

# The GED® Testing Program in Massachusetts: Helping Students Succeed

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#### In this session, we will...

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# National Update GED® Testing



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Service Always
Learning;
Always Serving

GEDTS works with adult educators to envision strategies and resources always driving to one purpose: more and better successful outcomes for students. Learn about new and innovative resources available to learners and educators.

# **GED Testing Service National News**

The GED® test is offered in 48 U.S. states, DC and internationally.

328,000 students worldwide took a GED test in 2024.

- 92% were U.S. students
- 73% pass rate for U.S. students nationwide
- 18% of GED tests delivered in the U.S. are at correctional facilities.

We launched our first ever GED® app in 2024! More information on this later in this presentation.



# We Are Thrilled that the GED Test Has Returned to these States

Since 2022 the following states are once again offering the GED® test:

- Indiana
- Louisiana
- Missouri
- Montana
- New Hampshire
- New York
- Tennessee
- West Virginia

# An Overview of the GED® Test





## The GED® Test



Available in English and Spanish



A wide array of accommodations are available

Including extended time, additional breaks, reader/recorder, private room, screen reader (JAWS) and many more

Visit the GEDTS Accommodations Information Page



The official GED® Practice test is called the GED Ready

#### Score Scale

- Scores range from 100 to 200 on each of the four content modules
- Minimum score of 145 per subject in order to pass
- Four performance levels:
  - Below Passing (100 144)
  - ► Passing (High School Equivalency: 145 164)
  - ► GED® College Ready (CCR 165 174)
  - ► GED® College Ready + Credit (175 200)
- Standardized and normed on a national sample of high school grads from class of 2013

#### GED Score Levels Explained

GED College Ready scores improve the chances for college success.

145



**GED Passing Score** 

To pass the GED test, students need a score of 145 on all four subjects.

165 – 174



GED College Ready

At 165 or higher, students may qualify to bypass placement testing and remedial (non-credit) courses in college.

175 – 200 **1** 



GED College Ready + Credit

At 175 or higher, students may qualify for up to 10 college credit hours at participating colleges.

Learn more at <u>GED.com/collegeready</u>

### **GED®** Test

Test	Time	Notes
Reasoning through Language Arts	150 minutes	Includes 45 minutes for extended response (timed separately) and a 10-minute break
Mathematical Reasoning	115 minutes	Part 1 - calculator not allowed; Part 2 - calculator allowed
Social Studies	70 minutes	
Science	90 minutes	

# Variety of Item Types

**Multiple-Choice** Fill-in-the-Blank **Drag-and-Drop Hot-Spot Drop-Down Extended-Response** 

#### Overview of RLA Test

#### Focuses on three essential skills:

- Close reading
- Clear writing
- Editing and understanding the use of standard written English (or Spanish) in context
- ▶ Source texts 75% nonfiction; 25% fiction
- ► Passage length 400-800 words
- Range of text complexity, including texts at the collegeand career-ready level
- Technology-enhanced items and extended response



#### Extended Response on RLA

An extended response item includes:

- One or more source texts
- Texts offer two positions on a given topic
- A prompt that provides instruction on what the student is expected to do

#### Purpose of Extended Response

To provide test-takers with an opportunity to demonstrate:

- Knowledge of writing conventions in English (or Spanish)
- Understanding of what they've read
- How well they use evidence to build arguments
- Their ability to clearly communicate their thinking in their own words

#### The Three Traits

- Trait 1: Creation of Arguments and the Use of Evidence
- Trait 2: Development of Ideas and Organizational Structure
- Trait 3: Clarity and Command of Standard English Conventions

Extended Response Scoring Tools - Educators and Admins

#### Don't Forget the Little Stuff

Expose students to a structured approach to the writing task and help them understand that they need to:

- Write a <u>complete</u> response, not just a short paragraph (300-500 words)
- Provide commentary on the evidence cited (explain the "why")
- Fully develop two or three ideas, rather than mention a lot of things without detail
- Leave five minutes at the end for proofreading—that is one of the things evaluated
- ▶ The extended response comprises 20% of the RLA score

#### Overview of Mathematical Reasoning Test

- Content
  - ▶ 45% Quantitative Problem Solving
    - ► Number operations
    - Geometric thinking
  - ▶ 55% Algebraic Problem Solving
- Includes items that test procedural skills and fluency as well as problem solving
- Both academic and workforce contexts are used for items that measure problem solving
- Texas Instruments TI 30XS Multiview™ (calculator allowed on most items)
- Formula page, symbols, and calculator page provided



#### Overview of Social Studies Test

- Content
  - ► 50% Civics and Government
  - ▶ 20% United States History
  - ► 15% Economics
  - ▶ 15% Geography and the World
- Themes
  - Development of Modern Liberties and Democracy
  - Dynamic Responses in Societal Systems
- Social Studies Practices analyzing, thinking, reasoning
- Problem solving skills will be measured in both academic and workforce contexts
- ► Technology-enhanced question items



#### Overview of Science Test

- Content
  - ► Life Science 40%
  - ► Physical Science 40%
  - ► Earth and Space Science 20% Themes
- **Themes** 
  - Human Health and Living Systems
  - Energy and Related Systems
- Science Practices reasoning and thinking scientifically
- Problem solving skills will be measured in both academic and workforce contexts
- Question types Technology-enhanced items



# Massachusetts GED® Updates and Policies



# MA DESE Pays for GED Testing

#### DESE will:

- Pay for your first GED test in each subject
- Pay for two retakes for each subject
- We inform students of this in their ged.com account and MA Policy Page on ged.com

#### **Voucher Codes:**

#### First test in a subject:

▶ In-person: MAFREEGED1

#### Retakes in a subject:

► In-person: MARETAKE

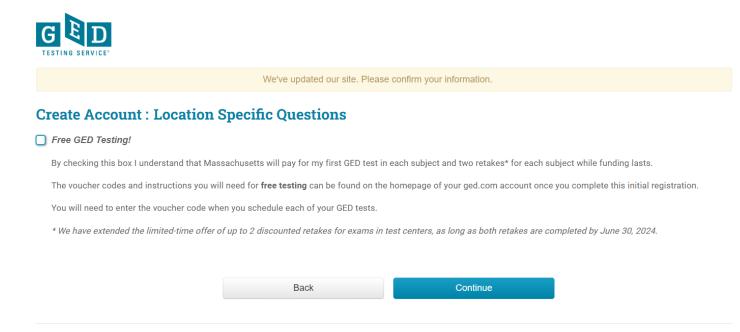
#### Second Retake in a subject:

