
****** Important Announcement ******

PASSING SCORE CHANGES FOR THE GED TEST

During the month of January 2016, GED® Testing Service (GEDTS) will announce a change to the GED® testing passing score for high school equivalency from 150 to 145.

The new GED® test performance levels are:

<i>Pass / High School Equivalency</i>	≥ 145
<i>GED® College Ready</i>	≥ 165
<i>GED® College Ready + Credit</i>	≥ 175

Georgia test-takers who have tested since January 1, 2014 and earned a passing score of at least 145 for each of the four tests will now earn their GED® diploma.

Official diplomas and transcripts will be mailed directly to the examinee from the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG), Office of Adult Education, GED® Testing Program by mid-March.

Due to the steps required to implement this change, we will not be able to verify your scores on the telephone or issue a passing transcript until mid-March.

For test-takers who achieved a 145-149 score and have a retest scheduled, contact GEDTS at 1-877-EXAM-GED (1-877-392-6433) to cancel without penalty.

For additional information regarding the recent policy changes go to www.ged.com after January 26, 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact the Georgia GED® Testing Office at (404) 679-1645.

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Georgia's five-year trend shows that there was a dramatic decline with the implementation of the 2014 test.

- 15,039 graduates in FY 14 with 75% pass rate
- 4,781 graduates in FY15 with 61% pass rate.
- The pass rate continues to increase; however this change in the GED® passing score will add almost 1900 graduates since January 2014.

Recalibrating the Passing Score

- Ensures that the GED® passing score is reflective of high school graduates and current graduation standards
- A higher percentage of GED® grads are attending post-secondary education than ever before – national data match
- Data from states show GED® grads performing on par with, and often far better, than high school graduates when entering post-secondary education
- The changes in the pass rate are based on data collected over the past 18 months which give the GED® program the capability to now assess an adult learners' knowledge across the entire spectrum of a typical graduating high school class.

This change grandfathers all test-takers who have tested since January 1, 2014. Although this change takes effect immediately, time is required to implement the programming changes required to issue the GED® credential documents. As a result, official diplomas and transcripts will be mailed directly to the examinee from the Technical College System of Georgia, GED® Testing Program by mid-March.

GED Testing Service® (GEDTS) has announced a change to the GED® testing passing score for high school equivalency from 150 to 145 and added two new performance levels.

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- *Pass / High School Equivalency* ≥ 145
- *GED® College Ready* ≥ 165
- *GED® College Ready + Credit* ≥ 175

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Timing and Implementation

- Announcement to stakeholders – educators, test-takers, adult-ed community, etc. (January 26)
 - Georgia pre-announced on January 20.
 - Students can benefit immediately
 - States do not have to worry about test-takers unnecessarily retesting
- System implementation - new/revised transcripts and credentials (mid-March)
 - Allow GEDTS to send required modifications to Georgia and for the data system to be ready
- Student Notification
 - Students will receive an email from GEDTS
 - Students will receive a letter from the TCSG, Office of Adult Education, GED Testing Office about their status change immediately.
 - Students won't see the changes on GED.com, or have credentials or transcripts until mid-March.
 - In the interim, GEDTS and Georgia GED® Testing Office will have a system in place for passers to request a formal verification letter.