feel better prepared to use my computer. It has taken away the fear of using a computer. Thank you so much for making this class available!”

— JOHN

How to Use Your Android Mobile Phone

CHRIS EASTRIDGE

DATE: Thur., Sept. 24
TIME: 6:00pm – 8:00pm
LOCATION:
Truman High School*
3301 S Noland Rd. 64055
ROOM: 217
REGISTRATION FEE: \$10;
please bring an additional
instructor’s fee of \$30 cash

This introductory class will cover the basics of using an Android mobile phone. Topics covered will include: powering the device on and off, making calls, saving contacts, text messaging, installing and removing apps, using the camera and accessing photos, changing background and screensaver images, connecting to wifi, and how to change settings for password security. More topics can be covered at the end of class if students have more questions.

**Please bring the mobile device you use most often. For example: a smartphone, tablet, or laptop.*

How to Use Your iPhone

CHRIS EASTRIDGE

DATE: Thur., Oct. 1
TIME: 6:00pm – 8:00pm
LOCATION:
Truman High School*
3301 S Noland Rd. 64055
ROOM: 217
REGISTRATION FEE: \$10;
please bring an additional
instructor’s fee of \$30 cash

This introductory class will cover the basics of using an Apple iPhone. Topics covered will include: powering the device on and off, making calls, saving contacts, text messaging, installing and removing apps, using the camera and accessing photos, changing background and screensaver images, connecting to wifi, how to change settings for password security, and customizing the home screen. More topics can be covered at the end of class if students have more questions.

**Please bring the mobile device you use most often. For example: a smartphone, tablet, or laptop.*

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CHRIS EASTRIDGE is a System Administrator and Engineer. He has at least 9 years of experience in the Information Technology / Cybersecurity field and 8 years in Military Intelligence. He enjoys helping people with their computer and security related issues.

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**Park in the south lot and enter the doors under “Patriots” sign. Walk to the foyer and go down the stairs.*



Professional Classes

Introduction to Podcasting

DEAN BOESE

DATE: Tues., Oct. 6

TIME: 6:00pm

LOCATION:

Truman High School*
3301 S. Noland Rd.

ROOM: 218

REGISTRATION FEE: \$15

This class will cover the basics of podcasting.

Participants will learn how to host a site, manage audio quality, and create viable content. Join Dean for a conversation about the business of podcasting!

DEAN BOESE was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, grew up in the Northland, and currently hosts a spooky podcast called **Family Plot** with his 12 year old daughter, Krysta. **Family Plot** is available on most podcast listening apps.

Get Paid to Talk: An Introduction to Voice Over

WILL HAHN, VOICE COACHES

DATE: Wed., Oct. 7

TIME: 6:30 – 8:00pm

LOCATION: Virtual
webinar, your link will be
sent the day of class.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$45

Have you ever wanted to earn money from performing voice-overs? Today's voice over field has become a great way to leverage your individual voice qualities and communication skills in a whole new way.

For more than 30 years, Voice Coaches has provided voice over production, recording, and communication coaching to clients across the US and abroad. In addition to being active in numerous industry organizations, the organization provides internships to college students in recording, production, and entertainment business. Voice Coaches is proud to be a 16-year, A+ Member of The Better Business Bureau.

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Homeownership

Homeownership Seminar

PAUL LEVOTA, REAL ESTATE

MORTGAGE MANAGER FOR UNTIED CONSUMERS CREDIT UNION

DATE: Tues., Oct. 6

TIME: 6:00 – 7:00pm

LOCATION:

Truman High School*

ROOM: 221

REGISTRATION FEE: \$5

The Homeownership Seminar will explain the home buying process from *search* to *close*. This seminar will review key points of the entire process. Mortgage Loan officers will instruct participants how to choose a home, obtain a pre-qualification letter, submit an offer, and close on a house. The homeownership professionals leading the seminar will open questions to the audience after each section of the presentation. As a loan originator, Paul has helped people become homeowners for over 20 years. He also acted as a licensed appraiser and former Realtor.

WE WANT YOU!

The Independence Community and Adult Education department is actively looking for businesses, museums, organizations, and individual people who want to promote their programs or hobbies.

