

## Secondary Programs

### Five-Year Vision – Executive Summary

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Secondary Programs includes: Adult Basic Education, English Literacy, adult high school completion, GED diploma, alternative high schools, high school correspondence, corrections education, Career Edge Academies, Postsecondary Enrollment Options, high school course articulation and shared high school classes delivered over the Iowa Communication Network.

#### **Shared Vision**

To assist learners to become literate, obtain self-sufficiency, earn a high school program, and be better prepared for their future. We strive to strengthen the relationship with high schools and provide a seamless transition for student success at Kirkwood after high school.

#### **Major Initiatives**

1. Deliver a quality high school completion program that meets the needs of local districts and the state/federal mandates of No Child Left Behind legislation.
  - Develop and deliver a core academic curriculum by highly qualified faculty.
  - Provide sufficient transfer course offerings to meet academic, career, and personal development needs of students.
  - Provide a process for students to earn a local district's diploma through Kirkwood.
2. Deliver a quality adult basic education program that documents the attainment of core and secondary benchmarks.
  - Provide quality professional development experiences.
  - Assess basic skills competencies in life skills and employability contexts.
  - Ensure curriculum and materials are aligned with assessments.
3. Develop a “bridge” program designed to assess student preparedness for college while still in high school and provides needed remediation prior to high school graduation.

## **Capacity**

1. Hire highly qualified faculty to teach basic core curricular areas, especially the areas of reading, writing, math, and science.
2. Hire highly qualified faculty to develop and deliver web-based high school courses.
3. Hire highly qualified faculty and coordinators to develop and implement the Family Literacy Program.
4. Continue to provide Career Development Specialists to support career planning, work-based learning, transition, and basic skills assessment.

## **Ownership**

The Secondary Program, Marion Center, and Resource Center teams share a common commitment to serving students with diverse backgrounds and learning needs. The entire team is committed to providing exemplary programs and services to their students.

## **Support**

These programs are contingent upon on-going support and commitment from community partners, area high schools, Kirkwood academic departments, and state and federal funding partners.

## **Dashboard Indicators**

- Federal benchmarks for adult basic education
- Number of Basic Skills Certificates awarded for adult basic education
- Number of high school course registrations
- Number of GED, Adult High School, and Local District Diplomas awarded
- Number of high school students enrolled in Career Edge Academy, PSEO, contracted on-site college credit courses, and shared high school classes over the ICN
- Number of high school students that continue at Kirkwood after earning college credit in a Career Edge Academy, PSEO, or on-site course.
- Student satisfaction/feedback regarding high school partnership programs
- Number of Area X high school graduates continuing at Kirkwood that are prepared for college level math and writing courses.