MAFREEGED1

#### **Correctional Facilities:**

CORRMAFREEGED1

# Massachusetts Promo Information - students see this screen early on when creating their ged.com account



## MA Free GED Testing: GED Promo Codes

LIMITED TIME OFFER

#### Free GED testing!

Massachusetts will pay for your first GED test in each subject and two retakes for each subject while funding lasts. View terms and conditions >

Please take note of the voucher codes listed below as you will need to enter one of them on the payment screen in the Voucher/Promotion Code field when you schedule a test.

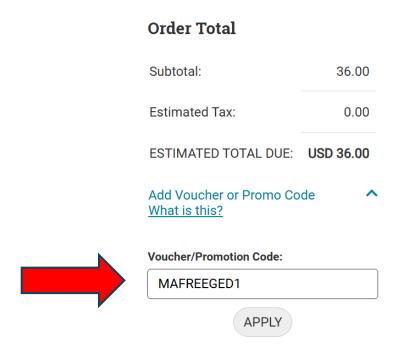
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- Second retake in a subject: MAFREEGED1

Schedule test

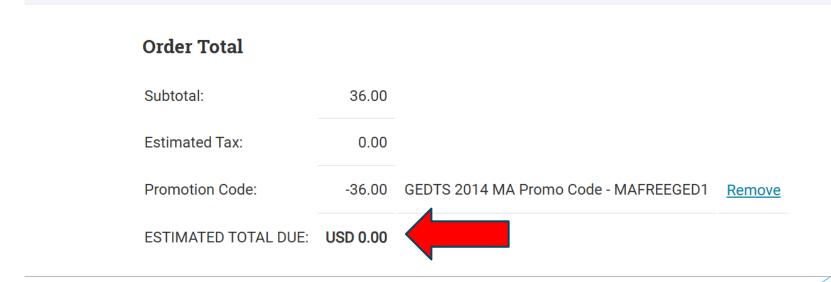
# Payment and Billing Screens

#### **Enter payment and billing**



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# MA ELL Pilot Program

#### Massachusetts English Language Learners Pilot Program

If English is not your primary language, you may qualify for additional time on your GED test taken in English.

Please click on "Do you need modified testing (accommodations) for your test?" which is found under Notifications in your account and follow the accommodations process.

You will need to submit a letter from your adult education program, or from an organization such as your employer, religious organization or other agency, certifying that English is not your primary language and you will benefit from additional time. This letter must be on the organization's letterhead and as well as signed, and dated, by someone at the organization.

## Accommodations Question - GED.com



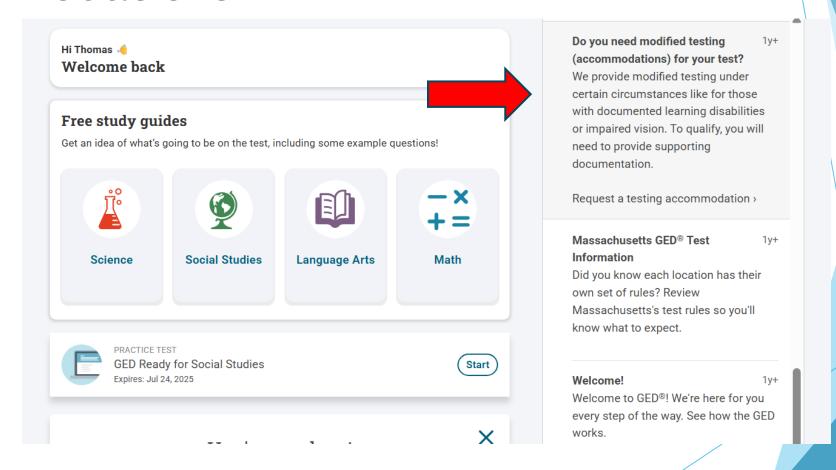
# Do you need modified testing (accommodations) for the day of your test?

You may qualify for modified testing if you have a documented learning disability or other condition. To qualify, you will need to provide supporting documentation from your doctor. It may take up to 30 days after your request is received to complete the review, and you will not be able to schedule your test while waiting for the decision.

- O No, I do not have a documented disability
- O Yes, I have a documented disability and want to request an accommodation

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# Student's GED.com Home Page - Accommodations



## Test Center Key Documents & Resources

#### All GED test centers should have:

- MA Jurisdiction Reference Sheet: provides a brief overview of key GED testing policies in MA
- GEDTS Client Guide: in-depth information about the GED testing program

#### Erasable Noteboards for Students:

- Blank noteboards
- Math noteboards
- RLA Extended Response noteboard

## MA GED Testing Rules

Individuals under 18 years of age go into our Age Exception Queue in ged.com and must provide required documentation in order to take the GED test.

Students under 18 years of receive instructions on the documentation required to send to DESE in their ged.com account.

Massachusetts - GED - MA GED Policy Page

https://www.doe.mass.edu/hse/

MA HSE Page

# Name Spelling - Government Issued ID

#### Great start! Please provide the following information to create your account.

Email	
Make sure to use this email when you log-in to MyGED.	
kcourage89009809@yahoo.com	
First name (must match your government-issued ID)	
Middle name (optional)	
Last name (must match your government-issued ID)	
Include name suffix (ex: Jr., Sr., II)	

# Name and DOB Confirmation on GED.com

#### Schedule GED® Test: Confirm that your name and date of birth match your ID

① Your information provided must match your government-issued ID (like a passport or driver's license). If it doesn't, you will not be able to take your test and may not get a refund. Once you select "continue", you will not be able to update this information. If you need help updating your name or date of birth, **contact us** ②.



