The philosophy of the Adult High School of the Milwaukee Area Technical College is to provide learning experiences for the diverse adult urban community it serves. These learning experiences are adapted to the particular needs of the community. The Adult High School intends to take individuals from where they are educationally and help them develop their potential.

The learning experiences that the school provides are determined by the job opportunities that are part of the community life, by the academic requirements needed for a high school diploma, and by the personal needs of the students to lead enriched, useful, and productive lives. The school provides the physical facilities and staff so that learning activities are available to students, consistent with their goals.

The Adult High School offers learning experiences by means of academic courses that are consistent with the policies and standards of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, enabling a person to graduate from MATC's Adult High School or another accredited high school. Survey courses in vocational fields such as industrial arts, visual communications, home economics, and business are also offered. Course offerings are evaluated and/or added in accordance with the entry requirements for postsecondary school training and the needs of the individual for a useful and productive life.

The district will ensure that these programs are accessible to all students and barrier free, and otherwise in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Objectives

1. Provide adults with an evaluation of their skills and abilities so that they make objective choices of vocational goals.

2. Provide the opportunity for students to acquire a high school diploma.

3. Provide a general education for entrance into apprentice, technical, and college programs.

4. Refer students to agencies within or outside the school which will provide the remedial and/or special help necessary for their personal development.
5. Assist students in acquiring the basic facts, skills, and attitudes that will help them to attain their vocational goals, and also to become useful and productive members of the society in which they live.

6. Provide opportunities for students to participate in school-related activities for personal enrichment.

7. Provide an environment which allows for imaginative, creative, and critical thinking.