

monthly and supports all aspects of the Minuteman community. In addition, the Grant-a-Wish program supports numerous initiatives and incentives for student achievement.

ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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Concord Carlisle Adult & Community Education (CCACE) provides opportunities for lifelong learning to the citizens of the School District and surrounding towns.

Collaborating with citizens and organizations, CCACE responds to community needs and interests with our communities' talents and resources, calling upon local people to develop and coordinate programs and services for children, adolescents and adults throughout the year.

Adult and Community Education makes schools available for extended-day educational use for citizens in Concord and Carlisle. We promote and support School and Town projects that cannot be funded or presented in traditional ways. CCACE is both a program of classes and educational events and a process that connects local citizens with each other and their public schools in ways that are creative, educational and cost effective.

FY 2011 Summary of Activities

- 2,207 enrollments in fee-based continuing education classes
- 274 on-ground courses with sufficient funding were conducted
- 52 on-line classes (new 6-week classes start each month)
- 374 students enrolled in instrumental music lessons (32-40 sessions each)
- 145 new students enrolled in driver education training
- 2,000+ participants in walk-in programs and events (no registration or fee required)

CCACE provided a comprehensive program of

non-credit, fee-based learning opportunities for local residents. Two hundred and thirty-two community educators contributed to the program during Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, teaching one or more courses.

The Department completed its seventh consecutive year of self-funded activity in FY2011, recovering 95% of the costs for teachers, administrative and management salaries, non-salary expenses and capital investments. Department costs were \$675,744, and revenues \$644,760. The deficit of \$30,984 was the result of capital investment that should be recovered in future years, and it reduced the revolving account balance to \$63,265 to begin FY 2012 programs and services. A grant from the Concord Carlisle Community Chest provided financial aid to more than 200 local families and individuals, and no one was turned away because of an inability to pay a course fee.

Children and adults of all ages participated in community education programs. Most of the K-12 participants enrolled in before-school, after-school and summer classes. Adults were active in daytime and evening classes. Instrumental music lessons were held throughout the year, helping young students enrich their school-day music education. CCHS driver education welcomed 145 new students for classroom learning, and provided on-road training for more than 300 throughout the year. The Village University, a program for mature citizens who seek advanced studies similar to a graduate seminar, conducted its eighth successful year of classes with its volunteer faculty.

The CCACE Advisory Committee worked with the staff, faculty and School Committee, representing the interests of both towns and advocating for community access to continuing education. Advisory Committee members are appointed by the Regional School Committee for three-year terms. They ensure that the department is sensitive to community needs and manages its limited resources to best advantage. Citizens are urged to contact Committee members, share ideas and volunteer, so that the Adult & Community Education program may respond to community needs, further enrich the towns, and achieve our shared educational goals.