

# Questions about the 2014 GED Test

## What is the range of scores?

The GED test will have a passing score of 145 for each subject. Therefore, students will need to reach a score of at least 145 on each subject and a total score of 580 or higher across the four-subject tests in order to receive the GED test credential. Students may also earn an “Honors” score if they receive a score of 165 or higher on any subject.

- Below Passing: 100-144
- Passing Score: 145-164
- GED College Ready: 165-200

## How are constructed response questions on the GED scored?

The four constructed response items are all scored using an Automated Scoring Engine. The ASE is a highly reliable and equitable scoring process that replicates human scoring processes.

## If a test-taker makes a mistake when creating a registration, how may it be changed?

The name and birthdate on the identification presented at check-in must match the registration exactly. Students are allowed to modify their profile information such as their email address, password, postal address, testing jurisdiction and request for accommodations at any time by logging into [www.ged.com](http://www.ged.com). Students are not allowed to change their name without contacting GED directly at 1-877-392-6433.

## What is the test format?

The test is on computer.

## How long will the GED test take?

The GED test will be about 7 hours long with the timing for each module as follows:

- Reasoning through LANGUAGE ARTS is 150 minutes (including a 10 minute break)
- MATHEMATICAL Reasoning is 120 minutes
- SCIENCE is 90 minutes
- SOCIAL STUDIES is 70 minutes

## Is keyboarding speed an issue?

The time given is adequate for students to construct their answer and key in their response. Field testing has demonstrated that even test-takers with minimal keyboarding skills have adequate time.

## How hard will the test be?

The test is aligned with today’s high school standards. It is at the same difficulty level as needed to pass high school today.

## Will different questions be worth different values?

Yes, different questions on the test will be worth different score points.

## Are practice tests available for test-takers?

The official practice tests are available to adult learners through [www.ged.com](http://www.ged.com). Test-takers will receive a score within one of three levels: Red Zone (not likely to pass), or Yellow Zone (too close to call), or Green Zone (likely to pass). Their score report also includes descriptions of the skills they have demonstrated at their performance level, and descriptions of the skills that they need to work on to move into the next performance level. The official practice test is available online for a nominal fee.

## Will testers be able to take one test at a time on different dates?

Yes. Test-takers can test on what they want, when they want, and where they want.

**Will the Language Arts test contain grammar questions?**

The test includes testing in the area of Language, which includes some concepts and skills sometimes known as grammar.

**Will there be questions involving verb tenses?**

Yes, verb tense is one of the skills tested via the 2014 test via Extended Response Scoring.

**Are there any poems on the 2014 GED test?**

Poetry does not appear on the 2014 GED test.

**Will there be a requirement on the Language Arts test for students to write a passing essay?**

Students will need to gain as many points as possible on the Language Arts extended response item, but even if a low number of points are obtained, all of those points will be counted towards the test takers score.

**Can students use only the calculator that is provided on the computer?**

The Mathematical Test is still in two sections, a short calculator-prohibited section of five items and a longer calculator-allowed section. The on screen calculator is being used rather than a handheld calculator in order to maintain equity and efficiency in the testing process. The calculator feature is also provided on certain items in the Science and Social Studies tests where it would be useful to test-takers in answering those items.

**How about math formulas?**

Test takers are expected to know basic formulas such as area of a square, rectangle, triangle, or circle, perimeter, circumference of a circle, distance, measures of central tendency and total cost. Other formulas are available during the test on a drop down menu.

**Are testing accommodations available?**

Send an email to [accommodations@gedtestingservice.com](mailto:accommodations@gedtestingservice.com)

**Will students be allowed to have scrap paper?**

Test-takers will be provided with an erasable note board on which to do their calculations or in making other notes while taking each one of the test modules. If additional note boards are needed during testing, the test-taker can request a fresh one and turn in the one that is used. Test takers may only have one note board at a time.

**How much does a GED cost?**

The 2014 GED test is \$30 dollars per each of the 4 modules for a total of \$120.

**What if I do not receive a passing score?**

A retake test may be scheduled for a fee of \$10.

**Do students have to pay for all of the tests at once?**

GED has no requirement that test-takers pay for all tests at one time.

**Are there classes available to prepare for the tests?**

Information about free classes for preparation to take the GED is available by contacting the Adult Learning Center at 208-535-5386.