The Aspire program plays a crucial role in helping Ohio’s adult population earn a degree, certificate or other postsecondary workforce credential by preparing them for postsecondary education and training.

Aspire provides:
- Basic skills education
- High School Equivalence (HSE) preparation
- Bridging to postsecondary education/training/employment
- Career pathways
- Integrated education and training
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- Distance Education
- Corrections Education
- Workplace Education

Ohio's attainment goal:

National Rank: Student Performance

Based on data from the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Career Technical and Adult Education

Overall: 5

Outcomes

Achieved Measurable Skill Gains
16,925 Aspire students increased at least one academic level.

Earned a High School Equivalence Diploma
2,365 Aspire students earned an HSE.

82% of Aspire students who completed all sections of an HSE test, earned their diploma.

Entered Postsecondary Education or Training
2,175 Aspire students enrolled in post-secondary education or training.

Annual Expenditure per Student
$715 (Aggregate of federal/state funds)
**Educational Level**

- **Adult Basic Education:** 60%
- **Adult Secondary Education:** 11%
- **ESOL:** 29%
- **0-8th Grade Level**

**Gender**

- **Men:** 41% (11,248)
- **Women:** 59% (16,222)

**Age**

- **Ages 16-24:** 30% (8,173)
- **Ages 25-54:** 63% (17,200)
- **Ages 55+:** 7% (2,097)

**Employment**

- **Employed:** 42%
- **Unemployed:** 30%
- **Not in the Labor Force:** 28%

**Correctional/Institutional**

- 13%