



GED Information & Resources

Notes: Many learners who cite a goal of GED when they enroll at Literacy for Life need general skill development before they focus on GED preparation. See LFL staff for guidance and resources.

Overview

- Learners actively preparing for GED should sign up for a free account at www.ged.com. This is the official website for all things GED: official practice tests, test registration, results, etc.
- The GED consists of four subtests in Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science. To earn their GED, learners must pass all four subtests with a score of 145 or better. A score of 165+ is considered “college ready,” and some colleges accept GED scores for placement into writing and math classes.
- Tests may be taken one (or more) at a time, in any order. Most LFL learners focus on one or two subject areas at a time. Passing scores are “banked” and will not expire until some future date when a new edition of the test is released.
- The GED offers online testing in addition to in-person testing. We recommend in-person testing when at all possible. The closest testing center to LFL is in Newport News.
- General information about the GED is available at www.GED.com (“About the Test”) and on YouTube at youtube.com/GEDTestingService.

Practice Tests

- **“GED Ready”** is the official practice test, available online for \$8 each. The results include a predicted score and a diagnostic report of strengths/weaknesses. Learners should take the GED Ready when they think they might be ready for the real thing. From the top menu bar, choose **Study > Practice Test**. *Caution: The GED score report suggests that a learner is “likely to pass” if they score 145 or higher on a GED Ready test. LFL suggests that learners should score 150+ on the GED Ready before attempting the real thing.*
- **Free sample tests** are also available but do not predict a score or provide a diagnostic report. The sample tests include a helpful “Answer Explanation” feature (at top left). Sample tests are excellent practice before taking the GED Ready; they offer practice with the computer delivery of the test material as well as the content. Tutors are encouraged to complete sample tests to get a feel for the test content and interface. From the menu bar, choose **Study > Test**

Previews

Information for Tutors

- The “**Educators & Admins**” section of the GED website provides useful information for tutors as well as learners. (At GED.com, select “Educators & Admins” at top right. Scroll down to "Top Resources" in the sidebar at left.)
 - “**Resources to Guide your Instruction**” offers a user-friendly **Educator Handbook** among other materials. The more thorough **Assessment Guide for Educators** takes a “deep dive” into the GED content, scoring, and more.
 - “**Free Classroom Materials**” include tutorials on the computer skills needed for the test and on the specific calculator provided. The calculator tutorial is especially helpful; the calculator is powerful but not intuitive. This section also includes the reference sheets provided to learners during the test (e.g, the math formula sheet) as well as practice materials for the Extended Response portion of the Language Arts test.
- Webinars for GED instructors (“Tuesdays for Teachers”) are posted on the GED Testing Services’s YouTube channel at youtube.com/GEDTestingService.

Resources

- A variety of print materials are shelved in LFL's lending library. GED preparation materials are also readily available at the public library and bookstores.
- Consumable workbooks are available for LFL learners. See staff.
- GED study resources are also available through public libraries, YouTube, etc. See staff for guidance and suggestions.
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