# NWALLprep GED program

At NWAllprep we certainly understand that there are situations where a student is advantaged by getting a GED. Our students can study for their GED while continuing to work on their regular diploma by getting credit for their GED prep courses. It remains our hope that students studying for their GED will be able to get a regular diploma, but we understand that for some students it is better to get the GED. Any student who chooses to study for their GED must work closely with their NWAllprep instructor to determine when they would be ready to successfully complete the GED exam.

When the teacher agrees that the student is ready NWAllprep will pay the exam fees for the test(s). Students may go attempt the test(s) at any time it is given if they choose to pay for the exam themselves. NWAllprep will only pay for the exam(s) once a student has been approved by a NWAllprep instructor as ready to be successful on the GED. This usually means that the student has passed the practice exams for the test, or has completed the coursework, or both

Students under the age of 18 must be released from the district in order to take the test.

**Text:** We offer students the Odysseyware courses, online, to prepare them for the GED tests

Or

We offer the "Steck-Vaughn" series of study guides and preparation tests.

## 2. GED - Overview

The GED or General Educational Development test is a test that measures one's academic knowledge and is administered to those seeking to obtain what is commonly referred to as a high school equivalency diploma. For those unable or unwilling to finish high school for various reasons, the GED is a way for them to either continue their education or to find employment, as

most jobs aren't open to those without a high school diploma or the equivalent. In addition, in order to attend most trade schools or community colleges in Vancouver, or even to enlist in the military, a high school diploma or GED is required.

The test is actually made up of a battery of five tests which are comprised of reading, writing, mathematics, social studies and science. Sometimes, high school students leave school and immediately take the GED and therefore need no further studying or preparation, but many times those who take this test have been out of school for many years - sometimes decades - and need to prepare for a while to take the test.

In most districts where the GED is administered there is a fee attached, often as much as \$100, so those who take the test have a vested interest in passing it. It can be taken again, of course, but each test that must be repeated has a fee attached to it. **If you are ready to take the test (as agreed on with your NWAllprep teacher) then NWAllprep will pay for the GED fees.** 

Obtaining one's GED opens doors to employment and higher education, although sometimes people take this test more for the feeling of accomplishment than to go on to higher education or employment.

There are many resources available to those who wish to take the GED. There is a plethora of online and community resources in Vancouver, many of them free, which aid those who need to study for the test. Those pursuing their GED's can and should take all the time they need to prepare for it in order to pass it on the first attempt.

## 3. GED Test

The GED is comprised of five tests: Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. The entire test, with the exception of writing an essay and a small portion of the Mathematics test, consists of multiple choice questions. Each test is timed, and if the student fails one or more of the tests, only the failed tests have to be re-taken. According to the American Council on Education, in order to pass the GED a minimum score of 410 and an average score of 450 for each of the five tests for a combined overall score of 2250 is required. The lowest score one can achieve on an individual test is 200 while the highest score is 800.

There are more than 2,800 locations worldwide, including locations specific to military personnel, foreign nationals, and United States citizens located abroad where the GED test is administered. Test-takers must be at least 16 years of age. There are certain eligibility requirements that you can ascertain by contacting local educational entities. The GED test is available in English, Spanish, French, and Braille. In 2000 alone more than half a million people took and passed the GED. It has been estimated that about one in every seven high school diplomas is in fact a GED.

Once you pass the GED test you'll receive your diploma and a transcript of your scores in the

mail. You should also receive a letter explaining how the scores are calculated. Keep this paperwork in a safe place, because you may be asked to provide your transcript when seeking higher education or, sometimes, employment.

## 4. The GED Battery of Tests

While we tend to think of the GED as a test, it is actually comprised of five tests, each of which is designed to measure a person's knowledge in a specific area. For example, the science test is comprised of 50 multiple-choice questions covering life science, earth and space science, and physical science. Knowing this ahead of time can help the student selectively study for the exam.

The social studies test covers a broad area including geography, world history, American history, civics, government and economics. While one could potentially get bogged down by trying to study all of those subjects in preparation for the test, by utilizing GED test prep materials and resources one can better narrow down the appropriate materials from which to study.

