GED Innovation
New Tools and Resources for Students and Educators

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Agenda

Student Outcomes

Postsecondary Success
CR, CR+ credit

New tools and resources for students and educators
Guiding Principles - GED TS

• Utilize feedback (teachers, admins, students, publishers), psychometric data, new qualitative and quantitative research with students and teachers

• Prepare learners to enter jobs, career training and postsecondary programs better prepared than ever before

• Develop tools, services that help students enter into the GED prep pipeline and then persist along their journey to GED graduate and beyond
To build the educated and employed communities of tomorrow……
……one student at a time.”

2014 GED® Program Goal
### Kansas Pass Rate – 2017

3,344 Test Takers, 11,402 GED® Tests Taken, 7,169 GED Ready® Tests Taken

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### Kansas Pass Rate – since 2014

11,266 Test Takers, 49,062 GED® Tests Taken, 30,588 GED Ready® Tests Taken

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GED College
Ready & College Ready + Credit
Update
GED College Ready Scores Improve the Chances for College Success

GED® College Ready + Credit
Qualify for up to ten college credit hours

175

GED® College Ready
Ready to take college-level courses

165

Pass / High School Equivalency
Earn a high school equivalency diploma

145
Two Additional Passing Levels

• **GED® College Ready** – scoring 165-174
  Recommendation: students scoring at this level should be waived from college placement testing and be placed into credit-bearing college courses.

• **GED® College Ready + Credit** – scoring 175 or higher
  Recommendation: students should qualify to receive college credit upon enrolling. Students may be eligible for up to 10 college credit hours (3 Math, 3 Social Studies, 3 Science, 1 English/Humanities)
Gaining Momentum

• More colleges are accepting the ACE Recommendations and many are considering accepting
• Community College System of Colorado is accepting both College Ready and College Ready + Credit
• GA, VA, OH, RI, KY and CT community or technical college systems have accepted College Ready
• More than 200 institutions across 15 states
• Kansas...
Postsecondary Success

New GED outcomes data
In a data match with the National Student Clearing House over 3 years, we found:

- **35%** of GED grads enroll in college within **1 year**
- **41%** of GED grads enroll in college within **2 years**
- **45%** of GED grads enroll in college within **3 years**
Our Graduates Follow Through in College

Persistence is at an all-time high

More than 90% continue to enroll semester to semester vs 29% prior to the 2014 GED test.

Before 2014: 29%
After 2014: 90%

Over 200 U.S. Colleges accept the GED College Ready recommendations.
What is GEDWorks™

• GEDWorks™ is a program designed for employers to sponsor the GED® test for their employees
• Adult education students should tap into the benefits
  • They stay in your classroom
  • Most participating employers are paying the fees for GED Ready and the official GED tests
  • They have extra accountability with the success coach
• Available nationally
• New employers added all the time.
• www.GEDWorks.com
Our Partners Include

- Pizza Hut
- KFC
- Taco Bell
- American Tire Distributors
- American Hotel & Lodging Association
- Jiffy Lube
- Total Wine & More
- Red Roof
- Royal Cup
- Harvey’s
- Bi-Lo
- Wine Dixie
- Chili’s
- Maggiano’s Little Italy
- Texas Dept. of Transportation
- Sheetz
- Penguin Random House
- Scholastic
New GED.com Account
Experience
Good Morning Liz

When I was a child I didn’t care about getting an education, and I didn’t finish high school. But I got a second chance, and came to understand education is the key to life.

– Mary J. Blige
Score reports

GED Read® - Mathematical Reasoning

My Score: 149

LIKELY TO PASS
Test Date: 08/14/2018
Share my scores/Find GED® Classes

What My Score Means

How I Can Score Higher

Step 1  Select your study material to create a customized study plan based on your answers:
Choose your study material

Step 2  Use the study material selected above to improve your skills listed below:

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100
134
135
145
200
Not Likely to Pass
Too Close to Call
Likely to Pass

How I Can Score Higher

Step 1
Select your study material to create a customized study plan based on your answers:
Kaplan GED 2018 Strategies, Practice, and Review

Kaplan GED 2018 Strategies, Practice, and Review
by Kaplan
This book provides comprehensive content review, strategies, and two full-length practice tests, one in the book and one online.

