

GED or NEDP?

The GED and NEDP are both valid ways for adults in Virginia to achieve high school completion.

	GED	NEDP
Subject Areas	Language Arts (reading & writing), Math, Social Studies, and Science	Media Literacy, Applied Math, Computer Skills, Civic Literacy, Financial Literacy, Cultural Literacy, Health Literacy, Geography & History, Science, and Workplace Skills
Enrollment	Anyone can create an account at GED.com and sign up for tests.	Candidates enroll through the Peninsula Regional Education Program
Am I ready?	CASAS assessments and GED Ready practice tests are helpful to identify readiness and study needs.	CASAS assessments, NorthStar practice assessments, and practice essays identify readiness and study needs
Testing	Candidates are recommended to take GED Ready practice tests and score at least 150 before signing up for the actual GED. The GED consists of four timed tests, taken at a testing center or with a remote proctor.	To enroll in the program, candidates must achieve minimum scores on CASAS assessments in reading and math; a writing diagnostic; and NorthStar Digital Literacy assessments. Tests are <i>not</i> timed.
What is the process?	Candidates take 4 GED tests and must score 145+ on each. Tests can be taken one at a time.	Candidates complete assigned tasks independently and submit them electronically. Candidates meet regularly with their NEDP assessor, who determines whether the work is satisfactory or needs to be re-submitted.
Cost & Payment	\$30 per test (\$120 total). Partial financial assistance may be available from LFL. To receive GED funding, candidates must be enrolled as LFL learners, demonstrate reliable attendance, and score 150+ on GED Ready practice tests.	\$800 (payable in 3 installments). Financial assistance may be available from Virginia Work Connect and other agencies. LFL staff can assist learners to seek funding.
How long will it take?	Preparation time depends on the individual's skills and knowledge, especially in reading, math, and test-taking. Each GED test takes about 2 hours.	Preparation time depends on the individual's skills and knowledge. Once enrolled, the process is self-paced and typically takes 3-12 months.

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<p>To be successful a candidate needs...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong test-taking skills. • Comfort with computer-based tests; typing ability. • Ability to complete testing within the time limit. • Reading level of about 10th grade. Math skills through basic algebra, geometry, and probability/statistics. • Writing skills are very helpful but not essential to pass. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required reading and math skills are comparable to GED, but there are no time limits on tests. • Basic computer skills. • Ability to write a successful essay (well-organized, multi-paragraph, in standard English). • Must have regular access to a computer with Internet to complete and submit assignments. • Must be self-directed. • Ability to meet with an assessor (virtually or in-person) approximately every 2 weeks.
<p>How can Literacy for Life help?</p>	<p>Literacy for Life offers general skill development in reading, math, and computer skills; GED Ready assessments; GED study materials (library and online); and one-to-one tutoring. LFL is not a GED testing center but can provide space to take the test online, with a virtual proctor.</p>	<p>Literacy for Life offers tutoring in reading, writing, math, and computer skills to help candidates prepare to enroll in NEDP. LFL staff assist with the enrollment process and can advise on funding opportunities. Tutors assist candidates as needed throughout the NEDP process.</p>
<p>Result</p>	<p>The GED is a high school equivalency credential which allows the individual to apply for jobs which require high school completion, or to pursue post-secondary education where high school is required.</p>	<p>The NEDP yields an adult high school diploma from the Hampton or Newport News public school system. It has the same meaning and benefit of a traditional high school diploma.</p>
<p>Where can I learn more?</p>	<p>www.GED.com</p>	<p>www.casas.org/nedp</p>

For assistance with GED or NEDP, contact Literacy for Life at literacyforlife@wm.edu or (757) 221-3325.