



GED® Testing News for 2011—2012

Accomplishment— Start, Reach, Finish Achieve!

When you know what you want or need to do, you can start on the path to accomplishing your goal. The first step is to recognize the goal and **start** toward it.

In real life, you can't sit on the sidelines if you expect to accomplish anything. No one is *entitled* to anything without working for it. That means, you must **reach** for what you need and do the work yourself.

Everyone experiences setbacks and barriers on the road to accomplishment. Everyone suffers the consequences of stopping out. The only way to achieve a goal is to **finish** the work and **achieve** success.

Only you can accomplish this.

- Start Now.
- Reach for what you need.
- Finish what you start.
- Achieve your goal!



We Can Help!

Request a free assessment of your Reading, Math, & Writing skills.

Call Katie Delaney at (603) 357-9041 to schedule appointment for a free, 1½ hour assessment.

You'll get immediate feedback and GED Prep advice.

Free GED Preparation

- Pre-GED Prep Classes at Keene High School, Mondays (Language Arts) & Thursdays (Math), 6 to 8 PM.
- Adult Learner Services GED Prep Tutorial Classes in or near your community, days & evenings.

Accommodations may be available for specific documented disabilities, including learning disabilities. Information about GED Accommodations is available at the Community Education office.

Call Katie Delaney, at (603)357-9041 to discuss free GED Prep classes or Accommodations for Disabilities.

What are the GED tests? How is the GED scored?

There are 5 parts to both the Practice GED and the Official GED Test Battery:

1. Math
2. Language Arts-Writing
3. Science
4. Social Studies
5. Language Arts-Reading.

Each test is scored separately.

EACH OFFICIAL GED TEST MAY BE TAKEN 1-AT-A-TIME, over a period of one year from registration. Passing scores will be maintained until 2014, but a re-registration fee will be required after one year in order to continue.

To pass the GED: A minimum score of 410 is required for any

individual test, and a total point accumulation of 2,250 and an average of 450 for all 5 tests are requirements for passing. A "perfect" score (no errors) for each test is 800.

In the State of New Hampshire, passing scores for individual tests will be kept until the next GED publication date, but rules may be different in other states.

Each test session is in 2 parts; attend both to complete.

Schedule

Practice GED — \$25 Cash
Passing Pre-test scores required before registering for Official GED. Note various times.

- Aug. 22 & 23, 8:00 AM.
- Sept. 12 & 13, 5:30 PM.
- Oct. 3 & 4, 5:30 PM.
- Oct. 31 & Nov. 1, 5:30 PM.
- Dec. 5 & 6, 5:30 PM.
- Jan. 9 & 10, 5:30 PM.
- Jan. 30 & 31, 5:30 PM.
- March 5 & 6, 5:30 PM.
- Mar. 26 & 27, 5:30 PM.
- May 7 & 8, 5:30 PM.
- June 4 & 5, 8:00 AM.

Official GED — \$65 Cash

- Sept. 19 & 20, 8:00 AM.
- Oct. 17 & 19, 8:00 AM.
- Nov. 14 & 16, 8:00 AM.
- Dec. 19 & 21, 8:00 AM.
- Jan. 23 & 25, 8:00 AM.
- Feb. 13 & 15, 8:00 AM.
- Mar. 19 & 21, 8:00 AM.
- Apr. 9 & 11, 8:00 AM.
- May 21 & 23, 8:00 AM.
- June 18 & 20, 8:00 AM.

To Register:

Pre-register in person at Keene Community Education, 171 West Street, Keene, NH 03431.

Registration hours:

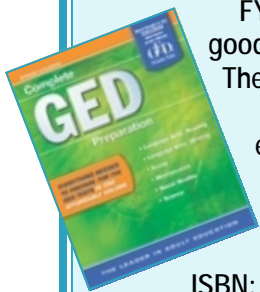
Mon-Thurs; 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM or by appointment.

- REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE TAKEN WITHOUT CASH PAYMENT.
- TO REGISTER FOR OFFICIAL GED, BRING NH PHOTO ID.

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FYI: There are many good GED prep books. The study guide used by many NH adult education centers:

Complete GED Preparation

Pub: Steck-Vaughn
 ISBN: 978-1-4190-5399-3

Also — a good free GED preparation website:
www.gedprepinfo.com/

Results — Your results and one free *unofficial* transcript are mailed from Keene Community Education within one month after testing. We do not give test results over the phone. *Official* transcripts for college or employment may be requested in writing with a \$5 transcript fee. Request forms are available at our office or [website](#). *Official* transcripts are mailed directly to a requesting institution.

New Hampshire GED Certificates for candidates who have passed the entire GED Test Battery are processed and mailed directly from the NH GED Administrator's office in Concord, usually a month after testing.

The next publication of a new GED test is planned for 2014. It will be designed to meet **core standards** in education and will be significantly more challenging.

What if...

...I don't pass one of the tests? Take a retest— Cost is \$15 each if taken within one year. After 1 year, re-registration (\$65) is required, though passing scores are maintained until 2014. It is always wise to **do more preparation first.**

...I don't have enough points even if all are over 410? Choose one or two tests with a low score that can be improved to retest—\$15 per test — **PREPARE FIRST!**

...I've already taken 2 re-tests? You may take any one of the individual GED tests a maximum of three times within any one calendar year.

...I passed the GED but need higher scores to get into my chosen college? Ask for a letter from that college stating that you must achieve a higher score in a specific GED test; then the GED Chief Examiner will allow you to take a retest or multiple retests.

Be well-prepared before a retest.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
 The GED cannot be done on line.

The lowdown on the GED® — What it's really like.

Official GED tests are done in two 4-hour sessions at the Community Education GED Testing Center.

Time limits are as follows:

1. Math—90 minutes:
 Part I with calculator (45 Min.)
 Part II without calculator (45 min.)
2. Language Arts-Writing—2 hours:
 Multiple choice (75 minutes)
 Hand-written essay (45 minutes)
3. Science—80 minutes.
4. Social Studies—70 minutes.
5. Language Arts-Reading—65 min.

Time limits given are maximum time available, but some test-takers may finish earlier.

Accommodations may be available for people with documented disabilities and "adaptations" (unmarked straight-edge, Post-it Notes, colored overlay & marker, magnifier, ear plugs, etc.) are available to anyone—**BE SURE TO ASK.**

GED test-takers may choose to take one test per session. Inquire about accommodations or adaptations, and decide before pre-registering.

The current GED is weighted more heavily upon reading comprehension than upon knowing facts, dates, places, etc. Especially for the Science and Social Studies tests, a written statement, map, graph or other illustration may be given, and questions depend on understanding, some basic knowledge, and the ability to draw conclusions or inferences.

The math test requires arithmetic skills, basic geometry and algebra, estimates, distance, percentages, fractions and coordinates.

The Language Arts-Writing test has 2 parts. The multiple choice part requires knowledge about the mechanics of writing; spelling, punctuation, capitalization, sentence and paragraph structure. The hand-written essay part must respond to the topic and instructions given, must demonstrate an ability to communicate clearly in writing, and may be from one to two pages in length.

The Language Arts-Reading test is an assessment of understanding and interpreting literature; fiction, non-fiction, poetry, plays and business documents.

Materials for testing will be provided including test booklets, computer-scan score sheets, scratch sheets, pens, pencils, erasers and calculators, and all must be collected, examined and counted. No personal items may be brought to the testing area and cell phones, iPods and PDAs **MUST** be OFF and held by the GED Examiner. No food or beverages are allowed except for a labeled, unopened bottle of clear, plain water.

Accomplishment:

- **Start now.**
- **Reach your potential.**
- **Finish what you start.**
- **Achieve!**

