

Accommodations Not Requiring Approval by GEDTS-trained Personnel

The GED Chief Examiner may permit the use of certain adaptations and devices without prior approval from the GED Administrator, the GED Testing Service, or GEDTS-trained and GEDTS-certified personnel. These adaptations and/or devices include:

Colored Transparent Overlays

These devices, which resemble tinted overhead transparencies, are widely used by persons with visual impairments and those with learning disabilities who have difficulty decoding written words and symbols.

Clear Transparent Overlays and a Highlighter

The combination of clear (*untinted*) overlays and a highlighter can be used with the candidate who needs to use a highlighter while reading. The highlighting takes place on the clear overlay and protects the test booklet from becoming marked. All used overlays must be collected at the end of each testing session.

Temporary Adhesive (for example, Post-it® Notes) with Spatial Directions

GED candidates can affix temporary “sticky” notes on the answer sheet to accommodate a disability affecting spatial orientation. For example, the candidate might flag the sheet for top, bottom, right, and left. For security reasons, the Official GED Testing Center must supply these adhesive notes to a GED candidate.

Earplugs

GED candidates may use earplugs as an aid in concentration. Some large-volume or busy testing centers routinely distribute disposable earplugs to all candidates.

Large-print Test

GED candidates may use the large-print edition of the GED Tests under normal time limits, upon request to the GED Chief Examiner or Examiner. It is recommended that each Official GED Testing Center order at least one large-print test battery per year for this purpose.

Magnifying Device

GED candidates may use their preferred type of magnifying device during test taking. If a GED candidate uses a magnifier during a standard testing session, the GED Chief Examiner or Examiner should take additional care to stagger test forms and must seat the candidate in a way that precludes other candidates from seeing that candidate's test materials.

Priority Seating

GED candidates may request to be seated near the front of the room in order to better hear instructions, or in some other location to avoid distractions.

Fluorescent Lighting

GED candidates may request permission to wear hats or caps to limit the effects of fluorescent lighting.

One Test Per Day

GED candidates may take one GED Test per day upon arrangement with the GED Chief Examiner or Examiner at the designated Official GED Testing Center.

Straightedge

GED candidates may use a plain, unmarked straightedge made from any safe material as an aid in spatial orientation and reading. If the straightedge is an additional piece of scratch paper issued by the GED Chief Examiner or Examiner, it must be collected at the end of the testing session and must be destroyed along with any other scratch paper.

Other Devices as Deemed Appropriate

The GED Testing Service allows all other devices without permission as long as they compensate for the disability, do not provide an unfair advantage, and do not compromise the validity or reliability of the GED Tests.

Other Adapting Devices

GED candidates are allowed to use other adaptive devices such as pencil holder, wrist braces, and graph paper, so long as the device does not provide an unfair advantage to the test-taker.

Because the Official GED Testing Center may not have the candidate's preferred device on hand, the candidate may be permitted to bring his or her own magnifier, overlays, or the like, to the testing session. It is the prerogative of the GED Chief Examiner or Examiner to examine these materials to ensure that the materials do not contain any unauthorized testing aids.

The GED Chief Examiner or Examiner is responsible for tracking the use of these aids by candidates. All requested uses of the large-print edition, including those not requiring documentation of a disability, are to be counted in the Official GED Testing Center's *Annual Statistical Report*.