You are welcome to send us your business advertisement, a proposal for a class, or a workshop description. *Don't hesitate to get involved!*

Advertising in the Community Education catalog is an excellent way to communicate with the residents of Independence. Contact 816-804-3160 or email isdael@idschools.org for more information.



Music

Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People

CRAIG COFFMAN

DATE: Mon., Sept. 28

TIME: 6:30 – 9:30pm

LOCATION: Instructor will send you a Zoom link the day before the class.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$60

In just a few hours, you can learn enough secrets of the trade to give you years of musical enjoyment. Learn to play piano the way professionals do—using chords. The chord method is LOTS of fun and dramatically easier to learn than reading notes. Fee includes the online book, online recorded follow up lessons, a recording of the class and also an optional live periodic question and answer session. Class is held online using zoom and is partly hands on instruction and partly lecture demonstration. Ages 13+

Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy People

CRAIG COFFMAN

DATE: Tues., Sept. 29

TIME: 6:30 – 9:00pm

LOCATION: Instructor will send you a Zoom link the day before the class.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$60

Have you always wanted to learn how to play the guitar, but didn't have enough time? In a few hours you can learn enough about playing the guitar to give you years of musical enjoyment. This crash course will teach you some basic chords and get you playing your favorite songs right away. Fee includes the online book, online recorded follow up lessons, a recording of the class and also an optional live periodic question and answer session. Class is held online using Zoom and is part hands-on instruction, and part lecture/demonstration. For ages 13+

CRAIG COFFMAN has successfully taught *Instant Piano and Guitar* to over 30,000 students in 15 states and overseas. He has over 40 years of experience offering private piano and guitar lessons. Email Craig if you have any questions regarding his classes: chordsarekey@gmail.com.



First Aid

Adult & Pediatric First Aid / CPR / AED

CARLA ALVAREZ-WILLIAMS, CPR TRAINING

DATE: Tues., Oct. 13

TIME: 6:00 pm

LOCATION:

Truman High School*
3301 S. Noland Rd.

ROOM: 218

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$100 per student
(includes fees for issuing
certificates to students
and use of training
supplies needed, such
as instruction materials,
mannequins, masks, etc.)

The Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED course equips students to recognize and care for a variety of first aid breathing and cardiac emergencies involving adults, children, and infants. The course consists of a combination of lecture, video and skill practice. This certification meets the requirements for both recertification and new certifications. It is designed for students who need a certification that satisfies OSHA workplace or other regulatory requirements. Upon successful completion a valid 2 year digital certificate for Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED is issued at the end of class.

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CARLA ALVAREZ-WILLIAMS, CPR Instructor is a certified and insured CPR instructor with the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association. She has acted as a medical/dental professional for 28 years. She is passionate about empowering individuals and organizations to respond effectively in emergency situations. The Adult & Pediatric class is for anyone looking to learn life-saving skills. Carla's courses are designed to be engaging, practical, and easy to understand. She specializes in Adult & Pediatric First Aid / CPR / AED, Basic Life Support, Bloodborne Pathogens, Babysitting & First Aid / CPR. Carla will ensure that you are fully prepared to handle emergencies with competence and composure.



Online Courses

Independence School District is proud to be in partnership with Ed2Go for online personal development courses. These courses do not offer in-person classes in our local area. These courses are 100% online.

Want to take an online class? Go to:

www.isdschools.org > **Adult and Community Education**

> **Community Education tab**

> **Online courses can be found here**



Retirement

123's of Social Security

JEFF DAVID

DATE: Tues., Oct. 6

TIME: 6:30 – 8:30pm

LOCATION:

Truman High School*
3301 S Noland Rd

ROOM: 222

REGISTRATION FEE: \$10

About 174 million workers are paying into Social Security. How do you qualify for retirement benefits, and when is the best age to start receiving Social Security retirement benefits? What are benefits for spouses, divorced spouses, and survivor benefits? Can you work and get Social Security? If you postpone Social Security how do you start Medicare? Where do I find my retirement estimator? This will be a relaxed class that will make the fundamentals of Social Security as easy as 1, 2, 3.

