

# COUNSELING / ADVISEMENT & TESTING Community GED Testing Schedule

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## General Requirements to Take GED Test

- **Must be a Texas resident**
- **Must be 18 years of age**
  - If age 16-17,
    - must be officially withdrawn from school
    - must provide parental consent
  - OR -
  - must have a court order permitting the applicant to test

**Fee: \$95**  
**To be paid at Cashiers**

**Testing Location:**  
**Student Center, Rm. 138**

## Required Documents to Register

Registrants must present the following at time of registration:

- **A government-issued photo ID**
  - Driver's License, State ID, Valid Passport, Military ID, Consulate ID, Matricula
- **GED testing fee receipt (Non-Refundable)**
  - \$95 fee to be paid at Cashiers window in Student Services Building

Photo identification and proof of payment listed above are REQUIRED for registration; if not provided, individual will have to wait for next scheduled registration session.

## REGISTRATION SESSIONS:

Registration for the GED is offered on Tuesday only, beginning promptly at the designated times. You will need to allow approximately 45 minutes to an hour to complete the registration. **DO NOT BE LATE!** If late, you will have to wait for next scheduled registration session.

- **January – No Registration**
- **February 3, 2009**
- **March 3, 2009**
- **April 7, 2009**

- **May 5, 2009**
- **June 2, 2009**
- **July 7, 2009 – 5 p.m.**
- **August 4, 2009 – 5 p.m.**

- **September 1, 2009**
- **October 6, 2009**
- **November 3, 2009**
- **December – No Registration**

### **\*ONE-WEEK WAITING PERIOD FOR TESTING AFTER REGISTERING\***

Registration Sessions begin immediately at 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

## TESTING SESSIONS:

Testing for the GED is offered on Wednesdays only, with a complete battery of tests (all subject areas) being administered in one day; however, schedule is tentative and subject to change. Tests are given in the following order: Science, Social Studies, Reading, Math and Writing. There is a brief 5-minute break in between tests ONLY. No other breaks are given during testing; leaving room after test has begun invalidates test scores.

- **January 2009 - ( NO TESTING )**
- **February 11, 2009**
- **March 11, 2009**
- **April 15, 2009**

- **May 13, 2009**
- **June 10, 2009**
- **July 15, 2009**
- **August 12, 2009**

- **September 9, 2009**
- **October 14, 2009**
- **November 11, 2009**
- **December – No Testing**

### **\*MUST PRESENT TEXAS ID UPON ENTERING TESTING ROOM\***

Testing sessions begin immediately at 8:00 a.m., 9:40 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:40 p.m.

**Please arrive 15 minutes before test start time.**

## **You MUST call Monday before testing date to reserve your seat @ 956.364.4316**

- Calls are taken as a first come, first serve basis; space is limited.
- Give full name, social security number, telephone number, and test(s) to be taken.
- Leaving a voice message, without confirmation, does not guarantee a reserved seat.

The General Education Development (GED) test battery gives you the opportunity to earn a high school equivalency diploma, a credential recognized as a key to employment opportunities, advancement, and further education. The GED tests are offered in English to Texas residents, aged 18 or older. As an alternative to a high school diploma, sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds may be permitted to take the GED if certain requirements are met.

The GED includes tests in five areas: Science, Social Studies, Math, Reading, and Writing. There is a GED registration fee that covers testing, the score report, and, if applicable, a state certificate of completion.

- **Average of the five individual subject area test scores of 450 or greater; in addition, each individual subject area test score must be 410 or greater.**

### Test Descriptions and Materials

Subject Area	Questions	Time Allowed	Study Tips
Science	50 multiple-choice questions	80 minutes	Earth science (incl. space), physical science (incl. physics and chemistry), environmental and health topics, relevance to everyday life, diverse roles of individual
Social Studies	50 multiple-choice questions	70 minutes	History, civics, geography, government, economics
Reading	40 multiple-choice questions	65 minutes	Literary and nonfiction, compare and contrast
Mathematics Two parts-to be taken in one sitting	50 multiple-choice questions	90 minutes (45 minutes with calculator; 45 minutes without calculator)	Algebra, geometry, number relations, data analysis and statistics, pie charts, bar graphs, and tables
Writing Two parts - to be taken in one sitting	50 multiple-choice questions and 1 essay	2 hours (75 minutes for multiple-choice questions; 45 minutes for essay)	Sentence structure, usage and mechanics, informational documents, business communication, "how-to" texts

### Retesting

If you need to retake a section or sections of the GED test, **you must wait six months before retesting.** However, the six-month waiting period may be waived if you receive tutoring from a recognized tutoring program or a Texas-certified teacher. In order to retest, your tutor must write a letter attesting to your preparedness. Retesting fees for previous Texas State Technical College – Harlingen Testing Center examinees are \$15 per section; retesting fees for individuals who have tested elsewhere are \$15 per section, with an additional \$10 registration fee.

### Accommodations

Accommodations are available for those with a documented disability. Please contact the Texas State Technical College – Harlingen Testing Center at 956.364.4314 regarding these aids one month prior to the test date.

### Score Reports and Certificates

Each time you test, your score will be sent to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and to your mailing address. Once you have passed the GED, the TEA will issue to you a Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency. Please contact TEA at 512-463-9292 if you have questions about your certificate.

The Texas State Technical College Testing Center only has access to scores for those students that tested at the TSTC Testing Center in Harlingen, Texas. If you tested elsewhere, please contact that testing center for your scores.

Duplicate certificates should be requested from the TEA. You may call (512) 463-9292 or visit <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/ged/certreq.html>.

For verification of your GED Certificate, visit <http://www.texged.com> and select "Texas GED Certificate Search."

### Please Be Informed:

The use of Dictionaries, Books, Table Charts, Calculators (other than the one supplied by Testing Center) or any other aid is Not Allowed.

**No cell phones or any electronic devices** are allowed in the GED Testing room. Anybody who does not comply with the policy will be dismissed from the testing room and will have to **wait six (6) months** in order to **retest** in our facility.

ITEM(S) WILL BE CONFISCATED AND WILL BE RETAINED UNTIL IT CAN BE DETERMINED IF THE ITEM(S) CONTRIBUTED TO A TEST COMPROMISE.

General Education Development Testing Service may also pursue other remedies for violation of this policy, including canceling test scores and prohibiting individuals from taking the GED test in the Future.