

Alabama High School Equivalency GED TESTING: WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

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The official GED exam is usually offered at Wallace Community College once each week. Please ask your Adult Ed Instructor to schedule your appointment through your www.ged.com account.

OTHER TESTING CENTERS

If the Wallace Campus test dates don't fit your timetable, your Instructor can make a testing appointment at another location any time a space is available.

GED TESTING FEES

The GED exam costs \$30 for each of the 4 subjects. The nonrefundable fee must be paid by debit, credit, or voucher when the exam is scheduled. Adult Ed covers the exam fees for eligible students.

CANCELLATIONS

Testing appointments must be cancelled and/or rescheduled at least 24 hours in advance. If the appointment is not changed within that time frame, the \$30 testing fee is lost.

The GED® test is made of 4 subjects, broken into separate exams. Each test can be taken individually, so you can work at your own pace and focus on one topic at a time. Adult Ed students may qualify for assistance to cover the \$30 fee for each subtest. Here is an overview of what is on the GED exam by subject area:

REASONING THROUGH LANGUAGE ARTS

- Reading for Meaning
- Identifying and Creating Arguments
- Grammar and Language

MATHEMATICAL REASONING

- Basic Math
- Geometry
- Basic Algebra
- Graphs and Functions

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Reading for Meaning in Social Studies
- Analyzing Historical Events and Arguments
- Using Numbers and Graphs in Social Studies

SCIENCE

- Reading for Meaning in Science
- Designing and Interpreting Science Experiments
- Using Numbers and Graphics in Science

The GED® test has a passing score of at least 145 for each subject. To earn your high school equivalency diploma, you will need to earn 145 or higher on all four subtests. Passing the GED® test is a huge accomplishment and opens the door to many opportunities. Please ask your Instructor about your transcript, the graduation ceremony, and college/career options.

Reminders for the GED Exam



- Get a good night's sleep before your exam appointment.
- Eat a healthy breakfast that includes some protein.
- Dress comfortably and appropriately.
- Bring your valid, hard copy, photo ID to the testing center.
- Arrive at your appointment 10-15 minutes early for check-in.
- Do your very best and answer all the questions.

Frequently Asked Questions

LANGUAGE ARTS

Questions: approximately 46

Time: 155 minutes

Exhibits: Extended Response Guide, erasable noteboards, and a marker

Format: Includes one Extended Response question (45 minutes); multiple choice and other question types; short break allowed

MATHEMATICS

Questions: approximately 46

Time: 120 minutes

Exhibits: TI-30XS calculator, Math Formula/Calculator Reference Sheet, erasable noteboards, and a marker

Format: Calculator permitted on second part; multiple choice and other question types; short break allowed

SCIENCE

Questions: approximately 34

Time: 95 minutes

Exhibits: calculator, erasable noteboards, and a marker

Format: Multiple choice and other question types; no break

SOCIAL STUDIES

Questions: approximately 35

Time: 75 minutes

Exhibits: calculator, erasable noteboards, and a marker

Format: Multiple choice and other question types; no break



Q: How early should I arrive on test day?

A: Please plan to arrive 10-15 minutes before your appointment to check in. If you arrive more than 15 minutes late, you will not be admitted to the test and will forfeit the \$30 test fee.

Q: What should I bring with me on the day of the test?

A: You will need a permanent (hard copy), non-expired, government-issued, photo ID. The TI-30XS hand-held calculator is optional. All other personal items must be secured by testing staff during admission.

Q: What can I bring into the testing room?

A: Your photo ID, a hand-held TI-30XS calculator, reference sheets (when needed), erasable noteboards, and a marker. No other items are permitted into the testing lab.

Q: Can I take a break during the test session?

A: When you schedule testing in more than one subject on the same day, then you will automatically be given a short break. Breaks are also scheduled for the RLA and Math tests. Unscheduled breaks are not allowed. If you leave the room for an unscheduled break, then your test will not be scored and you will lose your \$30 testing fee.

Q: When will I know my test scores?

A: You can log in to your www.ged.com account to see your test scores. They are usually posted within an hour after you have finished the exam, but may take longer in some cases. A minimum score of 145 is required to pass each section of the GED exam. Check with your Adult Ed Instructor if you are unable to access your results.

Wallace Testing Center

- Wallace Community College – Main Campus is located at 1141 Wallace Dr. in Dothan, AL
- Please locate Gary Hall (Building 401) and enter through either the front or the rear entrance.
- Please find Room 129 (on the back hallway of the building) for GED Admissions.
- Please do not enter the Testing Lab (Room 131) before checking in with testing staff in Room 129.
- If you need further directions, please ask your Instructor for a campus map before your test date.

THINGS TO AVOID:

Head Coverings/Hats/Caps
Hair Accessories/Head Wraps
Jackets/Hoodies
Purses/Bags/Backpacks
Watches/Jewelry

**All personal items (including wallets, keys, and cell phones) must be stored by testing staff.*



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