GED Test - General Information

What is the GED® Test? The test measures an adult's skills and knowledge, and awards a high school credential.

How do I get started? Test candidates must register, schedule their appointment and pay for their exams online at GED.com. This is the only way to make an appointment or pay for the exam, individual testing centers cannot create accounts, make appointments or accept payment for the exam.

How do I sign up to take the test?
- Navigate to GED.com
- Create a new account
  You'll need an email address that you have access to
  - First, Middle & Last Name
  - Date of Birth
  - Mailing Address
  - Primary Phone
  - Secondary Phone

Arizona State requires candidates to provide an approved form of ID every time they come in to take an exam. Approved ID include: valid driver's license, valid passport, military ID, government-issued ID (with name, address, DOB, signature, photo), current Matricula Consular card. Please refer to http://www.gedtestingservice.com/testers/policy_az#age, FAQ under residency requirements for a description of approved ID. There are additional registration requirements for candidates who are 16-17, please see the website above for detailed information about this requirement.

How do I prepare for the GED Test? There are many options available, refer to GED.com for or http://www.azed.gov/adultedservices/2012/05/01/adult-education-classes/ for detailed information.

What does the test cover? The GED Test covers four subject areas:

Reasoning Through Language Arts:
- 150 minutes
- consists of 3 sections; includes a 10-minute break between sections 2 and 3
- includes one essay that you have 45 minutes to write
  Measures your:
  - ability to read closely, write clearly, and edit and understand written English
  - ability to understand, interpret, and answer questions based on text
  - ability to use evidence to support an argument
  - understanding of basic English/Spanish skills at a level needed to succeed in college or a job

Science:
- 90 minutes, has no breaks
- includes 2 short answer questions that take about 10 minutes per question to write
- allows you to use your own TI-30XS calculator; provides an on-screen calculator
  Measures your:
- knowledge of life science (40%), physical science (40%), and Earth and space science (20%); ability to read, understand, and interpret science-related texts
- problem-solving abilities in science-related situations

**Social Studies:**
- 75 minutes
- allows you to use a TI-30XS calculator; provides an on-screen calculator
Measures your:
- knowledge of civics and government (50%), U.S. history (20%), economics (15%), and geography and the world (15%)
- ability to read, understand, and interpret social studies-related texts
- problem-solving abilities in social studies-related situations

**Mathematical Reasoning:**
- 115 minutes, has 2 parts with a 3-minute break
- does not allow the calculator on Part 1 but allows you to use a TI-30XS calculator for Part 2; provides an on-screen calculator
- gives you some math formulas and a calculator reference sheet
Measures your:
- quantitative problem-solving abilities (45%)
- algebraic problem-solving abilities (55%)

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**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Do I have to take all four subjects at once?**
No, you can study for and take one subject at a time. That way you can focus and do your best. It’s also easier to pay for one at a time! Each exam costs $35, $140 total. If you want to take two, three, or all four tests at the same time, you can do that too. It’s your choice.

**Is the test available in languages other than English?**
Yes, the GED® test is also available in Spanish, but states have different rules about the Spanish test; refer to GED.com for additional details.

**How do I know if I passed?**
To pass the GED® test, you must get at least 150 points on each of the four subjects. To get the GED® with Honors score, you must score at least 170 points. You can earn GED® with Honors on just one subject or all four. Your transcript will show how you scored on each part.

**Can I retake the test if I don’t pass?**
Yes. You can retake the test right away; students are allowed to retake any single exam before completing all four subject areas. After you take a subject three times, you have to wait 60 days before retesting. If you test in Spanish, you can take the test two times then you must wait 60 days for your third retest. Go to GED.com for detailed information about the policies in Arizona.