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TO: Colorado School Districts  
FROM: Colorado Department of Education, GED unit  
RE: Allowable Uses of GED Tests For School Districts  
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In response to questions from school districts about using GED program tests for students still in high school, the General Educational Development (GED) unit at CDE provides the following guidelines concerning the use of GED Tests as part of a credit recovery or alternatives to high school credit programs for students who are not on track for graduation:

The sole purpose of the GED Test is to provide an opportunity for adults who have not graduated from high school to earn their jurisdiction's high school-level educational diploma by measuring the major academic skills and knowledge associated with a high school program of study.

These tests may only be given by established, certified testing centers, and may not be used as a means of awarding academic credit, as a measure of student progress in instructional programs, or as a means of awarding alternative credentials to currently enrolled high school students.

The Tests of General Educational Development (GED Tests) are developed and distributed by the General Educational Development Testing Service (GEDTS) of the [American Council on Education](#). GEDTS establishes the policies and procedures that guide the administration and operation of the testing programs and centers. Colorado's GED State Administrator monitors compliance with these policies and procedures in the 155 independently-operated test centers and addendum sites that offer the GED Tests to the public.

School districts using GED Tests for the purpose of awarding credit for high school classes may result in GEDTS suspending the GED Testing Program operations in specific testing center(s) or statewide. Students taking tests through a non-certified site would not be eligible for the official GED credential.

School districts will be informed if policies or procedures are established in the future that allow GED Tests to be used for specific purposes, and under what conditions tests may be used in high schools.

Questions about GED Tests, the testing centers, or these guidelines may be directed to  
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