



**PLACE**  
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## Who Is Eligible for PLACE Academy?

Former Des Moines Public School students ages 21-25

## Hours of Operation

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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# PERSONALIZED LEARNING AND CAREER ENHANCEMENT ACADEMY



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# Personalized Learning and Career Enhancement Academy

Welcome to our new partnership between Des Moines Public Schools, Des Moines Area Community College, United Way, Iowa Employment Solutions, and the Iowa Department of Education.

This program provides former Des Moines Public Schools adult students the extra time and support needed to earn a High School Equivalency Diploma in a familiar place.

## Program Perks:

- PLACE Academy is a free program
- Each student will have access to a personalized learning plan and individualized career coaching and post-secondary opportunities
- Childcare is provided at no extra cost
- All PLACE students will receive a free DART Pass
- Academic instruction includes support in special education and English language learner methods

## High School Equivalency Diploma Requirements

We take a look at your most recent Des Moines Public Schools transcript and you just complete the necessary courses to meet these requirements below.

English Language Arts: 4.0 Credits

Mathematics: 3.0 Credits

Science: 3.0 Credits

Social Studies (Government Required): 3.0 Credits

Electives: 5.0 Credits

# Are You Ready to Earn Your High School Equivalency Diploma?

Here are the following steps to get started!

## Step One:

Contact us directly to complete registration via email or over the phone: (515) 242-8484

## Step Two:

Complete the CASAS entry exams:

- Two tests: English and Math
- Each test takes approximately 45 minutes
- Must complete the test in one sitting
- Can take both tests at the same time or at two separate times

Testing Sites and Hours:

- PLACE Academy
  - Tuesday 5:00 PM-8:00 PM
  - Thursday 5:00 PM-8:00 PM
- Southridge Academic Achievement Center
  - Monday 10:00 AM -7:30 PM
  - Tuesday 1:00 PM-7:00 PM
  - Wednesday 1:00 PM-3:30 PM
  - Thursday 4:00 PM-8:00 PM
  - Friday 10:00 AM -2:00 PM
- Capitol Center
  - Wednesday 12:00 PM-5:30 PM

## Step Three:

Learn your academic plan and start PLACE Academy right away!