The reading part of the GED is probably one of the easiest parts of the test, simply because there are no certain answers one can memorize or study ahead of time. This part of the test measures reading comprehension. There are 40 questions about provided passages that the student must read. Knowing how this part of the test works is important, however, because it is still helpful to the student to practice reading passages and answering sample questions about them to become familiar with this particular part of the test.

The Mathematics test covers such mathematical operations as algebra, geometry, fractions, decimals, and both metric and American measurement systems.

The Writing test is broken up into two parts, the second of which is the composition of an essay while the first part focuses on things like sentence structure, grammar, and punctuation, with the student being asked to correct and/or insert the correct punctuation.

Because much of the entire GED test is about knowing what to do in given situations as opposed to merely memorizing dates and such, preparing for the test is essential. If you're being asked to correct the punctuation of sentences, for example, and you've been out of school for some time, it will be much more difficult to pass the test if you bypass studying. **U.S. Western Region** 

WASHINGTON

MOST OFTEN REQUESTED INFORMATION

1.	What are the residency requirements to take the GED Test?	none for testing; WA S residency required for a credential
2.	What are the minimum and maximum testing fees for the full battery?	\$75
3.	What is the minimum age for GED testing? (without exceptions)	19
4.	What is the minimum age for GED testing? (requires additional documentation)	16
5.	Is instruction required before testing?	No
6.	Are candidates required to take the Official Practice Test (OPT) before testing?	No
7a.	Are candidates required to wait before retesting?	No
7b.	If Yes, how many days is this wait period?	not applicable
8.	What is the title of the GED credential awarded?	Certificate of Educatio Competency

# To locate an Official GED Testing Center, <u>click here</u>.

	GENERAL GED TESTING REQUIREMENTS	
9.	What are the minimum score requirements to pass the GED Test? Explain this	410 on each test/2250 test battery
10.	What are the other requirements (beyond test scores) to receive a GED credential?	not applicable
11.	What is the minimum age to receive a GED credential?	16
12.	What are the required conditions for taking the Official GED Practice Test? (eligibility, location, etc.)	not applicable
13.	What are the minimum and maximum fees to take the Official GED Practice Test?	not applicable
14.	What is the score on the Official GED Practice Test that is required to take the GED Test?	not applicable
15.	Is there a time limit for completing the GED test battery? (for first time candidates)	No

16. Within the same test series, when do GED Test scores expire? scores do not expire u series **GED RETESTING** 17. What is the fee to retest? \$15 - may vary by test 18. Are candidates required to complete the whole battery before retesting the failed area? No 19. Are candidates required to participate in remediation before retesting? No **OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION** 20. What is the compulsory age of school attendance? (without exceptions) 21. How many active GED Testing Centers are in this jurisdiction? 55 22. What are all the language editions of GED Tests offered? English, Spanish, and F 23. Are candidates who take one or more foreign-language editions of the GED Test required to No take the English as a Second Language (ESL) test? 24. What language editions may have scores combined? Scores cannot be com www.GEDtest.org/pre 25. Once I am ready to begin the GED testing process, where do I go?

### **Steps to a GED Credential**

#### Prepare

- Meet with your NWAllprep Instructor and develop a Student Learning plan that includes the GED
- Obtain the Instructional Resources
- Take the Official GED Practice Test

• Take the GED tests or Meet with your teacher to develop a plan to further prepare you for the test, based on your practice test scores

#### <u>Take</u>

- Find nearby testing centers, international sites
- Request accommodations
- Test in Spanish or French

#### <u>After</u>

- Understand your scores
- Request transcript
- Next steps to college or career

Congratulations on starting one of the most important journeys of your life—preparing to earn your GED credential!

Millions of people like you have taken the GED Tests to get a better job, continue their education, or fulfill their personal aspirations. This web site will help you understand the steps to prepare, take and pass the GED Tests.

#### **GED Tests Cannot Be Taken Online**

We want your path to a GED credential to be as satisfying and rewarding as possible. So before you get started, we must remind you that the official GED Tests **cannot** be taken online; beware of web sites and other sources that tell you otherwise.

You can take the GED Tests almost anywhere in the United States and Canada and internationally at any of the 3,400 Official GED Testing Centers, but you cannot earn a GED credential (sometimes called a diploma or certificate) on the Internet. Read more in our <u>Truth About GED Testing Online</u>.

#### **Testing Policies**

While the GED Test has general standards, each jurisdiction awards its own credential and has its own policies.

