



Mankato Area ABE

School Board Report

November 16, 2020



ABE FALL Enrollment and Contact Hours

Year	All Enrollees	Participants (12 hrs +)
2020	256	96
2019	333	201
2018	375	246

- 900 annual enrollments per school year (average)
- Why a decrease in contact hours?
 - 2019-2020 ESL Daytime 96% full days; 4% half days
 - 2020-2021 ESL Daytime 35% full days; 65% half days
 - “Asynchronous” classes such as GED or SCC



Safe Learning Plan Model

Most ABE Classes are distance learning format throughout COVID-19 response

- Adults are busy juggling work, school and family
- Hybrid model is used for EQUITY and ACCESS
- ESL Classes - mainly synchronous w/ asynchronous components/homework
 - 1.5 - 2 hours each session: morning, afternoon and/or evening
- GED/Adult Diploma - asynchronous
 - Weekly meetings/advising - using state ABE approved DL platforms
- Face to Face:
 - Food Handler
 - Blue Earth County Jail GED and Employment Readiness
 - House of Hope GED



Safe Learning Plan

Successes:

- Students are dedicated; doing what they can
- PCs for People - strong partnership
- All classes have enrollment except Family Literacy
- Onsite students & staff report feeling safe at school

Challenges:

- 73% of ESL Learners have children under the age of 18 at home
- Many chose the K-12 DL option for their children
- Lincoln Logs Learning Center did not fill this fall
- “Pandemic fatigue” has set in



Social and Emotional Learning



- Successes
 - Staff engaging through PLCs
 - Resources being shared
 - Adult SEL resources are available
- Challenges
 - Time to learn; implement; assess
 - A “way of” rather than a “one time event”



ABE Communication

Developing online presence:

- Online or phone intakes
- Website enhancements
 - Schedule - courses
 - Intake forms
 - Video clips

Regular communications:

- Staff/partner weekly updates
- Student daily announcements
- Google Classrooms and Google Meets



Professional Development

Process/System

- PD/DL days 1 x monthly
 - PLCs
 - Trainings
 - Prep
- Distance Learning Supervisor
- ABE Supplemental Service System
- Staff evaluations

Successes

- DL day structure - excellent
- Evaluations - valuable - time to learn about concerns and needs

Challenges

- Online teaching learning curve
- DL Supervisor Position - vision vs reality



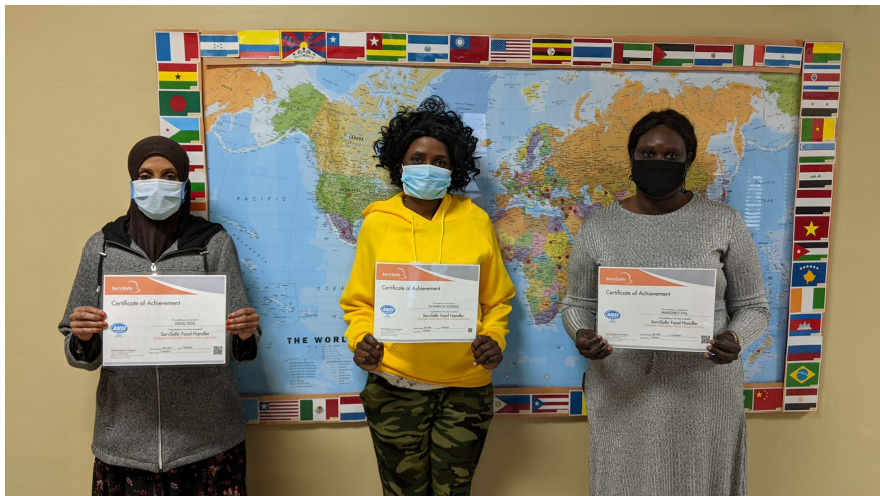
ABE Highlights

Southwest MN ABE Programs offering regional online courses

Offering regional classes provides opportunity for students and builds capacity for rural programs

Minnesota Department of Education - Adult Basic Education office very interested in the idea; state-wide webinar to explore possibilities

- **ParaPro**
- **Child Development**
- **English for Driving**



Congratulations!

ServSafe Food Handlers



Questions or Comments?

