

GED® PREPARATION

WHAT IS THE 2014 GED® TEST?

The GED® test is a high school equivalency exam offered only on computer at approved testing centers. The test covers four content areas:

- Mathematical Reasoning (Math) – 45% quantitative problem solving, 55% algebraic problem solving
- Reasoning through Language Arts (RLA) – 75% non-fiction, 25% fiction
- Science – 40% life science, 40% physical science, 20% Earth and space science
- Social Studies – 50% civics and government, 20% US history, 15% economics, 15% geography

WHY OBTAIN YOUR GED® HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA?

- Increase Your Earning Potential
 - According to the 2014 Bureau of Labor Statistics (persons age 25 and over), those with a high school diploma earn \$9,360 more annually than those without a high school diploma. Over 30 years, that equals \$280,800.
- Further Your Education
 - Go on to attend a training program, trade school, community college, 4-year college, or more.
- Get a Job or Better Job
 - According to the 2014 Bureau of Labor Statistics, those with a high school diploma have a 3% lower unemployment rate than those with a high school diploma.
- Fulfill a Personal Goal with Positive Lifelong Impact

HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR THE GED® TEST?

Potential test-takers can prepare to take the GED® test through one or all of the following methods:

- Attend a GED® preparation class at an adult learning program (see other side for list of programs).
- Take the GED Ready® to determine your readiness to take the GED® test.
- Purchase GED® study materials and prepare to take the GED® test on your own (go to www.GED.com and click on “Get Study Materials”).

Test-takers are not required to take the GED Ready® or attend a GED® class to take the GED® test.

WHAT IS THE GED READY®?

The GED Ready® is a practice test that closely mimics the content and questions asked on the GED® test. It provides feedback of the candidate’s readiness to take the official GED® test. The feedback will indicate if the candidate is “not likely to pass”, “too close to call”, or “likely to pass”. The candidate will also receive a personal study plan to assist in determining what areas are needed for further study.

To take a module of the GED Ready®, go to www.GED.com and click “Get Study Materials”. Each module costs \$6. To take the GED Ready®, candidates are not required to go to a GED® testing center; it can be taken anywhere.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM A GED® PREPARATION PROGRAM?

While each program varies, the student can expect the following:

- Attend an intake or registration – Assessments in math and reading will be given to determine class placement.
- Attend an orientation which provides information about that program – overview of their program, length and duration of classes, costs, attendance policy, and books.
- Attend classes that provide instruction in all content areas, encouragement, and follow up.
- Meet with a counselor or transition specialist.

Some programs offer tutoring or the GED Ready® to students in a GED® class.

WHERE CAN I GO FOR GED® PREPARATION CLASSES?

Below is a list of the Adult Learning Programs funded by the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation providing assistance with the GED® Preparation Classes and the GED Ready® Practice Test. Contact the center located in your area.

Allegany County	301-784-5445	
Anne Arundel County	410-777-1823	
Baltimore City		
• Baltimore City Community College	410-986-5424	
• Learning Is For Tomorrow (LIFT)	410-522-1705	
• South Baltimore Learning Center	410-625-4215	
• Strong City Baltimore	410-261-3524	
Baltimore County	443-840-3077	
Calvert County	410-535-7382	
Caroline County	410-827-5835	
Carroll County	410-386-8630	
Cecil County	410-287-1000	ask for GED® Office
Charles County	301-753-1774	
Dorchester County	410-827-5835	
Frederick County	240-629-7962	
Garrett County	301-387-3770	
Harford County	443-412-2054	
Howard County	443-518-4919	
Kent County	410-827-5835	
Montgomery County	240-567-8229	
Prince George's County	301-546-0891	
Queen Anne's County	410-827-5835	
St. Mary's County	240-725-5371	
Somerset County	410-623-3328	
Talbot County	410-827-5835	
Washington County	240-500-2313	
Wicomico County	443-260-1703	
Worcester County	410-632-5071	
i-Pathways	410-756-0433	
Literacy Council of MC	301-610-0030	i-Pathways testing only