# MA Specific Question on GED.com



#### **Schedule GED® Test: Location Specific Questions**

□ I understand that in order to take the GED® test in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts I must be living at a Massachusetts address and have listed the address at which I reside when I registered at www.ged.com.



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## Additional Key Policies

After 3 non-passing attempts in a GED test subject, in a calendar year, test-takers must wait 60 days to retest for each subsequent retest.

There is no set limit to how many times an individual can take a GED test subject in a calendar year, however the 60 day wait policy will limit attempts.

The amount of students in MA who need a 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, attempt in a subject is quite small.

In order to take the GED® test in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you must be living at a Massachusetts address.

There is no requirement for students to take the GED Ready® Official Practice Test in order to be qualified to test, however it is a best practice to ensure readiness.

# Massachusetts GED® Testing Data



# **GED Testing in Masschusetts**

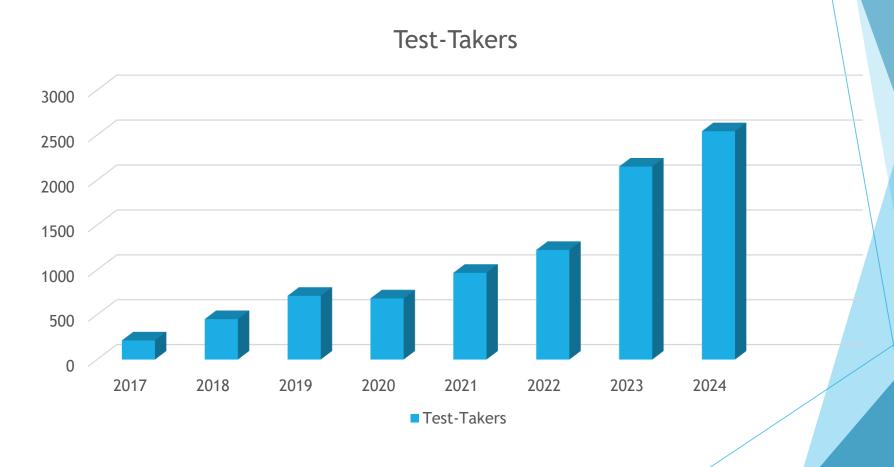
We have 32 GED® testing centers across MA.

9 correctional facilities across MA deliver GED testing.

Nationally, 8% of GED tests are taken in Spanish.

In MA 11% of GED tests were taken in Spanish in 2024.

# MA - GED Testing Volume Since 2017



# MA GED Testing Volume in 2024

	2024	Compared to 2023
Test-takers	2,543	18% increase
Completers	1,357	15% increase
Passers	953	9% increase
Pass rates	70%	74%

# Massachusetts GED Test-takers Pass Rate: 2024

#### Pass Rates by Subject Area

► Math: 67%

► RLA: 77%

Science: 85%

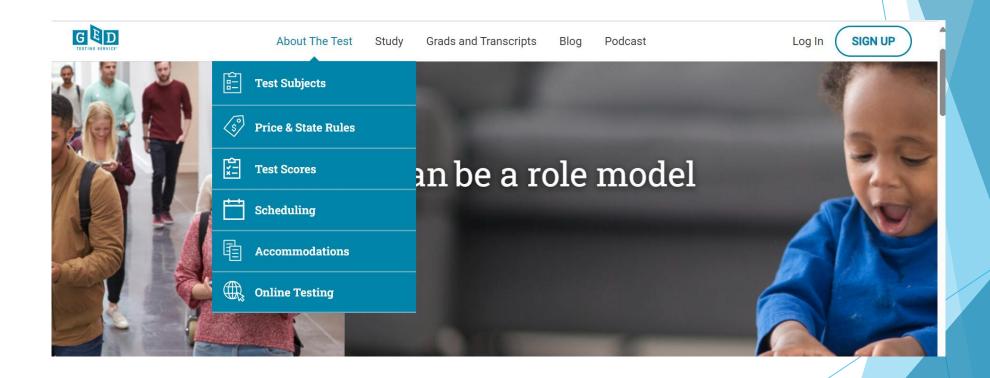
Social Studies: 82%

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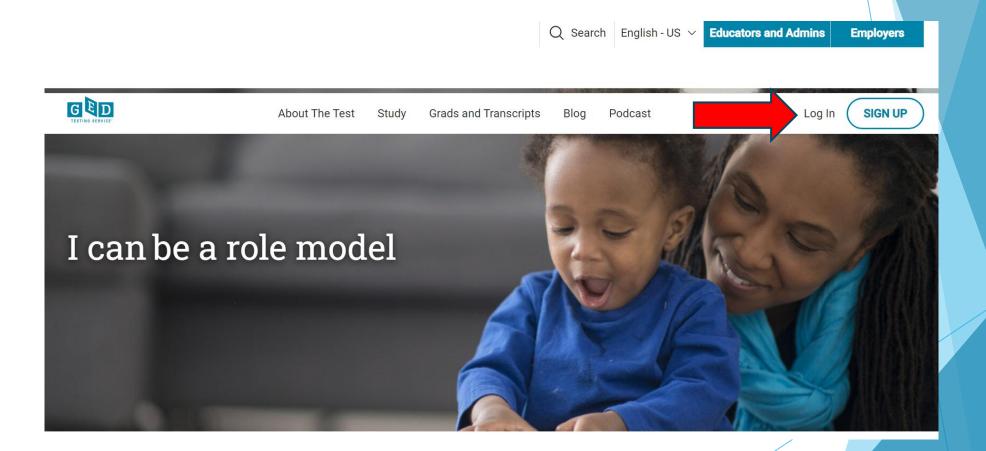




