



Wallace Community College
GED Testing Eligibility Guidelines for Students 16 & 17 years of age
Public School

Alabama Act 2009-564 stipulates that students between the ages of 7 and 17 are required to attend public school, private school, church school, or be taught at home by a private tutor. Based on this law, there are specific requirements for students, 16 and 17 years of age, who wish to take the GED Test and enroll in AE programs.

16 years of age, exited an Alabama Public School

- ___ Student must provide a notarized Certificate of Exemption from the student's last school system attended.
- ___ Student must provide a notarized and signed letter (Parent Permission Form) from his/her parent or legal guardian, naming the school, providing the drop-out date, and providing parental permission for the student to be administered the GED Test.
- ___ Student must have TABE test scores (in all three sub-skill tests) at a minimum of ASE Low, with a grade equivalent of 9.0 or higher **OR**
- ___ Student must have official GED Ready test scores in Math and RLA of "Likely to Pass"
- ___ Student must provide proof of Alabama residency.

17 years of age, exited an Alabama Public School

- ___ Student must have participated in an exit interview with their high school administration and provide a signed Exit Interview Form. *(Please Note: The student's refusal to participate in the scheduled Exit Interview should be documented by the school personnel on the Exit Interview Form. Local AE programs must maintain an Exit Interview Form for all 17 year old public high school dropouts. These guidelines also apply to HSO students who are 17 years of age.)*
- ___ Student must provide a notarized and signed letter (Parent Permission Form) from his/her parent or legal guardian, naming the school, providing the drop-out date, and providing parental permission for the student to be administered the GED Test.
- ___ Student must provide proof of Alabama residency.

17 years of age, exited school in a state other than Alabama

- ___ Student must provide written proof of withdrawal from last high school attended on school letterhead, signed by a school official.
- ___ Student must provide letter from local city/county Alabama Superintendent's Office (signed by Superintendent) on official letterhead stating student is not enrolled and will not be enrolled in the local district.
- ___ Student must provide a notarized and signed letter (Parent Permission Form) from his/her parent or legal guardian, naming the school, providing the drop-out date, and providing parental permission for the student to be administered the GED Test.
- ___ Student must provide proof of Alabama residency.

Court Mandated Individuals

Court mandated individuals, ages 16 or 17, must provide official court documentation to enroll in Adult Education and to be administered the GED Test. A signed court order does not require the student to present a Certificate of Exemption, Exit Interview Form, nor Parent Permission Form to be enrolled into an Adult Education program or to be administered the GED Test.