

LIFE SKILLS | BASIC COMMUNICATION & ADULT EDUCATION

PREVIEW

In our Basic Communication course, students must demonstrate capabilities that are, for the most part, used on a daily basis in society. Students are introduced to or reacquainted with how to make calls, using both landline and cellular telephones; how to set an alarm; composing notes or writing signatures when required; different currency identifiers and how to correctly identify them in the proper setting; the difference between a debit and credit card and how to use each; how to access and/or set up a bank account; and many more life skills.

MORE DETAILS

A written summary of an article is asked of the student in order to gauge their reading comprehension, grammar, spelling, punctuation and word usage skills. If a written summary is not possible, an oral summary will suffice. Basic Communication intends to prepare WSB students for daily life interactions in public as well as provide them with the skills and abilities they need to gain sustainable independence.

Only students who have demonstrated a deficiency in academic areas are scheduled into Adult Education to help strengthen their skills in math, spelling, vocabulary, writing or reading comprehension, and to get their GED.

In Calculator classes, which are an aspect of Adult Education, students are expected to pass a basic math test using a calculator of their choice. Students are asked if they are comfortable with the calculator processes as well as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers, decimals and percentiles before testing. If they are not, Braille and large-print study materials are available for as long as it takes them to gain an understanding.

Students also have the option to have the material explained to them orally in the classroom. Tests for Calculator are offered in large print and Braille, and practice tests are also available. Students are expected to make a 90% or better on a 10-point test until they pass and test out of the class.