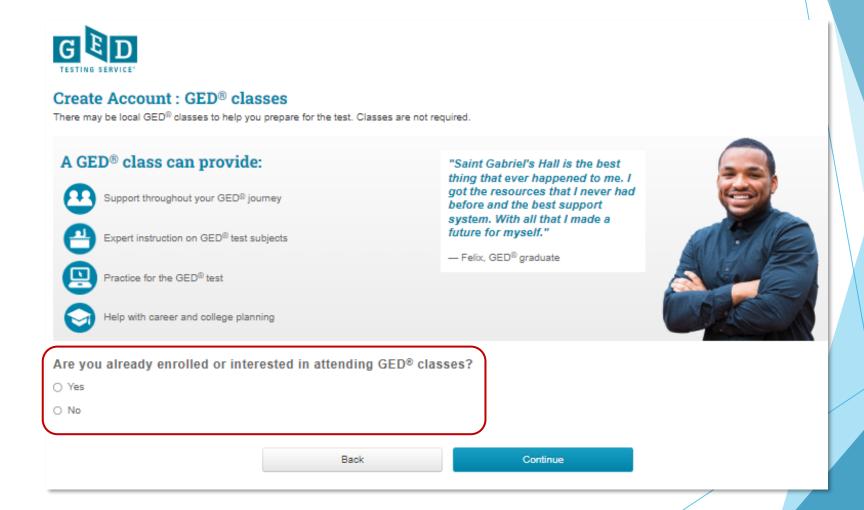
# **GED.com** Resources



# GED.com

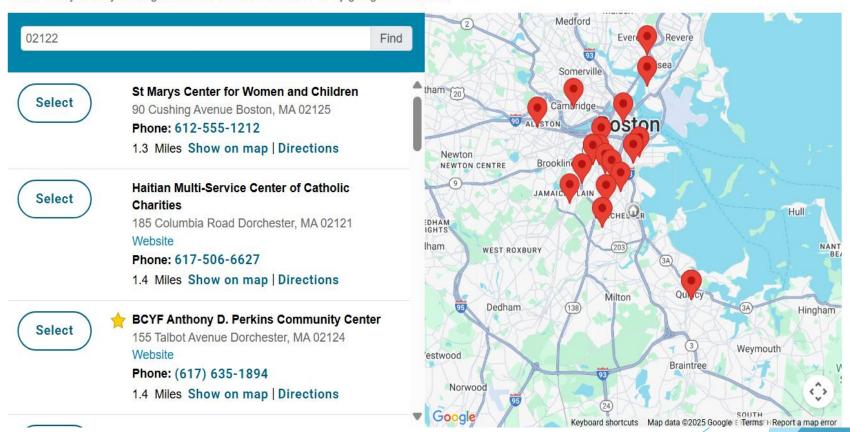


# The account set up process points them to Adult Education



#### Create Account: Local GED® Classes

Choose a GED® Test Prep Center to get expert help preparing for the test. By choosing a center, you agree the center may contact you about enrolling in their program. Choosing a center is optional and is not required to receive adult education services. After you have chosen a center, you can remove or change your center at any time by clicking the button "Remove selection" or by going to Edit Profile.



## Student accounts have lots of resources

Study





Schedule test







#### Study

No matter how you like to learn, let us help you study for the GED® test.







One solution for all your studying, practicing, and testing



Find GED Classes Prepare with a teacher in-person or online



Practice questions and the GED Ready® Practice Test

Practice

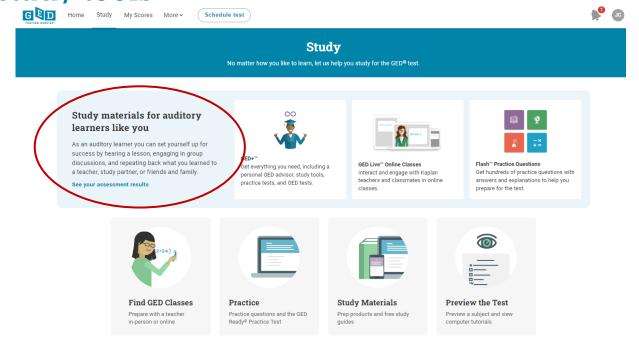


Study Materials Prep products and free study



Preview a subject and view computer tutorials

# After taking Learning Preference Assessment, learner gets recommended study tools



Learners see more details about their learning preference.

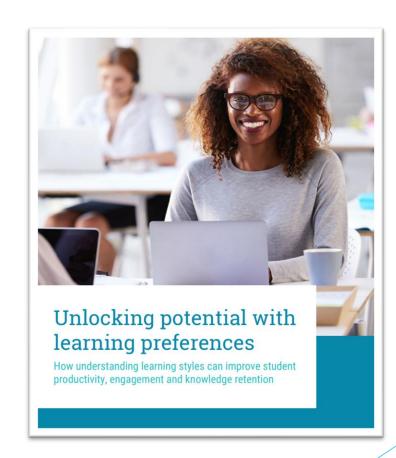
They will also see one to three study choices that best fit their learning preference.

# Guide for teachers to use learning preferences in the classroom

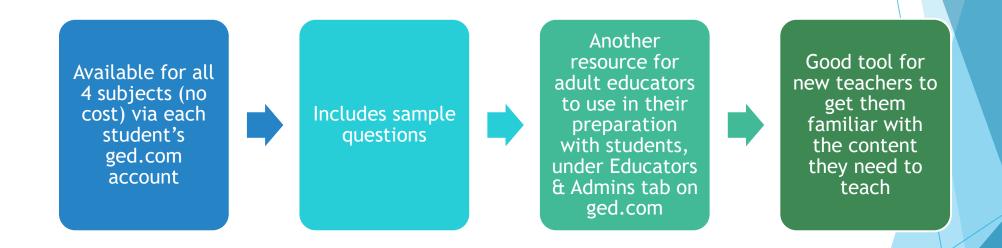
#### Includes

- Detailed description of each style
- Classroom strategies for each style
- Study suggestions

GED-Learning-style-E-Book.pdf



# GED® Student Study Guide



## **Student Resources**

#### **Study Guide**

You don't need to know everything in this guide to pass the test. If you want to see how close you are to passing, take the GED Ready® practice test.

