

First Mondays

Monthly Notes for Virginia's Adult Education Providers



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CALENDAR



EL/Civics Symposium
February 20-21
Richmond

Virginia Literacy Leadership
Council (VLLC) Conference
February 27-28, 2014
Richmond

GED®



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information

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Saying Goodbye to GED® 2002

As the last few days for administration of the 2002 GED® test come to an end, we thought it would be helpful to provide GED® examiners and other adult education providers with some information and some recommendations that will help them move through this last month of testing.

- If it is necessary to administer all or any part of the test for a fourth time (or more), please contact Mike Nusbaum at michael.nusbaum@doe.virginia.gov. Test takers are allowed to test up to six times in a calendar year provided they do not retest on the same test form for a minimum of 60 days. If you should need to contact Mike to make this request, please include the test taker's full name, date of birth, and access code.
- When you have received word that the additional test has been opened, it is not necessary to contact Mike again for confirmation. The test should scan properly. If it does not scan properly, then is the time to follow up in order to correct the problem.
- All scanning of tests should be completed by January 15, 2014.
- Teachers, administrators, and examiners should provide appropriate counsel to test takers about the advisability of taking the test for a fourth time or more. Although it is possible and allowable to take the test up to six times in a calendar year (as long as the same form is not seen for at least 60 days), test takers should be made aware of the likelihood of passing a test which was not passed only a few days earlier. Since testing seats are limited, this counseling becomes much more important during this last month of testing. If test takers understand the likely outcome of immediately retaking the test, they might decide to take a GED® class and wait until sometime after the new year to test, thus opening up testing space for test takers who may be more likely to pass. But please remember that we are speaking only about counseling here. If, after counseling, a test taker decides to continue testing, the decision to do so rests solely with the test taker.



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Please visit the OAEL [Web site](#) for more information about adult education and literacy in Virginia and for news and updates throughout the month.

2014 EL/Civics Symposium

The 2014 EL/Civics Symposium will be held in Richmond on February 20 and 21, 2014 at The Place at Innsbrook, 4036-C Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060. Registration will open in January.

The keynote speaker will be Andy Nash, Director of the New England Literacy Resource Center (NELRC). At NELRC, Andy coordinates projects that emerge from collaboration among the policy makers, professional developers, and practitioners in the six New England states. She is also a Professional Development Specialist at World Education, Inc, where she facilitates a diverse set of professional development projects at the local, state, and national levels.

There will be demonstrations of highly motivating and fun EL/Civics lessons on history and government for all proficiency levels given by Lauren Evans Lang, ESOL curriculum developer and trainer.

For hotel information contact Comfort Suites Innsbrook. Phone #: 804-217-9200. Group name: EL/Civics Symposium – VCU.

Those attending the symposium (three per region but also including CBLO and other EL-Civics awardees) will receive reimbursement of travel expenses up to \$150 per participant. For more information about the symposium, contact Nancy Faux at nfaux@vcu.edu or 800-237-0178

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