



GED Information & Resources

Note: 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. Literacy for Life maintains a large collection of print and online materials on reading, writing, math, thinking skills, computer skills, etc. See staff for recommendations.

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.”
- 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 now offers online testing in addition to in-person testing. The closest in-person testing sites to Williamsburg are located in Newport News, Hampton, and Gloucester.
- 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 \$6. (LFL sometimes has vouchers so that our learners can take them for free.) 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 blue menu bar, choose **Study → Test Previews**

Information for Tutors

- The “[Educators & Admins](#)” section of the GED website provides useful information for tutors. (At GED.com, select “Educators & Admins” at top right.)
 - “[Resources to Guide your Instruction](#)” offers a user-friendly **Educator Handbook** among other materials for instructors. 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 our lending library. GED materials are also readily available at the public library and bookstores.
- Consumable workbooks are less thorough than library books but can be given to learners to write in.
- The Apex online curriculum offers a [GED tutorial](#). (A description of the content is available at apexlearning.com/tutorial/190.) Literacy for Life has a limited number of “seats” in Apex but can provide access when available. Learners must use the program regularly in order to maintain their access.
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