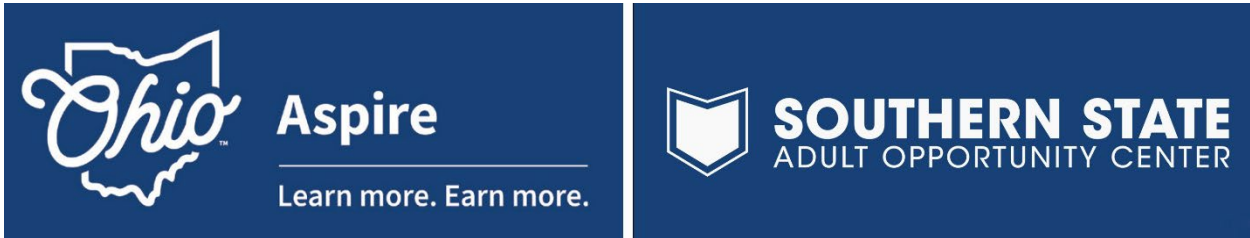


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Southern State's Aspire Adult Education Classes Offered in Fayette County

Adults in Fayette County looking to earn their high school equivalency, improve academic skills, or prepare for college and career opportunities have a new, local option. Aspire classes are officially open at the Fayette County Ohio Means Jobs (OMJ) Center, 133 S. Main St. in Washington C.H.

Classes will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Fayette County OMJ office. Beginning July 14, drop-in services will be available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The new Fayette County location expands access to Aspire services, making it more convenient for area residents to build foundational academic skills, prepare for the GED®, improve workplace readiness, and pursue postsecondary education or career advancement.

The Fayette County Ohio Means Jobs Center is looking forward to partnering with Southern State to bring services to the area. "I am truly excited to see Aspire Adult Education classes offered here in Fayette County," says Elizabeth Brannigan, Fayette County OMJ Center Manager.

"I have seen firsthand how life-changing it can be when adults have access to educational opportunities close to home. This program gives our community members a real chance to start fresh and accomplish goals they may have once thought were out of reach, and it is an honor to play a part in opening these doors for our neighbors," Brannigan adds.

Current Aspire students who live in Fayette County or surrounding communities are being offered the opportunity to transfer to the new Fayette County OMJ class. New students contacting the Aspire program are also being given the option to enroll at the new site.

Individuals interested in enrolling must complete an orientation before attending classes. To register for orientation, prospective students should contact the Adult Opportunity Center (AOC) office at 937-393-3431, ext. 2687.

For additional information about Aspire classes or enrollment, contact Susan Armstrong, Aspire Director, at 937-393-3431, ext. 2685, or email slarmstrong1@sscc.edu.

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