#### Got It

Intro to the Math Test Basic Math

10 skills

**Geometry**9 skills

Basic Algebra

11 skills

Graphs and Functions 10 skills

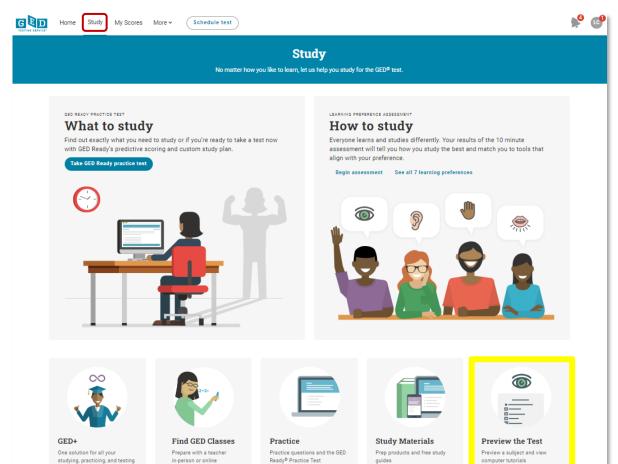
#### **Practice**





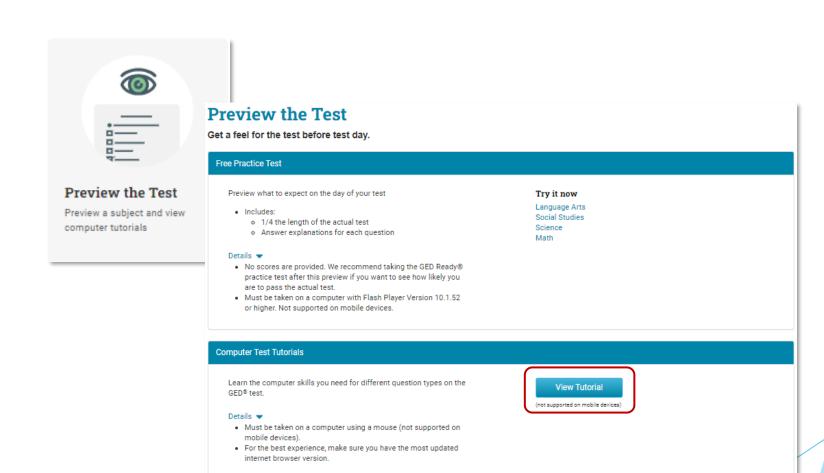


#### Student accounts have lots of resources



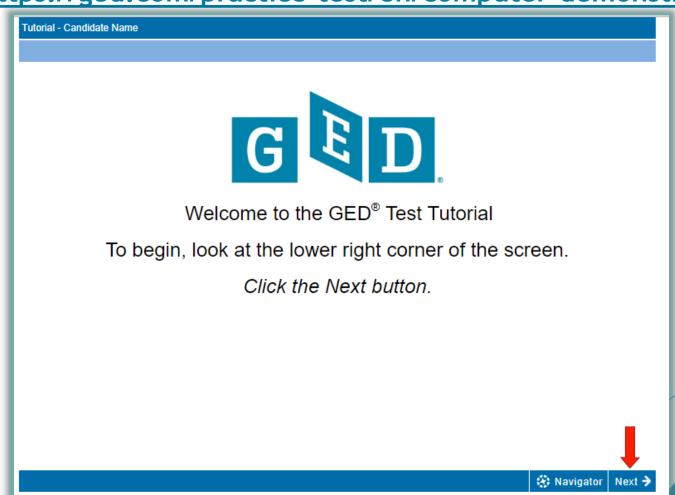
Please have your learners use this!!

#### Preview the test



## **GED Test Tutorial**

- Use the Test Demonstrator to explore tools prior to the test
  - https://ged.com/practice-test/en/computer-demonstrator



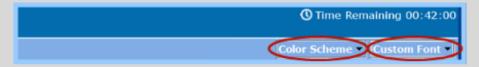
# Changing the screen color and font

#### **Instructions**

#### Color and Font Accommodations

You will be able to change the display of text, by clicking buttons in the upper right corner during the test.

You will see this information when you begin the test.



- 1. You can change the text using Custom Font. This will allow you to increase the font size.
- You can change the Color Scheme of the text and the screen. This will allow you to select a foreground and background color.

To learn about another tool, click Next.



# Using the highlight tool

Highlight (2)



#### **Instructions**

#### Highlight

You will be able to highlight text on the screen. A Highlight button will be in the blue toolbar, above the question.

To use the Highlight button, you must first select the words you want to highlight.

Then click the Highlight button.

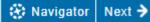
Click a color.

The selected text will be highlighted in that color.

Practice highlighting words on this screen.

To learn about another tool, click Next.





# Using the Flag for Review

#### Mark Questions for Review

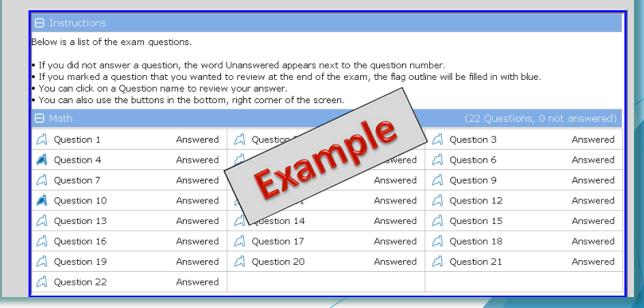
If you want to review a specific question after completing the test, you can click on Flag for Review to mark the question. If you click on Flag for Review the flag will display in yellow.

The question will be marked on the Review Screen.



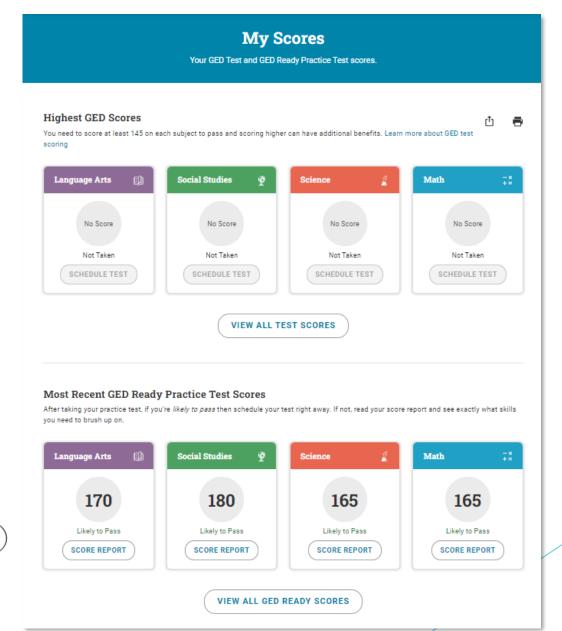
#### The Review Screen

At the end of the test, you may have time to review questions that you marked. Questions flagged for review will appear with a blue flag in the Review Screen. You may then go back to the flagged questions and answer them.