ABC's of Medicare Insurance

JEFF DAVID

DATE: Tues., Oct. 13

TIME: 6:30 – 8:30pm

LOCATION:

Truman High School*
3301 S Noland Rd

ROOM: 217

REGISTRATION FEE: \$10

Are you or a loved one turning 65 or becoming eligible for Medicare due to disability? This is a fun, relaxed class, and a pain-free way to learn. What is Medicare Part A & Part B? How do supplement plans fill coverage gaps? What is Plan G, Plan N and let's not forget the Part D prescription drug plan? Learn about Medicare PPOs and HMOs. This two-hour class will help you master the ABC's of Medicare Insurance.

WHAT DO STUDENTS SAY about Jeff David's Medicare class?

“I thought it was very informative. The instructor obviously has years of experience in his field so I trusted his opinions and suggestions.”

— JULIE

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Arts & Crafts

Introduction to Stained Glass

Honeycomb Design Window Ornament

MARY BLISS

DATES: Sept. 22, 29

Oct. 1 or 13

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00pm

LOCATION:

Truman High School*
3301 S Noland Rd

ROOM: 218

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$5; please bring an additional fee of \$40 cash for materials. *Limited to 12 students per class.*

Create your own beautiful stained glass honeycomb using precut glass pieces! In this beginner friendly class, you'll learn the basics of arranging, foiling, and soldering stained glass while building a sweet honeycomb inspired design. Since the glass pieces are already cut, you can focus on the fun parts - designing, assembling, and bringing your piece to life. Each student will make their own finished ornament to take home that night. No previous experience needed.

MARY BLISS is a local artist and graduate of the Kansas City Art Institute. Mary is a veteran teacher of 25 years and specializes in stained and fused glass art as well as resin and pourpait techniques.

WHAT DO STUDENTS SAY about Mary's Art Classes?

“We all enjoyed the class. The teachers were spirited and fun. I would differently like to see more classes like this one.”

– RITA

“The two ladies leading the class were fantastic – so warm, funny, and impressively patient with all of us and our different personalities. They made the whole evening feel relaxed and enjoyable, which made it even better. I’ve already been telling others about it and would highly recommend the class to anyone looking for something creative and different to try. Thank you so much for bringing opportunities like this to the community. It really makes a difference!”

– NICOLE



Children's Dance

CATHY ZEYSING

cathyscreativedanceschool@gmail.com

SESSIONS: 6 WEEKS, SEPT. 14 - OCT. 22, 2026

ENROLLMENT LIMITED TO 10 STUDENTS/CLASS



DRESS CODE:

*Leotards and tights,
jazz or ballet shoes are
recommended. Students
can wear shorts over
leotards, and tennis shoes.*

Introduction to Acrobatics

Students will learn beginning tumbling skills on floor mats. Skills include balance, agility and the development of coordination with forward and backward movements, flexibility and strength exercises.

AGES: 6-10 (for students currently enrolled in 1st through 5th grade)*

TIMES: Mondays, 6:15 – 6:45pm

FEE FOR 6-WEEK SESSION: \$45

Introduction to Dance 1

Students will learn beginning dance skills in ballet, jazz and tap.

AGES: 5-7 (for students currently enrolled in Kindergarten & 1st grade)*

TIMES: Mondays, 6:45 – 7:45pm

FEE FOR 6-WEEK SESSION: \$50

Beginning Hip-Hop Dance

Students will learn basic beginning Street Dance movements incorporating elements of popping, locking, breaking, jazz and tumbling skills using pop music.

AGES: 7-11 (for students currently enrolled in 2nd through 6th grade)*

TIMES: Tuesdays, 7:15 – 8:00pm

FEE FOR 6-WEEK SESSION: \$45

Preschool Dance

Students will be introduced to music and dance through songs and creative movement, including beginning ballet, jazz, and tumbling skills.

