

PROHIBITED ITEMS AT THE GED® TESTING CENTERS

- All electronic devices such as cellular phones, hand-held computers/ personal digital assistants, headsets, and watches.
- Wallets, purses, hats, backpacks, and coats.
- Scarves, ties, and any large jewelry may have to be removed or adjusted.
- Food and open beverages are prohibited in the testing room.

SCORING & RETESTING

The following is the scoring range for each test module:

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| ✓ Passing Score | 145-164 |
| ✓ GED® College Ready | 165-174 |
| ✓ GED® College Ready + Credit | 175-200 |

Testers are limited to a total of three tests per module per calendar year. If additional retests are needed, the tester must wait until January 1 of the following year to schedule.

WEBSITE RESOURCES

- Maryland GED® Office – www.gogedgo.org
- GED® Testing Service – www.ged.com
- GED® Maryland State Policy Page
www.gedtestingservice.com/testers/policy_md
- Free Practice Test
www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/freepracticetest



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THE BENEFITS OF PASSING THE GED® TEST

- Earn Your High School Diploma
 - In Maryland you earn your High School Diploma when you pass the GED® test.
- Increase Your Earning Potential
 - According to the 2014 Bureau of Labor Statistics (persons age 25 and over), those with a high school diploma earn \$9,360 more annually than those without a high school diploma. Over 30 years, that equals \$280,000.
- Further Your Education
 - Go on to attend a training program, trade school, community college, 4-year college, or more.
- Get a Job or Better Job
 - According to the 2014 Bureau of Labor Statistics, those with a high school diploma have a 3% lower unemployment rate than those without a high school diploma.
- Fulfill a Personal Goal with Positive Lifelong Impact

THE GED® TEST

The GED® test is a high school equivalency exam offered only on computer at approved testing centers. The test covers four content areas:

- Mathematical Reasoning (Math) – 115 minutes
- Reasoning through Language Arts (RLA) – 150 minutes
- Science – 90 minutes
- Social Studies – 70 minutes

The test is available in English and Spanish; however, the RLA module must be taken in English. Testers will receive test scores within 24-48 hours of testing.

PREPARING TO TAKE THE GED® TEST

Potential test-takers can prepare to take the GED® test through one or all of the following methods:

- Attend a GED® preparation class at an adult learning program. Go to www.labor.maryland.gov/gedmd/programs.shtml and click on the area where you live to find a GED® preparation program in your community.
- Take the GED Ready® to determine your readiness to take the GED® test.
- Purchase GED® study materials and prepare to take the GED® test on your own. Go to www.ged.com and click on “Get Study Materials.”

ELIGIBILITY TO TEST IN MARYLAND

- You must be a Maryland resident. Bring one of the following when you test:
 - Valid (not expired) Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) Driver’s License or Learner’s Permit
 - MD MVA Identification (ID) Card
 - Active Duty Military Identification Card
- Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and not enrolled in or attending any school. Candidates under 19 years of age must submit a School Withdrawal/Exemption form for the GED® office approval after creating your GED® account. To retrieve the school withdrawal verification form, go to www.gogedgo.org and click on “School Withdrawal/Verification Forms.”

IDENTIFICATION WAIVER

If you are a Maryland resident and none of the previously mentioned forms of identification are attainable, you may apply for an Identification Waiver. Go to www.gogedgo.org and click on “Test Information” for more details.

REGISTERING AND SCHEDULING

- Go to www.ged.com to create an account.
- Select a test center location to schedule a date and time to test. (**Schedule no more than two modules a day.**)
- If you are requesting GED® test accommodations, you will check the appropriate box during the registration process. Instructions will be sent to you.
- Make payment for the testing module(s) with any major credit card, debit card, or gift card. The cost for the first test per module is \$11.25. Go to www.gogedgo.org and click on “Test Information” for Maryland’s GED® Testing fee structure.

LIST OF GED® TEST CENTERS

For a list of test center locations, go to www.gogedgo.org and click on “Test Center Location.”