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What My Score Means

My Performance

Congratulations on scoring in the Green Zone which means that you are likely to pass the GED® Mathematical Reasoning test. You should take the GED Mathematical Reasoning test as soon as possible! This score represents your readiness for the test, although it does not guarantee that you will pass the actual test.

Test-takers who score in this zone typically show they can perform the following skills in a satisfactory way:

Quantitative Problem Solving with Rational Numbers

- Place fractions and decimals in order, including when using a number line
- Apply number properties that involve multiples and factors
- Simplify numerical expressions with rational exponents at a satisfactory level
- Identify the absolute value of a rational number as its distance from 0 on the number line and find the distance between two rational numbers on the number line
- Compute with rational numbers at a satisfactory level
- Compute with squares and square roots of positive, rational numbers at a satisfactory level
- Compute with cubes and cube roots of positive, rational numbers
- Determine when a numerical expression is undefined
- Solve problems involving rational numbers at a satisfactory level
- Compute unit rates at a satisfactory level
A variety of ways that students can share scores with your program

- At the time of creating their account on GED.com
- From their profile page
- From the scores page
- From their score report
At the time of GED.com Account Creation – student sees this question

Create Account: GED® classes
There may be local GED® classes to help you prepare for the test. Classes are not required.

A GED® class can provide:
- Support throughout your GED® journey
- Expert instruction on GED® test subjects
- Practice for the GED® test
- Help with career and college planning

"Saint Gabriel's Hall is the best thing that ever happened to me. I got the resources that I never had before and the best support system. With all that I made a future for myself."
— Felix, GED® graduate

Are you interested in attending GED® classes?
- Yes
- No

Back  Continue
If yes, student is routed to GED Test Prep Center Selection page

Create Account: Local GED® Classes
Choose a GED® prep center you are interested in attending or currently attending. By choosing a center, you agree to share your scores and contact information with the center. Selecting a center is optional and not required to receive prep center services. You can remove or change your selection at any time in your account profile.

Not interested in GED® classes? Continue without choosing a GED® prep center.

Enter your zip/postal code or address
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Select Liberty Resources
714 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19106
Phone: 215-634-2000
1.0 Miles Show on Map | Directions

Select Center for Literacy, Inc.
399 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19106
Phone: 215-474-1827
1.1 Miles Show on Map | Directions

Select District 1199C Training & Upgrading Fund
100 S. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19110
Phone: 215.563.4683
1.2 Miles Show on Map | Directions

Select Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians

☆ If I see this star above, what does it mean?
Once a program is selected, student has option to remove at any time
GED Account Profile

Edit Profile

Password
Email
Personal info
Employment Information
Contact Preferences

GED® Test Prep Center

You still haven't selected a GED® Test Prep Center to share your scores with a teacher and get expert help. Teachers at local GED® Test Prep Centers can check your score report, give study advice and help you pass a test. Sharing your scores with a GED® Test Prep Center is not mandatory for receiving adult education or prep center services.

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To Change Prep Centers

Student Logs in, then click “Profile”, “Edit Profile”, “click here” ...
Share My Scores now easier to find on Scores page…

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Useful Links: View all my scores  Learn about scores
And on all of their Score Reports
GED Manager View for Adult Educators

Looking up students
Managing enrollment
Running testing activity reports
Adult Educator’s home page

Welcome to GED Manager Elizabeth!

Actions
Last Login Date: 09/25/2018 11:35:37 AM
Password Reset Date: 11/14/2018 09:14:16 AM
Click here to reset your password now

What's New
Back to School Promotion
From September 18th through October 1st, you can get 40% off GED Flash interactive questions. No promo code needed. The discount applies automatically at checkout.