#### Accommodations for Test-takers with Disabilities

We want all test-takers to have fair access to the tests. If you have a diagnosed learning disability, physical/chronic health disability, emotional/mental health disability, or Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder you can request accommodations (note: all requests are considered on an individual basis, but all requests are not automatically approved). Click here for more information on what types of accommodations are available and to <u>download request</u> forms.

#### GED Testing Service Now On Facebook and on YouTube!



Join members of the GED Testing Service staff, testing professionals from around the U.S. and Canada and fellow test-takers or credential recipients! Share your questions and thoughts about the testing process and get to know the many people who are involved in offering a powerful second chance through the GED Tests.

Visit the Group for the Official Home of GED Tests at <u>www.GEDtest.org/facebook</u> and visit us on YouTube at <u>www.GEDtest.org/youtube</u>.

#### **Privacy Policies**

**GED Testing Service Privacy Policy for Candidates (short version):** <u>English; Spanish; French</u> (PDF; 12KB)

GED Testing Service Privacy Policy for Candidates, Testing Centers, Officials, and Stakeholders (full version): English; Spanish; French (PDF; 18KB)

### **Preparing for the GED Tests**

# You can prepare for the GED Tests <u>at home</u>, <u>in a class</u>, or <u>online</u>. Find out more about these options, and many more studying options, using the box on the right.

#### Meet the GED Tests

The GED Tests released in 2002 (the "2002 Series") measure your knowledge in science, math, social studies, reading, and writing, including an essay that assesses your ability to write and communicate effectively.

To learn more, visit read about the Five Content Area Tests.

#### **Practice Makes Perfect**

It's important to prepare for the GED Tests just as you would prepare for a job interview or a big game. Preparation materials are available from many educational institutions, such as those below, and in many formats based on your style of learning. You can also <u>practice with Sample</u> <u>Test Questions</u> provided right here by GED Testing Service.

GED Testing Service has reviewed and certified selected GED preparation materials from these organizations:

- Kentucky Educational Television (KET)
- Steck-Vaughn
- Paxen Learning

You may find other helpful resources at your local bookstore, library or online. GED Testing Service encourages adults to consult a local testing center for recommendations and to use the method that best fits your schedule and learning style.

To learn more, click on the method to the right that best fits your style of learning.

### Washington GED testing Locations by City

### (Meet with your teachers to determine which is best for you, and when)

#### **Auburn Washington GED Testing Locations**

Green River Community College 12401 Southeast 320th Street Auburn, WA 98092-3699 253-833-9111

Muckleshoot Tribal College 39811 Auburn Enumclaw Road SE Auburn, WA 98092 253-876-3395

#### **Bellevue Washington GED Testing Locations**

Bellevue College 3000 Landerholm Circle, SE Bellevue, WA 98007-6484 425-564-5609

#### **Bellingham Washington GED Testing Locations**

Bellingham Technical College 3028 Lindbergh Avenue Bellingham, WA 98225 360-752-8321

Whatcom Community College 237 West Kellogg Rd. Bellingham, WA 98226 360-383-3050

Northwest Indian College 2522 Kwina Road Bellingham, WA 98226 360-392-4340

#### **Centralia Washington GED Testing Locations**

Centralia College 600 Centralia College Blvd Centralia, WA 98531 360-736-9391 Maple Lane High School 20311 Old Highway 9, SW Centralia, WA 98531 360-273-3119

#### **Chehalis Washington GED Testing Locations**

Green Hill Academic School 375 S.W. 11th Street Chehalis, WA 98532 360-740-3535

#### **Clarkston Washington GED Testing Locations**

Walla Walla Community College 1470 Bridge Street Clarkston, WA 99403 509-758-3339

#### **Colville Washington GED Testing Locations**

Community College Center 985 South Elm Colville, WA 99114 509-685-2120

#### **Connell Washington GED Testing Locations**

Walla Walla Community College - Connell Center 1301 Ephrata Connell, WA 99326 509-543-5948

#### **Des Moines Washington GED Testing Locations**

Highline Community College 2400 S. 240th Street Des Moines, WA 98198-9800 206-878-3710

#### **Ellensburg Washington GED Testing Locations**

Central Washington University 400 East University Way Ellensburg, WA 98926 509-963-1860

