



## GED Resources

*The GED is the high school equivalency examination used to award the Colorado High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED). Attaining this diploma reflects test taker's readiness for postsecondary education and the workforce.*

### Content and Scoring

The GED examination consists of 4 content area tests. Tests are available in English and Spanish, and can be taken and paid for by 1 or more content area tests at a time:

- [Reasoning through Language Arts](#) – ability to read closely, write clearly, and edit and understand written text.
- [Math](#) – quantitative and algebraic problem solving.
- [Science](#) – life, physical, earth and space science.
- [Social Studies](#) – civics and government, U.S. history, economics, geography and the world.

A minimum score of 150 is required for each test module (600 overall) to obtain a HSED. The [scoring levels](#) are as follows:

- Passing: 150-169
- Passing with honors: 170-200

### Registration and Scheduling

Testers must create an account and register to take the GED at GED.com. Registration is free and requires only an email and password.

- [Register at GED.com](#)
- [Instructions on how to register](#)

The GED can only be taken at an official GED testing center and scheduled through GED.com.

- [Find a Testing Center](#)
- [Instructions on how to schedule](#)

### Studying and Preparing to Test

Testers can access free study materials at home or through GED preparation programs. The official practice test, the GED Ready, tells testers if they are likely to pass the real test and provides study recommendations.

- [Free Practice Tests](#)
- [GED Ready](#), official practice test – go to “Study” section and click “Take GED Ready” to purchase (discounts may be available through preparation programs).
- [Computer Skills Tutorial](#) – see and practice the computer skills needed to be prepared to take the GED on the computer.

### Overview of GED

- Administered on a computer only, at approved testing centers
- Aligned to college and career readiness standards
- Consists of four content area tests:
  - Reasoning through Language Arts
  - Mathematical Reasoning
  - Science
  - Social Studies
- Costs \$37.50/test, for a total of \$150 for all four content areas
  - Retakes discounted at \$17.50/test

Visit the  
[GED Testing Service](#)  
and  
[CDE Testing Program](#)  
websites for  
additional resources



## Studying and Preparing to Test (continued)

Working with a GED preparation program can provide valuable instruction, discounts on the GED Ready, or the GED test. CDE does not endorse any preparation programs and testers should research the quality and cost of any program before signing up.

- [Colorado Adult and Family Literacy Program Directory](#)
- [GED Testing Service Preparation Program Search Tool](#)
  - To access Search Tool: Login to or create an account on [GED.com](#); click on "Study" tab at top of the page; click on "Local Study Tools"

## Eligibility and Accommodations

Eligible testers are:

- 17 years of age or older
  - 16 year olds may be eligible if [meet requirements and approved for an Age Waiver](#)
- **Not** required to be a Colorado resident
- Required to provide a [government-issued, non-expired ID](#) on day of testing
- [Overview of Colorado Requirements](#)

GED Testing Service provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to individuals with documented disabilities who demonstrate a need for accommodations. All accommodation requests are processed and approved by [GED Testing Service Accommodations](#).

- [Process for requesting accommodations](#)
- [List of accommodation types that can be requested](#)
- [Minor Modifications](#) – list of items that **DO NOT** require pre-approval

## Professional Development for Educators

Educators need access to training materials to effectively prepare learners with the skills needed to succeed on the GED. GED Testing Service has a variety of professional development programs and tools available for educators:

- [Educator Handbook](#) – in-depth look at test content and recommended teaching strategies.
- [Teacher's Guide](#) – self-paced, free course to provide a better understanding of test content.
- [Test Item Samplers](#) – example test items and preview of knowledge and skills measured.
- [Webinars for Educators](#)
- [Other Professional Development Resources](#)

## Policy Manual and Frequently Asked Questions

A High School Equivalency Examination Policy & Procedures Manual was developed by CDE to outline the policies and procedures for the administration of the GED test as the high school equivalency examination at testing centers approved by the state and GED Testing Service. This also includes information on content, eligibility, language & diploma versions, and test center approval processes.

- [Policy & Procedures Manual](#)
- [CDE GED FAQs](#)
- [GED Testing Service FAQs for Testers](#)
- [GED Testing Service FAQs for Educators](#)