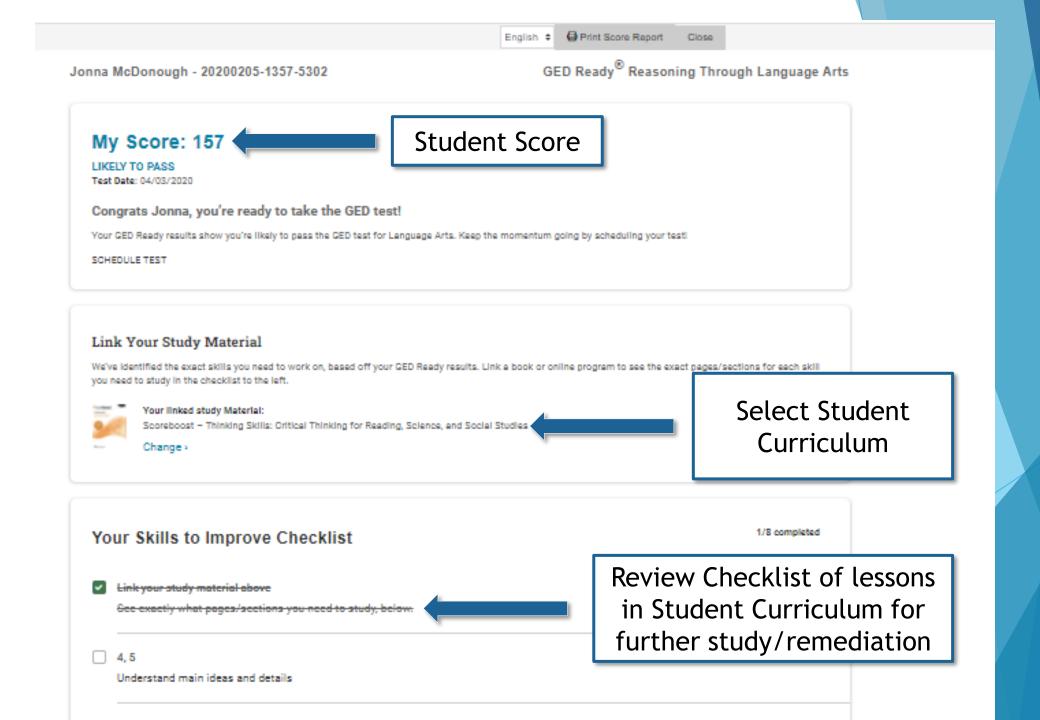


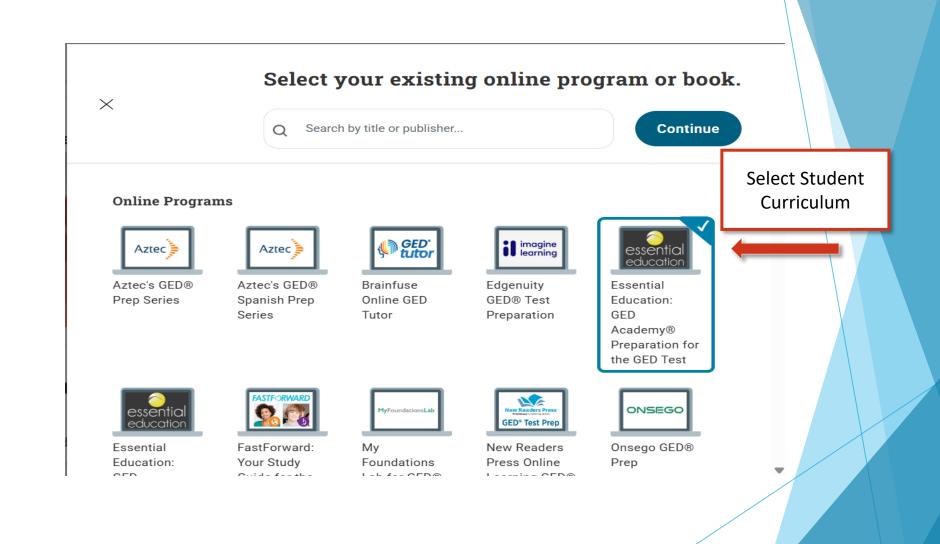
# Score Reports

My Scores



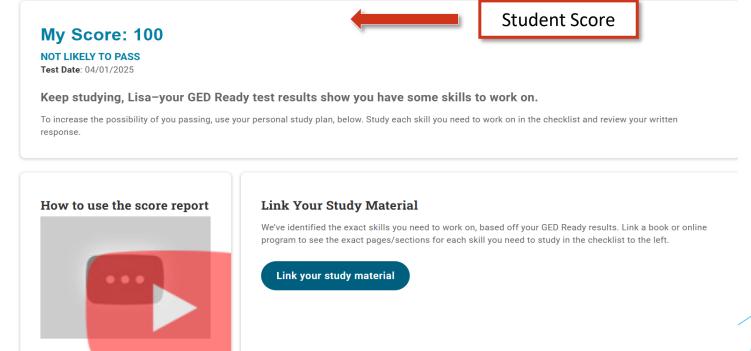
Score Report



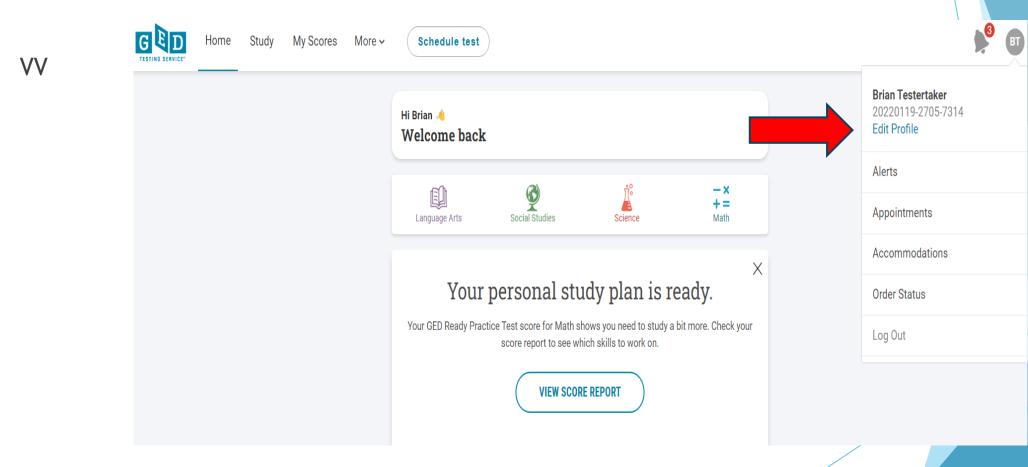


#### Hot of the presses! Score report update

New Score Report Videos embedded in score report intended to help students understand how to use their score report and study checklist to advance

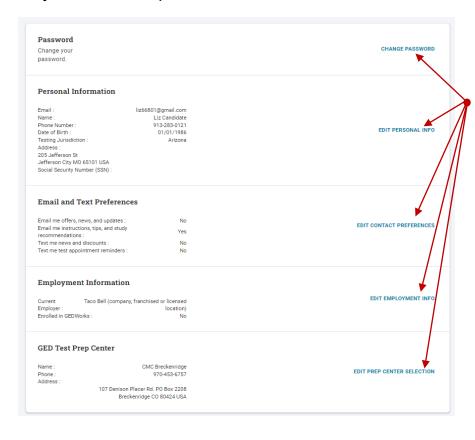


# Edit Profile - ged.com



#### Editing a test taker account profile

From here, you can edit personal information, preferences, employment information, and your GED Prep Center information



Click on the any of the blue links on the right side of the section you want to edit. Be sure to click the "Continue" button to save the changes.

# GED Ready® The Official Practice Test

2025

