



ABLE/ESOL Student Eligibility FAQs

If I am 16 or 17 years old, am I eligible for ABLE services?

Yes, but only if you have **officially withdrawn** from a K-12 public school and **only** if you can provide written evidence of withdrawal from the school district. This may be in the form of a letter from the Superintendent's Office indicating the date of withdrawal, or a completed age waiver form, obtainable from the [Ohio Department of Education](#) website.

Am I eligible for ABLE if I am 18 years old?

18-year-olds are eligible for ABLE services if they are not enrolled in a public school system, and **only** if you can provide one of the following items:

- Written evidence of withdrawal from the school district. This may be in the form of a letter from the Superintendent's Office indicating the date of withdrawal, or a completed age waiver form, obtainable from the Ohio Department of Education website
- A valid high school diploma

What if I was homeschooled? Am I eligible for ABLE classes?

According to the Ohio Revised Code, the term "homeschooling" is not the same as "withdrawn" from a public K-12 system. For 16-, 17- and 18-year-olds, please see the requirements listed above for documentation needed to be eligible for ABLE services.

Is ABLE the same as the GED?

No. ABLE is a preparatory program under the Ohio Board of Regents. The GED test is administered through the Ohio Department of Education. Each has separate requirements for eligibility, and we work together to help students achieve earning this credential. Please see the ODE website for more specific GED testing information.