

ORIENTATION

ORIENTATION – REQUIRED TO RECEIVE A TEST DATE for all first time GED Test Examinees.

Orientation is held on Monday only at 2:00pm, 4:00pm, & 6:00pm.

2009 FALL GED TESTING DATES

No Testing in July or August

<i>September</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>8:00am-5:30 pm</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>1:00 - 5:30 pm</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>9th</i>	<i>1:00-5:30 pm</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>4:00-8:30 pm</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>16th</i>	<i>4:00-8:30 pm</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>8:00am-5:30pm</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>20th</i>	<i>4:00-8:30 pm</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>21st</i>	<i>4:00-8:30 pm</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>1:00 – 5:30 pm</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>1:00 - 5:30 pm</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>18th</i>	<i>8:00am-5:30pm</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>4:00 – 8:30 pm</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>16th</i>	<i>8:00 am-5:30 pm</i>

TESTING DATES - SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Please bring on test day:

- Texas ID/Driver’s License & Social Security card
- GED Admission Ticket received at Orientation
- Jacket or sweater

Parking: There is a parking shortage at certain times of the day. You are advised to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled testing time.
**DO NOT PARK IN STAFF PARKING AT ANYTIME.
 YOU WILL RECEIVE A SJCD TICKET.**

GED Registration Checklist

1. Have you taken the test before?

If you tested in the last six months, you must have a letter from a certified instructor of an adult education program stating you are prepared to make a passing score upon retesting.

2. Who can take the GED?

- If you are 16, you must have a court order from a Judge.
- If you are 17, you must complete a TEA Withdrawal form which you can obtain from our office. The withdrawal form must be completed by your parent or legal guardian and the school administrator from the last high school you attended.
- If you are 18 or older and have not graduated from an accredited High School.

3. Do you have the appropriate identification?

You must have one of the following current documents:

- a government-issued photo identification,
- a Texas driver’s license,
- a passport,
- an identification card from the Texas Department of Public Safety,
- or a driver’s license from another state and the temporary card issued by Texas Department of Public Safety showing you have applied for a Texas driver’s license.

4. How often can you take the GED?

Three times each year, providing an alternate form of the test is available.

5. How much does the test cost?

The test is currently \$80.00 for the full test, and \$10.00 per subject for re-tests.

6. Should I bring a lunch?

Only if you are scheduled for an all day exam. Otherwise, you will only have 10 min between tests.

7. When will you receive your results?

The Texas Education Agency will mail your results to you approximately 2-3 weeks after testing.

8. What if I arrive five minutes late?

Late arrivals are not permitted into the testing room. TEA is very strict in handling late arrivals. Once the testing door closes no one can be admitted. We suggest you arrive 30 minutes before your scheduled test time.

9. Can I take this test on the Internet?

No, this test is only valid when administered under an official testing center.

10. What can I use to study for the GED?

See GED Study Guides & Preparation section of brochure

Testing Center
5800 Uvalde Road
Spencer Administration Building
Room B1008, 1st Floor
Houston, Texas 77049
(281) 998-6150 Ext. 2347
Fax: (281) 459-7632

Registration Hours
Every Monday Except Holidays
1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Please arrive no later than
5:30 p.m.

SJCN CRITERIA FOR GED TESTING

There will be no GED testing in January, July or August. Anyone who has not passed GED prior to January 2002 must re-take the full exam.

In order to receive a test date for the GED test, you must pre-register and attend an orientation session prior to taking the GED test. Pre-Registration is every Monday from 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm for 1st time test takers and 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm for re-testers. Pre-Registration is not held on holidays. Failure to follow proper registration guidelines may lead to a delay in registration resulting in a delay in your test date. Due to high no show rate for this exam we also allow standby and walk-in's. This is only available to examinee's that have completed the orientation.

GED TEST ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You are eligible to take the tests if you are not enrolled in and have not graduated from high school and you meet the requirements set by your state, territory, or province with regard to age, the length of time since you left school, and residency. If you are currently 17 YEARS OF AGE, and you were not enrolled in any type of in-school GED program; you must bring a permission slip signed by your Parent or Guardian & the Registrar's office of the school you last attended to the orientation session. If you are 16 years of age, you may only test if you have a court order from a Judge & a permission slip signed by your Parent or Guardian. Please check with the Chief Examiner for approval. You must bring an acceptable picture ID, and Social Security Card. If you do not have a Social Security Number talk to the Chief Examiner; other options are available in these cases.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

If you are seeking special accommodations because of a learning disability or attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, please notify our office at least four weeks prior to the requested testing date so the proper Texas Education Agency approval can be obtained.

TEST DESCRIPTION

The GED Test battery consists of five separately timed tests that cover five main areas of high school study. Please report at least 30 minutes before the scheduled time for any session for which you need to test. Late arrivals will not be admitted. These tests are:

- **Mathematics (Test 1)** - This test contains questions about general math, geometry, and elementary algebra. TIME LIMIT IS 90 MINUTES, which is divided into (2) 45MINUTES SECTIONS. A calculator is provided during Part One; no calculator use is permitted in Part Two.
- **Language Arts Writing Skills (Test 2)** - This test contains questions about spelling, capitalization, punctuation, logic, organization, usage, and sentence structure. TIME LIMIT IS 2 HOURS, which is divided into 2 parts: 75 MINUTES for the Objective portion and 45 MINUTES for the Essay.
- **Science (Test 3)** – This test contains questions based on general concepts in science. A number of multiple choice questions related to its content follows each passage. TIME LIMIT IS 80 MINUTES.
- **Social Studies (Test 4)** - This test contains questions based on maps, graphs, charts, cartoons, and short reading passages related to social studies. TIME LIMIT 70 MINUTES.
- **Language Arts Reading Skills (Test 5)** - This test contains various kinds of reading materials. Most questions follow a selection, which may be from a literary work, a newspaper, a magazine, a recipe, etc. TIME LIMIT IS 65 MINUTES.

GED STUDY GUIDES & PREPARATION

GED Preparation books are for sale in the campus bookstore & stores that sell books. .

The following websites are also very helpful:

www.tea.state.tx.us/ged www.acenet.edu
www.math.com www.4tests.com
www.testpreppreview.com

ADULT EDUCATION & GED PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Programs that pay test registration fees for their participants should submit documentation to the business office before the scheduled registration date.

AFTER THE TEST

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) will send scores to you approximately three weeks after the test date. If you do not receive your scores please contact the Testing Center at (281) 998-6150 or The Texas Education Agency (512) 463-9292.

If there is an error in your file TEA will notify you and request additional information. GED will only make one attempt to notify you; if your address has changed the letter will go back to TEA and nothing will occur until you contact them.

As of January 1, 2002 the minimum passing score on the GED is 410 on each test and an average of 450 on the full test. If you do not pass a particular part, you must either complete a GED preparation course or wait six months before testing again.

RETEST POLICY

Retesting is permitted on tests failed if the following conditions are met. A GED Scores Report from TEA is presented at registration, and

- Six months passes between each testing; or
OR
- Examinee presents a letter from a certified tutor or instructor of an adult education program stating the examinee has had instruction and is prepared to make a passing score upon re-testing.
AND
- Three re-tests have not been taken in the last year;

2012 SERIES GED TESTS RELEASE

The GED Testing Service of the American Council on Education announces the development of a new 2012 Series of the GED Tests, which will release January 1, 2012. The Current 2002 series of previous tests will not be able to be combined with those earned on the 2012 Series GED Tests. By December 31, 2011, examinees must have taken & earned minimum passing scores on all five content areas & earned the minimum total passing standard on the 2002 Series, or will have to take the entire 2012 Series test battery.