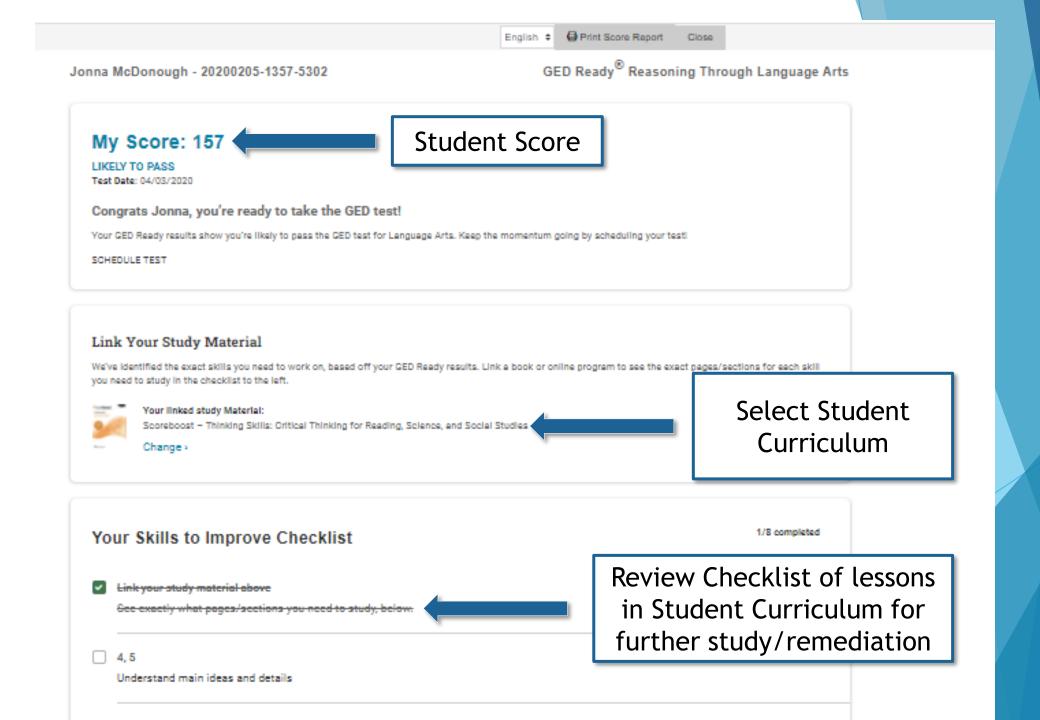


# GED Ready® - Assessing Readiness

Three Score Lo	Not Likely to Pass	Too Close to Call	Likely to Pass
	100-133	134-144	145-200

#### **GED Score Report:**

- GED Ready®
- ► GED Exam



# GED Ready®: The Official Practice Test

- Questions on the GED Ready are just like the questions on the actual test.
- Test interface on the GED Ready is identical to the interface on the GED test, which helps to prepare students for test day, i.e. no surprises
- Detailed score report provided

- Adult educators are encouraged to take at least one subject of the GED Ready.
- Happy to provide a GED Ready voucher or two if you are interested in taking a GED Ready subject test.
- Good group exercise as well if several instructors in your program want to go through it together.

