



## Questions Frequently Asked

### Students

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#### **What's the difference between ABE, GED and ESL?**

ABE - Adult Basic Education. Readers at the 8th grade level and below.

GED - General Equivalency Diploma. Readers at 9th grade level and above studying for their diploma.

ESL - English as a Second Language. For learners who want to speak and read English.

#### **What classes are available at the Literacy Center?**

Beginning Reading                      Beginning ESL  
Intermediate Reading                  Intermediate ESL  
Advance Reading                        Advance ESL  
Basic Computer Literacy  
Life Literacy Workshops: Finance, Health, etc...

#### **Do you teach or test for GED (General Equivalency Diploma)?**

No. When students reach the 9<sup>th</sup> grade reading level, we refer them to Metropolitan Community College or Omaha Public Schools.

#### **How do I enroll at the Literacy Center?**

Call 402.342.7323 and ask for an appointment for New Student Enrollment. This will include a reading assessment so that we may place you in the right reading level.

#### **How old do I need to be to enroll?**

Age 18 or older. No age is too old to learn to read.

#### **What does it cost?**

All services are free. There is no charge to students for classes or one-on-one tutoring.

#### **Where are classes held?**

At the Literacy Center and at area partner libraries and community agencies.

#### **When are classes held?**

Monday through Thursday. Daytime and evening classes are available. Classes usually meet for one hour, twice a week. You will receive a class schedule when you enroll.

#### **How long are the courses?**

Each course is 8 weeks long. You may repeat a session or move to the next reading level.

#### **Do I need to buy books?**

No. All books and study material are provided free of charge. You may also borrow books from our Student Library.

#### **How do I get a tutor?**

After you have been in a class 1-2 months, you may ask to be matched with a volunteer tutor. Tutors meet with students 1-2 hours each week at the Literacy Center or at another public location like a library.

#### **How do I get to the Literacy Center?**

1823 Harney Street, Suite 204, Omaha NE  
Parking available in the lot at 19<sup>th</sup> & Howard St., stalls 2-8. Free bus passes for students.

### General

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#### **How do I refer a potential student?**

Contact Brianna Cole, Program Director, [bcole@midlandsliteracy.org](mailto:bcole@midlandsliteracy.org) or 402.342.7323, and make an appointment for New Student Enrollment.

#### **How can I volunteer to help?**

Volunteers are needed to instruct small groups, tutor one-on-one or provide office support. Contact Brianna Cole, Program Director, [bcole@midlandsliteracy.org](mailto:bcole@midlandsliteracy.org) or 402.342.7323. Or see the "volunteer" page on our web site: [www.midlandsliteracy.org](http://www.midlandsliteracy.org).

#### **How can I support the Literacy Center?**

Cash donations are needed to support student programs. Ask for our Wish List for in-kind donations. The Literacy Center is a non-profit organization and gifts are deductible for tax purposes. For more information, contact Beverly Todd, Executive Director, [btodd@midlandsliteracy.org](mailto:btodd@midlandsliteracy.org), 402.342.7323 or [www.midlandsliteracy.org](http://www.midlandsliteracy.org).