#### **Everett Washington GED Testing Locations**

Everett Community College 2000 Tower Street Everett, WA 98201 425-388-9288

#### **Goldendale Washington GED Testing Locations**

Klickitat County Learning Center 228 West Main Goldendale, WA 98620 509-773-5817

#### **Grandview Washington GED Testing Locations**

Yakima Valley Community College - Grandview 500 West Main Street Grandview, WA 98930-1284 509-882-7000

#### **Kirkland Washington GED Testing Locations**

Lake Washington Technical College 11605 132nd Ave., Northeast Kirkland, WA 98034-8506 425-739-8115

#### Lakewood Washington GED Testing Locations

Pierce College Fort Steilacoom 9401 Far West Drive, Southwest Lakewood, WA 98498-1999 253-964-6799

Clover Park Technical College 4500 Steilacoom Blvd., S.W. Lakewood, WA 98499 253-589-6045

#### **Longview Washington GED Testing Locations**

Lower Columbia College 1600 Maple Street Longview, WA 98632 360-442-2311

#### Lynnwood Washington GED Testing Locations

Edmonds Community College 20000 68th Ave. W Lynnwood, WA 98036-5999 425-640-1546

#### **Monroe Washington GED Testing Locations**

Monroe Center at Edmonds Community College 16700 177th Aveneue, SE Monroe, WA 98272-0777 360-794-2866

#### **Moses Lake Washington GED Testing Locations**

Big Bend Community College 7662 Chanute Street Moses Lake, WA 98837 509-793-2064

#### **Mt. Vernon Washington GED Testing Locations**

Skagit Valley College 2405 College Way Mt. Vernon, WA 98273 360-416-7654

Skagit Youth Center 611 South 2nd Mt. Vernon, WA 98273 360-336-9360

#### **Naselle Washington GED Testing Locations**

Naselle-Youth Camp School 11-S Youth Camp Lane Naselle, WA 98638-8600 360-484-3269

#### **Oak Harbor Washington GED Testing Locations**

Skagit Valley College - Whidbey 1900 SE Pioneer Way Oak Harbor, WA 98277 360-679-5355

#### **Pasco Washington GED Testing Locations**

Columbia Basin College 2600 N. 20th Avenue Pasco, WA 99301 509-542-4301

#### **Port Angeles Washington GED Testing Locations**

Peninsula College 1502 East Lauridsen Boulevard Port Angeles, WA 98362 360-417-6346

#### **Pullman Washington GED Testing Locations**

Washington State University 286 Lighty Student Services Bldg Pullman, WA 99164-1065 509-335-1744

#### **Renton Washington GED Testing Locations**

Renton Technical College 3000 Northeast 4th Street Renton, WA 98056 425-235-2352

#### **Seattle Washington GED Testing Locations**

Shoreline Community College 16101 Greenwood Avenue North Seattle, WA 98133 206-546-4608

North Seattle Community College 9600 College Way, North Seattle, WA 98103 206-527-3674

Seattle Central Community College 1701 Broadway Seattle, WA 98122 206-587-6915

UIATF Adult and Career Education Program 3712 South Ferdinand Street Seattle, WA 98118

#### 206-723-6288

South Seattle Community College 6000 16th Avenue, S.W. Seattle, WA 98106 206-768-6767

#### **Spokane Washington GED Testing Locations**

Institute for Extended Learning 2917 W. Fort George Wright Dr. Spokane, WA 99224-5202 509-279-6221

#### **Tacoma Washington GED Testing Locations**

Bates Technical College 1101 South Yakima Avenue Tacoma, WA 98405 253-680-4030

Tacoma Community College 6501 SO 19th Street Tacoma, WA 98466 253-566-5093

#### Vancouver Washington GED Testing Locations

Clark College 1933 Fort Vancouver Way Vancouver, WA 98663 360-992-2588

#### Wenatchee Washington GED Testing Locations

Wenatchee Valley College 1300 Fifth Street Wenatchee, WA 98801 509-682-6843

#### **Yacolt Washington GED Testing Locations**

Clark College at Larch 15314 Northeast Dole Valley Road Yacolt, WA 98675 360-260-6300

### Yakima Washington GED Testing Locations

Yakima Valley Community College 16th & Nob Hill Blvd Yakima, WA 98907 509-575-4970