

Adult Basic Education



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Resource	Contact	Details
Second Start Adult Literacy and Learning oaklandlibrary.org/secondstart	(510) 238-3432	Free and confidential goal-based tutoring for adults in reading, writing, math, spelling, and basic computer skills. Call to schedule an intake appointment.
Berkeley READS berkeleypubliclibrary.org/library/literacy-berkeley-reads	(510) 981-6299	Free weekly literacy services for eligible adults ages 16+. Family literacy program also offered.
Alameda Reads alamedafree.org/PROGRAMS-SERVICES/Adult-Literacy	(510) 865-2454	Free and confidential tutoring for adults 18+ to improve reading and writing skills. Call to make an appointment.
Alameda County Library Education and Literacy aclibrary.org/literacy	(510) 745-1480	Free literacy tutoring for adults in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Family literacy program also offered. Call to make an appointment.
Next Step Learning Center nextstepplc.org	(510) 251-1731	GED and High School Diploma program. Reading, writing, and math tutoring also offered for ages 17+. Call to join.
Refugee & Immigrant Transitions reftrans.org	(415) 989-2151	Free tutoring and classes for refugees, asylees, immigrants, and other newcomers. Family services are also offered.
Oakland Catholic Worker www.oaklandcatholicworker.org	(510) 533-7375	Free Spanish literacy classes

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Adult Basic Education **Online Resources**



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Resource	Details
Tutor.com oaklandlibrary.org/resource/tutor-com	Free, live online tutoring for all ages in many subjects. Requires Oakland Public library card. Available in Spanish language.
TV 411 www.tv411.org	Reading, writing, math, science and finance videos for adult learners. Includes some Spanish language videos.
Reading Skills for Today's Adults www.readingskills4today.com	Leveled reading exercises with audio narration recorded at three speeds.
Center for the Study of Adult Literacy sites.gsu.edu/csal/library	Collection of more than 1600 reading passages organized by subject and reading level. From Georgia State University.
LINCS Learning Center lincs.ed.gov/learner	Database of free adult education online tools in areas such as Reading, Math, Science, English, Job Skills, Citizenship, and Health. From the Department of Education.
Khan Academy www.khanacademy.org	Free online classes on subjects including reading and math. Login required.

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Digital Literacy

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Resource	Contact	Details
Oakland Public Library oaklandlibrary.org/help	(510) 238-3134	Volunteers are available to help with basic computer tasks at various library branches. Call for schedule and locations.
Oakland Adult and Career Education ousd.org/adult-and-career-education/classes	(510) 879-8000	Free computer classes at two levels. In person registration available throughout the year.
Tech Exchange www.techexchange.org/ support@techexchange.org	(510) 866-2260	Low-cost computers, affordable internet, tech support, and computer skills training. Visit the Tech Hub at 1716 Telegraph Ave in Oakland
Piedmont Adult School - Career and Technical Education adulted.piedmont.k12.ca.us	510-594-2655	Free and low-cost computer skills classes offered. Tuition discount available for students over age 55
Oakland Private Industry Council www.oaklandpic.org	(510) 858-6742	Computer training offered for job seekers. Registration required.
Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay www.vacceb.org	(510) 891-9999	Free digital literacy course offered as extension of ESL classes

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Digital Learn www.digitallearn.org	Self-guided tutorials for many digital topics and skills available in English and Spanish. No login required.
Santa Ana College School of Continuing Education sac.edu/sce	Free online basic computer classes for California residents ages 18+
GCF Learn Free edu.gcfglobal.org/en/topics	Self-guided tutorials for many digital topics and skills. Available in Spanish language
Custom Guide www.customguide.com/portal/oaklandlibrary	Learn basic computer skills, software, and business skills. Oakland Public Library card and free login required.
Typing Club typingclub.com	Free, user-friendly typing course. Learn to type letter by letter.
On Guard Online onguardonline.gov	Government website that offers free online security tips and resources
Learn My Way www.learnmyway.com	Self-guided tutorials for many digital topics and skills. Free with login.
Google Applied Digital Skills Site applieddigitalskills.withgoogle.com/s/en/home	Comprehensive video-based lessons for many digital skills with Google programs
O'Reilly for Public Libraries https://oaklandlibrary.org/resource/oreilly-for-public-libraries/	Free with library card. Thousands of videos and e-books on information technology and software skills

