

What is the GED Test?

The General Educational Development (GED) Test consists of five sections in the area of Writing Skills, Social Studies, Science, Literature and the Arts, and Mathematics. The questions in each of these sections require you to use general knowledge and thinking skills. Few questions ask about facts, details or definitions.

Am I eligible to take the GED Test?

You are eligible to take the GED Test if:

- You are not enrolled in, and have not graduated from, high school.
- You have not previously earned scores sufficient to qualify for a high school equivalency credential.
- You have resided in Indiana a minimum of 30 days immediately preceding the date of testing.
- You present three forms of identification, including a current photo identification from Indiana, at the time of registration.

In addition to meeting the eligibility requirements, students age 17 must provide an Indiana exit interview showing withdrawal from high school and passing GED practice test scores.

What is the GED Test like?

With the exception of Part II of the Writing Skills section, which requires you to write an essay, all questions on the Test are multiple choice with five possible answers given. The questions are written at a 12th grade level. All 5 sections must be completed within 35 days after you take the first one. In total, the test takes approximately 7 hours to complete.

There are 4000 points possible on the GED Test. To pass, the student must obtain 2250 points overall score with no individual score below 410. There is a retesting policy for students who do not achieve a passing score.

The GED Test is not scored locally. Students should expect to receive their scores 6-8 weeks after completion of the entire battery of tests. Results will be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service.

The Official GED Test is administered at Harrison County Lifelong Learning every other month. The fee of \$70.00 must be paid at registration. The retesting fee is \$20.00.

GED Testing is also available at the Education Support Center in New Albany. Call (812) 949-4253 for a testing schedule.

A Breakdown of the GED Test:

Writing Skills– Part I (50 questions, 75 minutes)

30% Sentence Structure
30% Usage
25% Mechanics (Punctuation & Capitalization)
15% Organization

Writing Skills– Part II (Essay, 45 minutes)

Social Studies (50 questions, 70 minutes)

25% U.S. History
20% Economics
25% Civics & Government
15% Geography
15% World History

Science (50 questions, 80 minutes)

45% Life Science (Biology)
35% Physical Science (Chemistry & Physics)
20% Earth & Space Science

Reading (40 questions, 65 minutes)

75% Literary Text (Fiction, Poetry & Drama)
25% Nonfiction Prose

Mathematics (50 questions, 90 minutes)

25% Numbers, Number Sense & Operations
25% Algebra, Functions & Patterns
25% Geometry & Measurement
25% Data Analysis, Statistics & Probability

Part 1– calculator Part 2– no calculator

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*The GED information provided here is only a guide and is subject to change.