

Helping Students Prepare for the GED Test

The GED (General Education Development diploma is a substitute for a traditional high school diploma, and is awarded after passing the GED tests.

Who is eligible to take the GED test in Georgia?

- Must be 18 years old (*16 and 17 year old enrolled in a state-approved adult education program may take the exam if they receive approval to test.
- have not graduated from an accredited high school or received a high school equivalency certificate or diploma;
- are not currently enrolled in a regular high school; and
- can provide a valid photo ID (driver's license, state identification card, military ID or Passport).
- There is no residency requirement

How much does it cost?

\$40 per test. There are 4 tests, therefore =\$160

Where can you register and take the test?

Register online at www.ged.com
Find the nearest testing center at
www.gedtestinglocations.com/ged-testing-locations-in-georgia

You may take the test in Spanish.

You may take the four tests one at a time. You may select which test you take.

Once you have taken and passed one test there is no time limit to have to take and pass the other three.

The minimum passing score is 150 (out of 200)

If you don't pass you may retake the test. There is no limit to how many times you can take a test in a year. However, after 3 failures you have to wait 60 days before you can retest. You must pay a fee for the retest.

The GED test is composed of 4 Tests –

Reasoning through Language Arts – about 2 ½ hours

Answer question based on single passages and on passages that are paired together (reading and thinking skills) The student needs to read at least at a 9th grade level to be successful.

Review written text and select words and phrases so that the final product is written correctly

Compose an extended response to a writing prompt based on reading one or two passages or a passage accompanied by a graphic

First section 30 minutes, 20 questions

Second section 45 minutes, one Extended Response

Third section 65 minutes, 33 questions

Mathematical Reasoning – 90 minutes

Solve mathematical problems and apply mathematics to a variety of context
Quantitative Reasoning (45%) and Algebraic Reasoning (55%)

46 questions

You can not use a calculator on the first 5 questions

You can use a handheld calculator or the online version on the others

Social Studies- 90 minutes

Questions based on reading passages and interpreting graphics such as charts, graphs, diagrams, editorial cartoons, photographs and maps
Civics and Government, U.S. history, Economics, Geography and the World

First section: 65 minutes, 34 questions

Second section: 25 minutes, one Extended Response

Science – 90 minutes

Questions based on reading passages and interpreting graphics such as diagrams, tables, graphs and maps. Life Science, Earth and Space Science, Physical Science

First section: 35 minutes, 16 questions

10 minutes 1 Short Answer response

Second section: 35 minutes, 16 questions

10 minutes, 1 Short Answer response

The GED test can only be taken on a computer

An erasable marker and erasable white board are provided to use to make notes for organizing short and extended answer sections and the mathematical section

The student must be able to

Use a mouse to

Tab through pages of reading passages

Scroll up and down a page on a scroll bar

Click on Previous and Next Page navigation buttons to move forward or backward

Click on an answer choice, “select menu” or a point on a graph line

Drag and drop text, numbers or pictures into a shape on the computer screen

Click to open, close information windows and math resources

Highlight information in reading passages that you will use as evidence in you short answer and extended response sections

Use word processing skills

To enter text for fill-in-the, blank questions, short answer and extended response items

To cut, copy, undo and redo on short answer and extended response items

Format of questions

Multiple choice

Fill-in-the-blank

Drop down (click on" select" and choose proper answer from a list)

Drag and drop

(click on selected word or phrase and drag it to a specific location on the screen)

Hot Spot

Short answer

Extended response

Free GED preparation classes are available

- Contact your local Adult Education Center for more information.

Materials to help your student prepare for the GED

Kaplan GED Test 2015, Strategies, Practice and Review with 2 practice tests
Book + Online ISBN: 978-1-62523-583-1

This all-in-one guide provides comprehensive content review, strategies, and practice for all question types, topics, and sections of the GED® test. Includes free online resources.

Materials to Help Students Prepare for the Reasoning Through Language Arts Section

Writing for the GED Test (newreaderspress.com)

Book 1 – Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics

Book 2 – Reading Comprehension

Book 3 – Extended Response and Short Answers

Book 4 – Practice Prompts for Extended Response and Short Answer

Materials To Help Students Prepare For The Math Section Of The GED

A. For Lowest level students

Breakthrough to Math – New Readers Press (newreaderspress.com)

A four-level program designed specifically to help students overcome learning obstacles and develop math confidence. Concepts are broken down and focus on one skill at a time. There is a student book for each skill and a single teachers book and a single workbook for each level

Level 1 teaches basic skills with whole numbers. – reading level 3.0-3.5

Level 1 Understanding Numbers

Level 1 Adding Whole Numbers

Level 1 Subtracting Whole Numbers

Level 1 Multiplying Whole Numbers

Level 1 Dividing Whole Numbers

Level 1 Word Problems with Numbers

Level 2 Decimal Fractions – reading level 3.0-5.0

Level 2 Understanding fractions

Level 2 Adding and subtracting fractions

Level 2 Multiplying and dividing fractions

Level 2 Decimal fractions

Level 2 Percents

Level 2 Word Problems with Fractions

Level 3 Algebraic Graphs –reading level 3.0-5.0

Level 3 Signed Numbers

Level 3 Solving Equations

Level 3 Word Problems

Level 4 Circles and Volume- reading level 3.0-5.0

Level 4 Lines and Angles

Level 4 Triangles and Quadrangles

Level 4 Circles and Volumes

B. For higher level students

Math Sense – New Readers Press (newreaderspress.com)

Book 1: Focus on Operations - reading level 9.0 +

Book 2: Focus on Problem Solving – reading level 9.0 +

Book 3: Focus on Analysis – reading level 9.0+

Materials to Help Students Prepare for the Science Section

Science for the GED Test (newreaderspress.com)

Materials to Help Students Prepare for the Social Studies Section

Social Studies for the GED Test (newreaderspress.com)

Online resources

Free practice tests - www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/freepracticetest