AGES: 4-5 (for students not enrolled in Kindergarten, ages 4 & 5)*

TIMES: Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:15pm

FEE FOR 6-WEEK SESSION: \$45

**Please notify the dance school (816-478-4404) prior to the beginning of the session if your child requires instructional accommodations. The staff will make recommendations based on needs.*

ALL DANCE CLASSES ARE HELD AT:

Cathy's Creative Dance School
2866 South M-291 Hwy, Suite "A", Independence, MO 64057
(816) 478-4404
cathyscreativedanceschool@gmail.com

Cathy's Creative Dance School

These classes are offered by **Cathy Zeysing**, owner and artistic director of Cathy's Creative Dance School. She has served the Independence and Blue Springs communities for more than 40 years as a public school educator, dance teacher, and choreographer. Mrs. Zeysing holds several degrees in Dance and Education, including a Bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri Kansas City, Dance Masters of America Teachers Training School at Kent State University, and received a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction emphasis in Creative Movement from Lesley University. Cathy has danced professionally in the Kansas City area, was the dance team coach for Blue Springs High School, and has been the choreographer for many high school musicals in the Blue Springs and Fort Osage School Districts. Cathy is a Mid-America Tumbling Team coach and Show Troupe Company Dance Team choreographer and coach.





Health & Wellness

Breathworks*

HEATHER MARECEK

DATE: Tues., Oct. 1

TIME: 6:00 – 7:30pm

LOCATION:

Truman High School
3301 S Noland Rd

ROOM: 221

REGISTRATION FEE: \$5

*Only 6 students are
allowed in each session.*

Breathwork is a form of active meditation that uses specific breath patterns, matched to the beat of music, to help center your awareness in the present moment. Facilitated by a trained guide, this healing modality supports greater self awareness, emotional release, and nervous system regulation. This type of meditation helps quiet your thinking mind, allowing your body to relax deeply.

Heather began her breathwork journey in search of healing and self discovery. Breathwork allowed her to experience profound personal transformation through emotional release, nervous system regulation, and a deepened sense of inner peace. Now passionate about sharing its benefits, Heather is committed to guiding others on their own journeys, creating paths to healing and self awareness through the power of breath.

***Please contact the instructor directly before you attend the meditation session: heatheriej@gmail.com.**

Community Health Class

PATRICIA HOJIEV • medicareonthesquare@gmail.com

DATE: Tues., Sept. 29

TIME: 6:00 – 7:30pm

LOCATION:

Truman High School
3301 S Noland Rd

ROOM: 221

REGISTRATION FEE: \$5

Join Patricia for an inclusive and thorough presentation and conversation about Community Health. Patricia's presentation will include the following topics:

- Home Health
- State Programs
- Family Services
- Help available for medication, utilities, homelessness
- Community Resources
- Social Security
- Medicare

PATRICIA HOJIEV is a grandmother, an expert in Healthcare Administration, and Broker for over five years. Patricia represents eight Health Care companies and owns Medicare on the Square at 202 W. Maple Avenue on Independence Square. She serves over three hundred clients and is happy to help the community.



Classroom Highlight

During the Spring 2026 season twenty-two Adult Education students completed a **Substitute and Paraeducator Integrated Education Training (IET)**.



Fifty-six hours of training was required to earn a Certification of Completion towards a state issued substitute teaching certificate. During the training future Substitute Teachers and Paraeducators learned how to manage a classroom, communicate effectively with children, and deliver a lesson.

WHAT IET STUDENTS SAY ABOUT THE SUBSTITUTE TEACHER & PARAEDUCATION PROGRAM:

“*The Adult Education program helped me gain new skills and discover a new career. I explored a new opportunity that would benefit the community.*”

— LUMONA

“*I always wanted to be a teacher, and this (class) helped put me on the right path.*”

— MICHELLE

“*It gave me the chance to do something I’ve always wanted to do without having to get a student loan.*”

— MISTY

“*This program has helped me immensely!*”

— JUNIE

“*Through this course I met individuals who work for ISD. Everyone has shown passion for what they do. It has made moving forward feel welcoming and exciting.*”

— ASHLEY

“*Adult Education has helped me by providing free classes. I’m excited to become a substitute teacher. Without this course, I would not have had the opportunity to change my career.*”

— DESTINY

“*I felt very welcomed and the teachers acted like they actually cared about my input and experience.*”

— KATHY



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Fall
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Classes
ENROLL
NOW!

Serving Independence & surrounding areas!

*Do you have a hobby or specialty you'd like to share with the community?
Interested in teaching a Community Education Class?*

Contact isdael@idschools.org

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