Who to Contact:

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Helpful Links

- Jurisdiction Testing Policies
- "Who to Contact" Guide
- Student Study Guides
- First Look—Explore the New GED.com Website
- Helpful Documents

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Manage Student Options ➔ Student Search
**Manage Student ➔ Student Search**

- You can look up one student at a time if you need to find specific information.
- When you click on the student’s name, you find out additional details about his/her activity, including test scores and demographic information.

![Student Search Form](image_url)
### Results

**Test Date** | **Test Center** | **Subject** | **Form** | **Score** | **Status** | **Language** | **Issues**
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09/24/2014 | - | GED Ready® Reasoning | LA_RA | 208 | Likely to Pass | ENU |  
05/27/2014 | - | GED Ready® Math | MA_RA | 158 | Likely to Pass | ENU |  
05/19/2014 | - | GED Ready® Science | SC_RA | 175 | Likely to Pass | ENU |  
01/02/2014 | 66263 - DC OSSE GED Testing and Verifications | GED Social Studies | | 151 | Pass | ENU |  
01/02/2014 | 66263 - DC OSSE GED Testing and Verifications | GED Math | | 144 | Below Passing | ENU |  
12/10/2013 | - | GED Ready® Social Studies | SS_RA | 181 | Likely to Pass | ENU |  

Links to the detailed score report
GEDPrep
Connect
Accessing students and connecting to new students
Manage Student Options

- Student Search
- Historical Search
- Manage Authorizations
- View Accommodations
- Manage GED® Prep Connect Enrollment
- IDB Search

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- Adult Educators can sort by one student or groups of students and export the results – sorting by date, enrollment status or credential status
- Educators can edit the status of a student from ‘Interested’ to ‘Contacted,’ ‘Dismissed,” or ‘Enrolled’ and write notes about the students
Important to know who is an enrolled student vs. an interested student

Educators will also see students’ information who are interested in a program but not currently enrolled.

It is up to the adult education program to reach out to those students to get them to enroll.

It makes running reports of your current students much easier.
Tips for outreach to interested students

• Make sure you update the status of the students in your program
• Successful programs have teachers assigned to monitor GEDPrep Connect enrollment and reach out to Interested students
• Do not be afraid to call or email students – they shared their contact information for a reason!
• Consider using Remind.com to streamline outreach
Example of text message outreach via Remind.com

Hello. MyGED.com provided your name and contact information. I am eager to help you get started with earning your High School Equivalency. Open Enrollment class is available at 2614 Walzem Road. Please reply here if you have any questions. You should also visit our website: neisd.net/community
Student & Teacher Resources
GED.com

click on “Educators & Admins”
Educator resources galore!

Free Classroom Materials
We’ve developed a wealth of free resources to help your students pass the GED® test. Whether you are looking for tutorials, reference sheets, scoring tools, or videos to use in the classroom, you’ll find it here.

Teaching Resources
Use these resources to guide your GED® instruction. You can get detailed information on the skills students need to demonstrate to pass, what is being assessed in each content area, and more.
Free Classroom Materials

Get your classroom ready for action by downloading free materials such as tutorials, practice questions, and reference sheets to help students test with confidence.

Tutorials

Students should practice with these tutorials so they learn about various question types and become familiar with how the test and calculator work. The tutorials work best on a computer (not a smartphone or tablet).

Computer-Based Test Tutorial

- View Now
- View Now - In Spanish

Calculator Tutorial

- View Now
- View Now - In Spanish
Free Classroom Materials
Practice Test and Study Guides

Preview the Test
Use the Free Practice Test, which is about one-fourth the length of the actual test, to give your students a preview of the GED® test. It works best on a computer (not a smartphone or tablet). The Study Guides explain the skills that are covered in each subject, and include sample questions.

