

(a) In accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the State Board, each county board may establish and maintain day and evening schools for adults.

(b) The purpose of these schools for adults is to:

(1) Provide a general program of continuing education for the improvement of the civic, occupational, and general intelligence of adults; and

(2) Enable adults to make a wise use of their leisure time.

(c) A full-time student, at the student's own expense, may register for adult education courses, if space is available, and if that student secures the written permission of the county superintendent or his designee.]

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(a) (1) The Department shall distribute competitive grants for adult education and literacy services in accordance with the State Plan for Adult Education and Family Literacy.

(2) The grants distributed under this section shall be based on need and performance.

(3) Grants under this section may be used for adult education and literacy services, including:

(i) GED instruction;

(ii) The Maryland Adult External High School Program under § 7-205.1 of this article;

(iii) English for Speakers of Other Languages;

(iv) Family literacy; and

(v) Basic skills and literacy instruction.

(b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, funding for the competitive grants under this section shall be as provided in the State budget.

(2) (i) In fiscal year 2007, the Governor shall include an appropriation in the State budget equal to an increase of \$1,500,000 over the fiscal year 2005 appropriation for the Department to distribute as Literacy Works grants in