

GED® QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What is the GED?

The GED consists of 5 tests and is a nationally recognized certificate of high school equivalency. GED is the acronym for General Educational Development.

What tests are included in the GED? How long are they?

GED TEST	LENGTH	CONTENT / COMMENTS
WRITING	2 hours	Part 1 consists of multiple choice questions, covering organization, sentence structure, usage and mechanics. Part 2 is a writing essay.
SOCIAL STUDIES	1 hour 10 min	Covers national & world history, economics, government & geography.
SCIENCE	1 hour 20 min	Covers life, earth, space and physical science (chemistry & physics).
MATHEMATICS	1 hour 30 min	Calculators are provided on part 1. Calculators are not allowed on part 2.
READING	1 hour 5 min	Multiple choice questions, covering literary texts and non-fiction prose.

Am I eligible to take the GED tests?

You must be at least 16 years old. 16 and 17 year-olds must submit a completed age waiver form. You may NOT be currently enrolled in a high school, and have not received or qualified for a high school-level equivalency credential. In addition, you MUST be a resident of the State of Idaho.

How do I know if I am ready to take the GED test?

You have to be able to read, compute, interpret information, and express yourself in writing on a level comparable to that of the top 60 percent of graduating high school seniors. If you are uncertain whether you have the level of skill needed to successfully complete the tests, EITC offers classes where you may improve your skills in reading, language, and math. There are no charges for the classes. For more information about GED preparation classes, contact the Adult Basic Education Department in room 340 or phone 524-3000, ext. 3386.

The GED Tests are a rigorous battery of five tests that take more than seven and a half hours to complete. Regardless of your ability, you'll be more certain to perform your best on the tests if you know what to expect before the testing day arrives.

- If you prefer to study on your own, GED study guides are available at the college bookstore, local and online booksellers, or at the public library.
- For those who find their schedule difficult to attend classes, the EITC Workforce Training Department offers online preparation courses for a fee. Contact them at ext 3344.

What is the cost of GED tests?

The tests are \$15 each, for a total cost of \$75; plus a one-time registration fee of \$10. Please pay in advance at the college cashier or by mail. Debit card transactions may take place over the phone.

How often are the GED tests given at EITC?

GED tests are offered weekly in Room 350 of the Christofferson Building. Tests are generally given at least once a week; including one Saturday per month. For specific testing dates and times, a monthly testing schedule is published.

Do I have to schedule my GED tests in advance?

Yes. Tests may be scheduled by phone at 524-3000, ext. 3438 or by email at gary.mills@my.eitc.edu after the testing fees have been paid. Since test sessions sometimes fill to capacity, contact the EITC Testing Center as soon as possible to reserve your space.

How do I complete the registration?

Go to http://www.eitc.edu/PDFs/GEDSteps_2009.pdf, complete all of the steps in item four or pick up a registration packet in the Testing Center. Drop off, or mail the completed documents to the Testing Center in room 350.

What do I need to bring to the test session?

You MUST bring photo identification. Acceptable forms of ID include: drivers license, passport, military papers or other forms of government issued identification that shows name, address, and date of birth, signature, and a photograph. A second form of ID may be used to validate state residency.

What should I NOT bring to the testing session?

Cell phones, portable music players, hand-held electronic games, cameras, personal calculators, mechanical pencils and hats are prohibited at the tester's seat.

If I fail, can I re-take the tests?

If you fail, you can re-take any one of the GED test 2 times during a calendar year. If you do not pass after 3 test sessions, you must wait until January 1st of the next year to re-take the tests.

What is a passing score on the GED test?

Scores on the GED test range from 200 to 800. A passing score is 410. However, you must have an **average** of 450 on all five tests to receive the GED.

What if I cannot make my appointment for testing?

If you are unable to keep an appointment for GED testing, you are expected to notify (prior to the start of the test) the GED Testing Center or pay a no-show fee.

How do I obtain my scores?

Official GED scores are available on line at www.GED123.org. Use the access code you are given at registration. After you have passed the entire battery of tests, an Official GED transcript will be mailed to you within a week.

What are the benefits of earning a GED credential?

95 percent of U.S. colleges and universities accept GED graduates who meet their other qualifications for admission. A GED credential documents that you have high school-level academic skills. About 96 percent of U.S. employers accept the GED credential as equal to a traditional high school diploma.

Are GED graduates eligible for financial aid for college?

Federal monies are available to GED recipients as they are to traditional high school graduates who meet the eligibility criteria. These requirements usually include demonstrated financial need.

Are accommodations for disabilities available?

In an effort to make GED Tests accessible to all applicants, accommodations are made for candidates who have diagnosed physical, mental, sensory, or learning disabilities and can provide appropriate documentation from a qualified professional of their impairment and its effect on their ability to take the GED Tests under standard conditions. Large print test booklets and specific seat assignments may be requested at the time of registration.