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## **News Release**

### ***Colorado Selected To Participate In Pilot Of Online GED Test***

The American Council on Education's GED Testing Service (GEDTS) has announced that Colorado is one of 11 states selected to participate in a pilot to gauge the usability of online tests. The goal of the pilot is to compare scores from computer-based tests and tests taken on paper.

Because of the changing national landscape the GED (General Educational Development) Test is transitioning from the current 2002 Test Series to a more comprehensive assessment of the program. The new program, GED 20/20, will dramatically increase the number of test takers and the number of GED credential recipients who are prepared to pursue postsecondary education opportunities.

"Being part of the initial phase of the new testing program is a credit to the Colorado Department of Education's GED staff and their dedication to provide Colorado GED candidates a positive educational challenge," said Pamela M. Smith, director of Adult Education and Family Literacy at CDE.

Colorado has averaged about 11,000 GED recipients for each of the past five years. "All these individuals who pursued and completed their GED have contributed to the education growth and economic wellbeing of our state," added GED State Administrator Chalmer Naugle. "We look forward to working closely together with GEDTS to ensure that the test and the testing environment are meeting the content needs and the skill demands of the 21st century."

GED candidates of all 11 participating states will have the opportunity to participate in the pilot study on a volunteer basis. Candidates completing the study will be awarded a voucher to take the actual test free. Other incentives are also being discussed.

For more information about Colorado's GED program, visit:

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeadult/GEDindex.htm>

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