Welcome!

Adult Numeracy Center Mission

Creating engaging mathematics learning experiences has long been a focus of TERC’s work. Numeracy, the ability to manage the quantitative demands of a situation, to solve problems in real contexts, is at the heart of much that adults need to do. The Adult Numeracy Center at TERC helps adults and young adults understand how math is present and relevant in everyday life, and how they can use this knowledge to improve their lives and communities.

The National Research Council’s definition of math proficiency guides our work with learners, teachers, directors, and professional development providers. Together with state and city partners we build capacity to offer high quality math instruction in adult learning centers, schools, community colleges, and informal settings. We work in concert with informal educators such as environmental organizers to design materials that foster science and math learning.

SABES Mathematics and Adult Numeracy Curriculum & Instruction PD Center

The Adult Numeracy Center at TERC is also home to the SABES Mathematics and Adult Numeracy Curriculum & Instruction PD Center. SABES (System for Adult Basic Education Support) promotes high quality adult basic education services in Massachusetts through training, support, and resources that improve the skills and knowledge of practitioners and strengthen programs. Visit our Math Center page on the main SABES site.

NEWS

Connecting math to other academic disciplines

We often forget that disciplines like history, social studies, civics, and science all have natural overlaps with math. Here’s a (growing!) list of some online resources and supporting math activities we recommend!

CALM (Curriculum for Adults Learning Math)

Massachusetts programs are getting CALM. Learn more about it here.

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Adult Numeracy Center Director Donna Curry confesses she didn’t know as much about math as she thought she did in this video recorded at the 2018 Adult Numeracy Network meeting.

Visit the ANC news archive.