

GED TESTING

How many GED tests are there? How long do they take?

<u>GED Test</u>	<u># Questions</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>
Writing Skills, Part 1*	50	75 minutes
Writing Skills, Part 2*	1 essay	45 minutes
Social Studies	50	70 minutes
Science	50	80 minutes
Interpreting Literature	40	65 minutes
Mathematics, Part 1*	25	45 minutes
Mathematics, Part 2*	25	45 minutes

- Parts 1 & 2 of the Writing Skills test are one test and must be taken together without a break between the two parts. The same conditions apply to the Mathematics test.

When will I receive my scores?

You will receive your scores on 4 of the 5 tests (Social Studies, Science, Literature & Math) as soon as you finish them. You will not receive a score on the Writing Skills test until after your essay has been scored in Salem, which takes approximately 10 days. You will be notified of your Writing Skills test score as soon as they are received by the testing agency or you can ask for your access code and check out the results on the Internet. **Results will not be given over the telephone.**

When you have successfully completed and passed all five GED tests you will receive a document from the Estacada GED Testing Center as temporary proof of completion. You will be mailed your final GED certificate from the Oregon Department of Education approximately two weeks after you successfully complete your GED testing.

What scores do I need to pass the GED? What do the scores mean?

You must receive a minimum score of 410 on each of the five tests **AND** an average of 450 on all five tests. (An average of 450 is a total of 2250 points). If you score at least 410 on each test, but do not have a 450 average, you can retake any test you choose until you receive 2250 total points. **There is a \$11.00 fee for each retest.** Usually, after one has completed a test, only two more attempts can be made in a calendar year.

GED scores range from 200 - 800 with a score of 500 representing the average performance of graduating high school seniors.

How can I prepare to take the GED tests?

There are several ways to prepare for the GED tests:

- Phone the Estacada Community School, 630-6871 ext. 2920, for information on GED classes both at the school or other areas off campus.
- Some people choose to study on their own. There are study books available in libraries and bookstores.

Do I have to take a class before testing?

No, some people are ready to test without additional preparation.

I'm ready to take my GED tests. How, when and where may I test?

Testing is conducted at the Estacada Community School Office. GED tests are given:

During the regular school year:

Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 2:00* pm

*No tests will be started after this time.

Call (503) 630-6871 ext. 2921 for an appointment.

Evening appointments may be available only by special arrangement. Call the above number to inquire.

During the summer term:

Call for an appointment. Hours similar to above.

Note:

Tests can be taken in any order, however it is recommended that test #1 (Writing Skills) be taken early on in order for the score to have been recorded by the time the other tests are completed.

Before any tests can be administered, you will need to fill out the official paperwork. You may fill out this paperwork on your first day of testing, or on any day before. To begin the process, you must:

- Pay fee (or submit written proof of agency payment).
- Submit photo ID with date of birth, or two pieces of ID (one with your date of birth and one with a photo). Bring ID with you each time you test.
- Complete application packet (allow approximately 30 minutes to complete the paperwork).
- Know your zip code plus the 4-digit extension.

And if you are 16 or 17 years of age:

- Submit the official high school release form (obtained from your high school and signed by both a school official and parent guardian).

OR

- If attending a GED preparation class in a Skills Development program, submit the proper documents (obtained from your instructor).

All of the above must be completed prior to taking any tests.

You may take the tests in whatever order you choose. You may take all five tests in one day (time permitting), or choose to test on several days. Allow enough time to complete a test before the end of the testing day. **You may not leave the testing room once you begin a test, however you may take breaks between the tests.**

How much will it cost?

The GED testing fee is \$80.00* for all five tests, payable in advance. Retesting fees are \$11.00 per test. The fees paid are valid for 2 years from the date of payment. If an examinee takes a test beyond this 2 year limit, an additional fee per test will be charged.

- Fees are subject to change without notice.
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As of January 1, 2001 the GED tests were completely revised. Any testing scores obtained before this date are invalid and all tests must be retaken.



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If you did not graduate from high school, the GED (General Educational Development) certificate provides a way for you to earn your equivalency certificate. This certificate is recognized by most employers, colleges, apprenticeship programs, military and others

A GED certificate provides an opportunity for employment or advancement in a career, further education, admission to a training program as well as increased self-esteem and self-confidence.

The Estacada Community School's GED Testing Center is an official GED testing facility. This brochure provides information regarding GED testing at the Estacada Community School.

For more information on GED testing at the Estacada Community School, call 503-630-6871 ext. 2920 or 2921.