Free Practice Test
View All Test Previews

Study Guides
View Study Guides
Free Classroom Materials
Reference Sheets

Reference Sheets

Many of these resources are available to your students in the testing center on test day. Review these with your students so there are no surprises on test day.

English

Calculator Reference Sheet
Mathematics Formula Sheet
Extended Response Answer Guidelines

Spanish

Calculator Reference Sheet - Spanish
Mathematics Formula Sheet - Spanish
Extended Response Answer Guidelines - Spanish
Free Classroom Materials
Extended Response Tools and Practice

Use these resources to improve your students’ written responses. The scoring tools help you evaluate and provide feedback to students about their RLA GED Ready® written response.

English
- Extended Response Quick Tips
- Extended Response Scoring Tools
- Extended Response Classroom Practice
- Extended Response Classroom Poster

Spanish
- Extended Response Quick Tips - Spanish
- Extended Response Scoring Tools - Spanish
- Extended Response Classroom Practice - Spanish
- Explanation of AE Symbol Tool For Spanish Writing

Extended Response Videos

Watch this 8-episode series with your students to take a deeper dive into the skills and expectations that will help students excel on their written responses.
New E.R. Video Series

Pro Literacy collaboration with GED Testing Service

- Available on GEDTS website under “Classroom Resources”

- Available on YouTube – Pro Literacy’s Channel
In Session Educator Newsletter
Stay up-to-date by subscribing

In Session Educator Newsletter
SIGN UP TO GET THE LATEST NEWS AND RESOURCES.
Study Guides

The following study guides explain the skills that are covered in each GED® test subject and include sample questions. Use these with your students to help them prepare for each test subject.

- **Mathematical Reasoning**
  - View Now
  - View Now in Spanish

- **Language Arts**
  - View Now
  - View Now in Spanish

- **Social Studies**
  - View Now
  - View Now in Spanish

- **Science**
  - View Now
  - View Now in Spanish
Teaching Resources

Lay the groundwork for effective instruction and guide your students to develop the skills they need to succeed using these resources.

**Educator Handbook**
Get an overview of GED® test content and recommended teaching strategies.

**Skills Students Need to Pass**
Also known as Performance Level Descriptors or PLDs, see exactly what skills students need to demonstrate to attain each score level.

**High Impact Indicators**
Skills are not all created equally! Improving certain skills can help students improve in other areas. These resources provide detailed guidance on how you can best help improve student performance.

**How-to-Guides for Supporting Students**
Print-ready guides that provide step-by-step instructions complete with screenshots.
Teaching Resources

Assessment Guide for Educators

This resource takes a deep dive into what's assessed in the four content areas, question types, scoring, and more. You can download the entire guide below, or you can choose to download the individual content areas.

- Complete Assessment Guide for Educators
- Assessment Guide Introduction

Assessment Guide - Mathematical Reasoning
View Now

Assessment Guide - Reasoning Through Language Arts
View Now

Assessment Guide - Social Studies
View Now

Assessment Guide - Science
View Now
Teaching Resources

As teachers, your expertise and commitment is vital to the thousands of students who take the GED® test every year. To help you shine, we have created training resources to guide your GED® instruction.

**Webinar Trainings**
Learn effective classroom strategies and techniques with our bi-monthly Tuesdays for Teachers webinar series, a free professional development webinar series for educators.

[Learn more](#)

**Train the Trainer Program**
Expand your skill set to effectively deliver GED® training to fellow educators through our Train the Trainer program.