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Oakland Public Library oaklandlibrary.org/english-conversation-clubs/	(510) 238-3134	English conversation clubs at various branches. Study materials and online learning resources are also available.
Laney College www.laney.edu/esol	The Welcome Center (510) 464-3540	Free, non credit, 8-week basic English classes at four levels.
Oakland Adult and Career Education www.ousd.org/adult-and-career-education	(510) 879-1400	Free English classes for adults with children attending OUSD schools. In person registration available throughout the year.
Merritt College www.merritt.edu/esol	(510) 436-2445	Free, non credit, 8-week basic English classes at four levels.
Las Casas www.lascasasoakland.org/	(510) 842-3070	Low-cost (\$30 spring / \$40 fall) English classes at 5 levels in person on weekday nights. Call for next assessment date.
Regeneration Church www.regenerationweb.com/refugees	(510) 917-8178	Beginning English classes offered on Saturday mornings across the street from the church at 219 E. 15th Street
Refugee & Immigrant Transitions www.reftrans.org	(415) 989-2151	Free English classes for adults who are refugees, asylees, immigrants, or other newcomers
Berkeley Adult School bas.berkeleyschools.net/learn-english/	(510) 644-6130 BASinfo@berkeley.net	Free ESOL classes for adults. Check website for registration schedule

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English Language Learning

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Resource	Contact	Details
Alameda Adult School adult.alamedaunified.org	(510) 522-3858	Free English classes. Registration dates throughout the year. Registration in person only.
College of Alameda alameda.edu/students/adult-education-transition-program	(510) 522-7221	Free non credit English classes offered for adults 18+
Berkeley City College berkeleycitycollege.edu/noncredit#esol	(510) 981-2858	Free, non credit intermediate and advanced ESOL classes for adult students
Piedmont Adult School adulthood.piedmont.k12.ca.us/courses/english-classes	(510) 594-2717	Free weekly English classes for anyone 18 or older. Beginner and Intermediate/ Advanced levels available.
San Leandro Adult School www.slusd.us/sladultschool	(510) 667-6287	Free English classes for adults, seniors, vocational classes, evening classes, and online classes available.
San Lorenzo Adult School adu.slzsd.org	(510) 317-4200	Free ESOL classes at 6 levels
Castro Valley Adult & Career Education www.cvadult.org	(510) 886-1000	ESOL classes for adult learners
Hayward Adult School has.husd.us/education/english-as-a-second-language	(510) 783-4001	Free English classes for adult learners. Registration in person only
Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay www.vacceb.org	(510) 891-9990 info@vacceb.net	Free English classes for program participants. Call to make an appointment.

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Resource	Details
Pronunciator oaklandlibrary.org/english-conversation-clubs	Online English language lessons in 144 home languages. Must have an Oakland Public Library card
Santa Ana College of Continuing Education sac.edu/sce	Free, fully online ESOL classes for adult learners who live in California. Campus in Southern California.
Easy World of English easyworldofenglish.com	Free online courses, including picture dictionaries, grammar guides, and pronunciation lessons for a variety of topics.
Learning English - Voice of America learningenglish.voanews.com	Multimedia lessons and news for English language learners
engVid: Learn English with James www.youtube.com/user/JamesESL	YouTube channel with huge library of English language learning videos
YouTube: English with Jennifer www.youtube.com/c/Englishwithjennifer	YouTube channel with huge library of English language learning videos
Parsemus Foundation parsemus.org/free-english-lessons-for-pashto-speakers	Free English lessons for Pashto speakers

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Citizenship Classes

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Oakland Adult and Career Education www.ousd.org/adult-and-career-education	(510) 879-1400	Free Citizenship Test Preparation Classes. In person registration held throughout the year.
East Bay Spanish Speaking Citizens' Foundation sscf.org	(510) 261-7839	Free Citizenship classes. Legal services and English language tutoring are also available.
Refugee & Immigrant Transitions www.reftrans.org	(415) 989-2151	Free Citizenship interview and test preparation classes for immigrants and newcomers
Regeneration Church www.regenerationweb.com/refugees	(510) 917-8178	Basic English and Citizenship Classes help on Saturday mornings
Hayward Adult School www.has.husd.us/education/citizenship	(510) 783-4001	Free Citizenship interview and test preparation classes on Saturdays
Castro Valley Adult School www.cvadult.org	(510) 886-1000	Free online Citizenship classes on Wednesday evenings. Interest list to sign up is online.
San Leandro Adult School www.slusd.us/sladultschool/	510-667-3500	Free ESL Citizenship classes on Saturday mornings. Students must be at a high beginning level.
Korean Community Center of the East Bay kcceb.org/get-help/#immigration-services	510-547-2662 (English) 844-828-2254 (Korean)	Group citizenship workshops available. Fee waivers and fee reductions are available for low-income individuals and families.
Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay www.vacceb.org/education	(510) 891-9999	Free citizenship interview and test preparation classes. Call to schedule an assessment with the instructor.
Santa Ana College School of Continuing Education sac.edu/sce	(714) 241-5720	Free online citizenship interview and test preparation classes
Immigration Institute of the Bay Area (IIBA) iibayarea.org/services/classes	Glen Olson: (650) 587-1549 golson@iibayarea.org	Online citizenship classes over Zoom Wednesday mornings and evenings

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ProCitizen oaklandlibrary.org/resource/procitizen	Online citizenship test preparation platform Requires library card. Available in Spanish.
USA Learns www.usalearns.org	Free online citizenship test preparation course. Available in Spanish.
Learning Express Library www.learningexpresshub.com	Online test preparation materials for citizenship exam. Requires library card
Smithsonian - National Museum of American History americanhistory.si.edu/citizenship/test	Large collection of study materials organized by topic. Citizenship practice tests with audio/visual tools.

