



# **GED Testing Information**

## **Age Waivers:**

If you are between the ages of 16 -19 years old, you must have an age waiver from the State Dept. of Children, Families and Learning for final GED testing. You may, however, enroll in the GED preparation classes. Your instructor will have the information on how to apply for the waiver. Allow at least 2 weeks for the applications to be processed before you receive the age waiver and can begin taking the final GED tests.

## **Cost:**

The cost of taking the final GED tests is \$90 payable at beginning of testing. Retests are \$15 each. Under the GED Testing Fee Reimbursement Program, eligible examinees pay \$50.00 for the complete test battery. Eligibility forms can be completed at the RRLC.

## **Time/Dates:**

The total amount of time allowed for testing is 7 hours 15 minutes. The time for each test ranges from 65 minutes to 2 hours. Check with your instructor for testing dates and testing time line.

## **GED Testing Site Information:**

- \* Location: Woodland Elementary School  
Community Education Office (in District Office, Suite 201, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)  
1410 South McKay  
Alexandria, MN 56308

## **General Information:**

You will have to complete a class registration process, which includes a functioning level test, and take GED pretests at an ABE/GED class site. We require a **minimum of 12 hours of attendance** for GED preparation. These hours include studying GED materials in the ABE classroom, pre and post educational level tests and the GED Testing Registration session.

- \* Photo ID required - MN Drivers license (if not a MN drivers license, need proof of residency, such as a lease or utility bill, bank statement that includes local address. ID needs to include date of birth and a photo. You can get a photo ID at the DMV; this takes 3 weeks.

Examinees are not permitted to bring tote bags, handbags, food items, textbooks, notebooks, overcoats, hats, hand-held electronics, phones or any non-essential items with them to seats in the testing room. Purses, handbags, backpacks, etc. are not allowed at seats but are to be stored in vision of candidates at their own risk; cell phones should be shut off and stored in vision of candidates. There will be several examinees in the room testing at the same time.

Examinees cannot leave the testing room until all examinees have completed the test being given. If an examinee leaves the room before completing a test, the test will be scored with what has been completed up to that point. A different test would be given if the examinee is permitted back into the testing room.

If you have a well-documented learning disability and/or attention deficit disorder, you may qualify for test accommodations. An "Accommodation Request for Learning Disabilities" form can be obtained from your instructor. Accommodations not requiring prior approval are listed below:

- Colored transparent overlays (examinee supplies)
- Clear transparent overlay with highlighter (examinee supplies)
- Earplugs (examinee supplies)
- Magnifying device (examinee supplies)
- Unmarked straightedge (examinee supplies)
- Large print test with normal time limits (examinee provides advance notice)

You can retest failed tests before completing the entire battery. Each retest is \$15. There are only 3 forms of GED tests available each year and examinees cannot repeat the same form of test within a calendar year.

### **Scoring:**

All tests are sent to a scoring center in Oklahoma and it takes approximately 2 weeks to get results. A minimum score of 410 on each individual GED final test must be earned **AND** a total standard score of 2250 for the final GED five-test battery must be achieved in order to earn a State of Minnesota GED Diploma. This is an average score of 450 per test.

### **What are the GED tests like?:**

With the exception of Part II of the Writing Skills Test, which requires you to write an essay, and Part I of the math test, all questions on the GED tests are multiple choice with five possible answers given. The questions range in difficulty from easy to hard, and cover a wide range of subjects.

Writing - Part 1; 50 questions, 75 minutes (30% sentence structure, 30% usage; 25% spelling, punctuation, capitalization; 15% organization)

Writing - Part 2; essay, 45 minutes

Mathematics - 50 questions, 90 minutes (20-30% arithmetic, 20-30% algebra, 20-30% geometry, 20-30% measurement and data analysis)  
Part I; 45 minutes with calculator  
Part II; 45 minutes without calculator

Reading - 40 questions, 65 minutes (25% nonfiction texts; 75% literacy texts - - prose fiction, poetry, drama)

Science - 50 questions, 80 minutes (45% life science, 35% physical sciences, 20% earth and space science)

Social Studies - 50 questions, 70 minutes (25% U.S. history, 15% world history, 20% economics, 25% civics and government, 15% geography)

### **\* Reminder**

Bring: Photo ID  
Testing fee unless already paid at RRLC