[Learn more](#)
Teaching Resources
Tuesdays for Teachers Webinar Series

Changes You’ve Been Asking For: The RLA Test Screen & Score Reports

Watch Now
Download Presentation
Download Workbook
Download Certificate

One Size Fits All - Welcome to GED.com

Watch Now
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Download Workbook
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Graphic Organizers: Powerful Tools for the Classroom

Watch Now
Download Presentation
Download Workbook
Download Certificate

Determining What Comes Next: Focusing on Sequencing Skills

Watch Now
Download Presentation
Download Task Structure
Download Primary Source Analysis Tool
Download Certificate

What Students Need to Know: GED® RLA’s Extended Response

Watch Now
Download Presentation
Download Workbook
Download Certificate

From the Headlines! Big Ideas in Science

Watch Now
Download Presentation
Download Workbook
Download Certificate

How Do I Display That? GED® Science Test

Watch Now
Download Presentation

Math “Grab Bag”

And more…
Assessment Enhancements
Assessment Enhancements

Score Report Enhancements

- We have been working with educators and adult learners on improving the detailed score report
- Some enhancements include:
  - Simplify the terminology
  - Clarifying the “What my score means” tab
  - Making it easier to find

Extended Response Changes

- Improvements to the E.R. item to enhance student experience
- Tabs, where instructions are shown, scrolling, etc.
- Beginning Jan. 1, 2019
Extended Response

The performance task associated with the ER item will not change, but the layout of the question will be changing in the following ways to elicit the best possible performance from students:

• The response box will be greatly enlarged on the right-hand side of the display. Students will be able to view, write and edit their response more easily.

• The instructions will be reformatted and made clearer on the left-hand side of the display. The instructions have not changed, but information that is accessed by clicking on the “ER Answer Guidelines” will now be more accessible as part of the instructions.
**Extended Response**

- The instructions will appear with selected words in bold type. When a student reads only these bolded words, they can still understand the task.

- These enhanced instructions will also appear on all accommodated tests, GED Ready® and Spanish tests.

- The reading material which is currently presented across multiple tabs will be presented in one tab that students scroll through. There will now be just two tabs on the left-hand side of the display: one tab for the revised instructions, and a second tab for the reading material.
Research guided change

- These changes are based on a research project conducted in multiple stages in 2015 through 2017.

- GEDTS investigated how students interacted with the onscreen interface and their understanding of the task.

- The response box was enlarged

- The revised instructions were moved to the first tab
Research guided change

• Follow up study showed noticeable improvements

• Final study conducted
  
  • Compared written responses of participants who received the new version to others who received the current version
  
  • Written responses from the enhanced ER format were longer and generally better constructed
Instructions

Read
- On the page 2 tab above, you will read two texts presenting different views on the same topic.
- Both writers argue that their position on the issue is correct.

Plan
- Analyze the two texts to determine which writer presents the stronger case.
- Develop your own argument in which you explain how one position is better supported than the other.
- Include relevant and specific evidence from both sources to support your argument.

Write
- Type your response in the box on the right.
- Your response should be approximately 4 to 7 paragraphs of 3 to 7 sentences each.
- Remember to allow a few minutes to review and edit your response.

You have up to 45 minutes for reading, planning, writing, and editing your response.
How should you prepare your students?

Even though these format changes will not take place until 2019, teachers are encouraged to use the new format example to help their students better understand the ER task and how they should be approaching it. Teachers may want to alert students that what they see on the test this year will continue to be the current format. However, if students use the insights they gain from learning with the new format, they will likely perform at their best potential on the ER item even before the new format is implemented.
GED Ready Promotion

• Offer: Get GED Ready for $2.99 (more than 50% off!)
• Dates: 10/15 – 10/31
• Promo Code: TREATYOURSELF (note this code will not be active until 10/15)
• Purchase Channels: GED.com and GED Marketplace
• Communications: In Session educator newsletter, student emails, website, social media
2019 GED Testing Service Annual Conference
Chicago, Illinois
July 24-26, 2019
● 550+ participants
● Expert speakers
● In-depth professional development
● Networking opportunities
● Much more
92% are likely or highly likely to recommend the GED Annual Conference to a peer.

88% agree or strongly agree that after attending the conference, they have a better understanding of and feel more knowledgeable about the GED program.

“Amazing conference. Very informative. I am eager to attend next year along with a team of educators.”
Thank you!

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