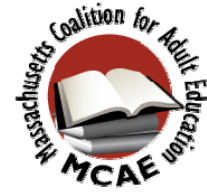




TAKE CLASSES TO THE STATE HOUSE TO VISIT LEGISLATORS

Remember: The State House is Your House!



The Voice of Adult Education
in Massachusetts

Taking your class(es) to visit the State House is one very effective way of communicating to your state legislators the importance of adult basic education and the vital need to increase funds for ABE.

A. Before you go:

1. You don't need to do a lot of planning, but some advance planning can make a class trip to the State House memorable.
2. Appointments are not required, though they are highly recommended if you want to meet with a legislator.
3. Prepare your students for the visit with a civics class.
4. Have students practice what they will say to the legislator and/or aide.

B. While you are there:

1. Allow time to go through security.
2. Bring the MCAE legislative directory so you can find your legislator's office.
3. Speak with your legislator and/or aide.
4. Bring a camera and take pictures.
5. Take your class on a tour of the State House – free tours are available or you can lead one yourself.

C. After your visit:

1. Send a thank you note to the legislator and/or aide.
2. Send pictures to MCAE and your local media such as your local newspaper.
3. Conduct a follow-up civics lesson to help students reflect on what they have learned and what they might want to do next.



Lowell ABE Students Visit the State House