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High School Diploma & GED

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Resource	Contact	Details
Next Step Learning Center www.nextstepplc.org	(510) 251-1731	Earn an accredited high school diploma at your own pace. Receive individual preparation for any of the high school equivalency tests (GED, HiSET, or CHSPE). Free for adults 17 and older.
Laney College laney.edu/adult-education	Welcome Center (510) 464-3540	Free, year-round GED preparation classes. GED students can take college classes for free.
Oakland Adult and Career Education www.ousd.org/adult-and-career-education/classes	(510) 879-1400	Free high school diploma and high school equivalency test preparation classes (GED, HiSET). In person registration available throughout the year.
Five Keys Schools & Programs www.fivekeyscharter.org	510-255-0910	Free high school diploma and high school equivalency test preparation classes (GED, HiSET) offered at many locations throughout Oakland. Online enrollment available
Alameda County Opportunity Academy www.acoe.org/opportunity	(510) 670-7602	Free high school diploma completion program for ages 16+, at several locations throughout Alameda County. Enrollment form available online.
Berkeley Adult School bas.berkeleyschools.net	(510) 644-6130	Free high school diploma and high school equivalency test preparation classes (GED, HiSET)
Hayward Adult School has.husd.us/education/hs-diploma-ged	(510) 783-4001	Free GED and High School preparation classes

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San Leandro Adult School www.slusd.us/sladultschool	(510) 667-6287	Free high school diploma and high school equivalency test preparation classes (GED, HiSET)
Piedmont Adult School adulthood.piedmont.k12.ca.us/courses/diploma-program	(510) 594-2655	Free independent study high school diploma program for adults 18+
Castro Valley Adult School www.cvadult.org	(510) 886-1000	Free GED and High School diploma program
Alameda Adult School adult.alamedaunified.org	(510) 522-3858	Free High school diploma and GED/HiSet classes. In person registration held throughout the year.
College of Alameda alameda.edu/students/adult-education-transition-program/	(510) 270-0004	Free high school diploma and GED preparation program
CiviCorps cvcorps.org	(510) 992-7800	Workforce program with High School Diploma program through Alameda County Opportunity Academy
Youth Employment Partnership www.yep.org	(510) 533-3447	Onsite high school diploma program for youth and young adult program participants

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Resource	Details
Career Online High School oaklandlibrary.org/resource/career-online-high-school/	Free online high school diploma and career certificate program offered through Oakland Public Library
Learning Express Library oaklandlibrary.org/learning-tools/courses-tutorials/	Online test preparation materials for High School Equivalency. Requires Oakland Public Library card.
Test Prep Toolkit educatestation.com/access/oakland-public-library-ca	GED lessons and practice tests
USA Hello classroom.usahello.org	GED and HiSET classes. Website available in several languages. Free with login.
Santa Ana College School of Continuing Education sac.edu/sce	Online High school diploma, GED and HiSET for ages 18+

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Financial Literacy

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SparkPoint - East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation ebaldd.org/sparkpoint-oakland	(510) 924-3610 sparkpoint@ebaldd.org	Free, one-on-one financial coaching for low-income families.
Balance www.balancepro.org/programs/	(888) 456-2227	Financial counseling via phone and online financial education tools; available in Spanish language
Money Management International www.moneymanagement.org	(866) 889-9347	Debt and credit counseling available 24/7. Online financial education tools available.
HERA - Housing and Economic Rights Advocates www.heraca.org	(510) 271-8443 ext. 300 inquiries@heraca.org	Financial counseling and workshops on topics such as debt, credit, student loans, Call or email to connect to services.
Operation Hope operationhope.org/how-we-help	(888) 388-4673	Free financial well-being and homebuyer education, coaching and resources
Alameda Family Justice Center acfjc.org/services	(510) 267-8810	Financial literacy workshops for survivors of interpersonal violence. Call to set up an appointment.

Financial Literacy - Online Resources

Resource	Details
Advisors Give Back - Oakland Public Library advisersgiveback.org/OPL	Meet 1-on-1 with a Certified Financial Planner to achieve your financial goals.
Banzi - Patelco Credit Union patelco.banzai.org/wellness	Free online financial education platform
Santa Ana College School of Continuing Education sac.edu/sce	Free online financial literacy classes for California residents.

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