

Qualifications and Testing Policies

1. The State of Texas requires that each examinee be 18 years of age or older. A person who has turned 17 is eligible to take the GED exam, but must have officially withdrawn from high school and have the eligibility verification/parental approval form signed by a parent or guardian. We must have a copy of the withdrawal slip. Anyone who has completed high school in the United States or formerly passed the GED may not be tested. Everyone must pre-register and attend orientation class before testing.
2. Identification is required of all examinees: a valid Texas Driver's License or Texas Public Safety ID and Social Security Card. Falsification of ID is subject to Federal and State investigation and will disqualify the examinee from taking the GED. You must bring this ID with you on the test day.
3. Students who are new to GPISD - GED must register and attend an orientation class prior to testing. Registrations / orientations are conducted on *Monday* at 4:30 PM (unless it is a school observed holiday). Appointments to take the GED exam will be made *after* attending the orientation. A fee of \$80.00 for the GED Test, in the form of a money order, is to be paid at registration/orientation. Please make this out to GPISD-GED. Remember, no testing will be allowed without first attending the registration/orientation classes.
4. *Testing Days* will be: 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. Reporting time for all examinees is 8:20 AM. Late comers will not be admitted! Everyone *must have an appointment to test and have completed the registration/orientation class*. To schedule, please call the GED clerk at (972) 266-7775. **Each no-show fee is \$10.00.** Inappropriate or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.
5. The use of dictionaries and books is strictly forbidden. The GED testing center *will* provide calculators for the Math Test, Section I of the exam. The Mathematics Test will be presented in two booklets: Part I *permits* the use of a calculator, Part 2 *does not*. There will be a math video shown at registration/orientation.
Time Limits for the GED Exam are as follows:
LANGUAGE ARTS, WRITING - 75 minutes for multiple choice and 45 minutes of essay.
Total time - 120 minutes (appointment time is 8:30 am)
LANGUAGE ARTS, READING - 65 minutes (appointment time is at 10:45 am)
SOCIAL STUDIES - 70 minutes (appointment time is at 12:15 pm)
SCIENCE - 80 minutes (appointment time is 1:50 pm)
MATH, PARTS I AND II - calculator use permitted on Part I, not allowed on Part II. Total time - 90 minutes (appointment time is at 3:30 pm)
6. Reporting time for examinees taking all five exams is at 8:20 am. Testing will begin at 8:30 am. Late comers will not be admitted. *The testing schedule is as follows:*
FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH (unless school observed holiday) -
Language Arts, Writing, Language Arts, Reading, Social Studies, Science, and Math Parts I & II
7. Effective January 1, 2002, the minimum passing standard score on the GED Tests is a score of no less than 410 on EACH of the five tests, with an average of 450 on the five tests in the battery (2250 total). This is the 2002 GED passing standard.
8. At the completion of testing, answer sheet will be mailed to Austin for processing. Grades will be mailed to *you* in approximately 2 - 3 weeks.