# Important Resources for Educators





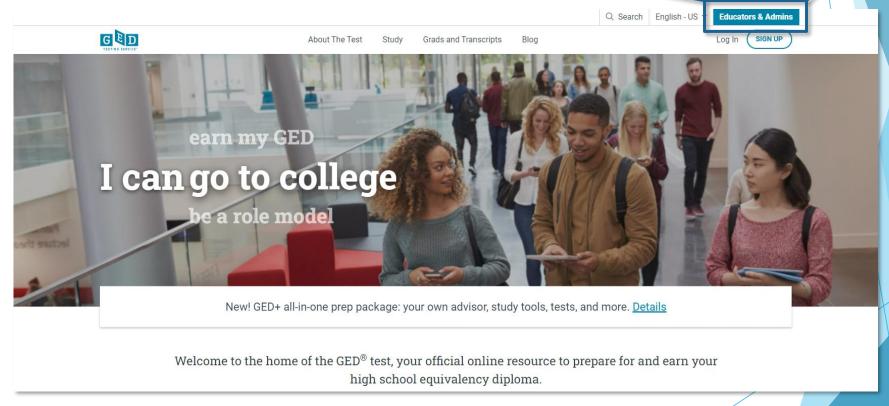




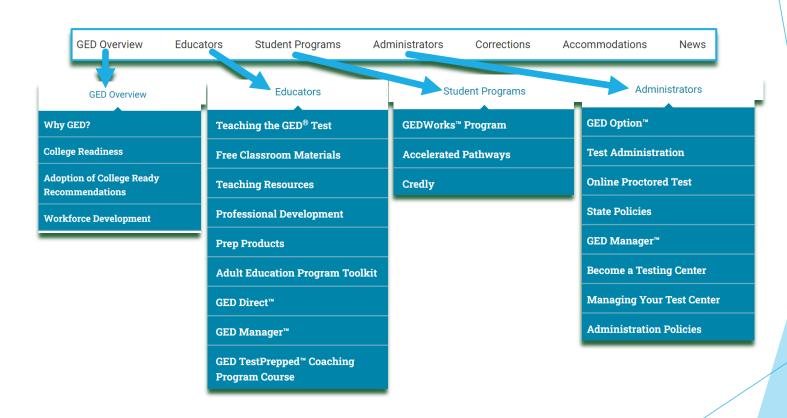
### GED.com

#### click on "Educators & Admins"





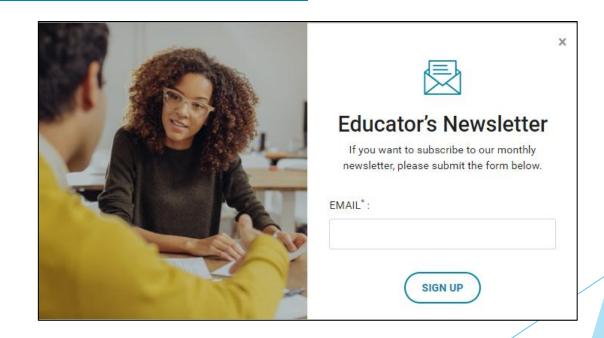
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# **Tuesdays for Teachers**

Recorded presentation

Slideshow document

Resources - including strategies & classroom activities

More . . .



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ional\_development/webinars/

# Tuesdays for Teachers

GED Math Test-Taking Strategies & Calculator Skills, Part 1

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Integrating AI into English Language Learning

Watch Now

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Tackling Test Anxiety

Watch Now

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Tackling Test Anxiety Handout

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#### **Tuesdays for Teachers Series**

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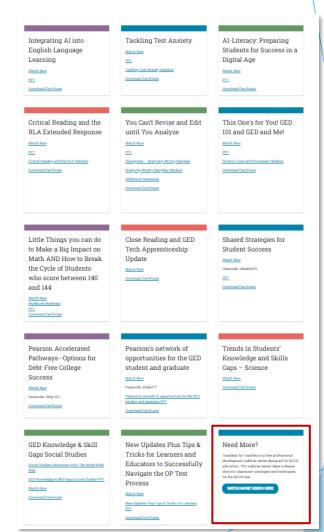
Registration for each session opens approximately two weeks before the session date. To be notified when registration opens, please sign up for the in Session educator newsletter by clicking the link at the bottom of this page.

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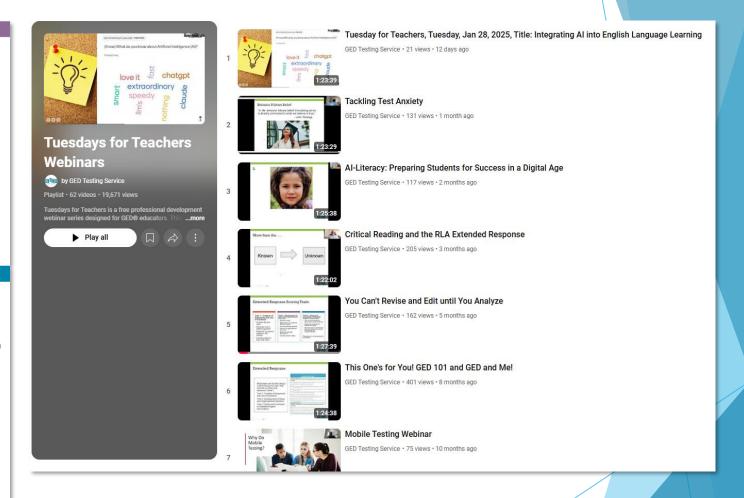
Little Things you can do to Make a Big Impact on Math AND How to Break the Cycle of Students who score between 140 and 144

Watch Now
Workbook Materials
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#### Need More?

Tuesdays for Teachers is a free professional development webinar series designed for GED® educators. This webinar series takes a deeper dive into classroom strategies and techniques for the GED® test.

WATCH MORE VIDEOS HERE



### Extended Response Videos

Watch this 8-episode series with your students to take a deeper dive into the skills and expectations that will help students excel on their written responses.



WATCH MORE

## The Assessment Guide for Educators

#### Covers all content areas

- Item types
- Assessment targets
- Guidelines for how items are scored
- More . . .

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ns/teaching/teaching\_resources/

#### Assessment Guide for Educators

This resource takes a deep dive into what's assessed in the four content areas, question types, scoring, and more. You can download the entire Guide below, or you can choose to download the individual content areas.

Complete Assessment Guide for Educators

Assessment Guide Introduction





Assessment Guide -Mathematical Reasoning

**View Now** 



Assessment Guide -Social Studies

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Assessment Guide -Reasoning Through Language Arts

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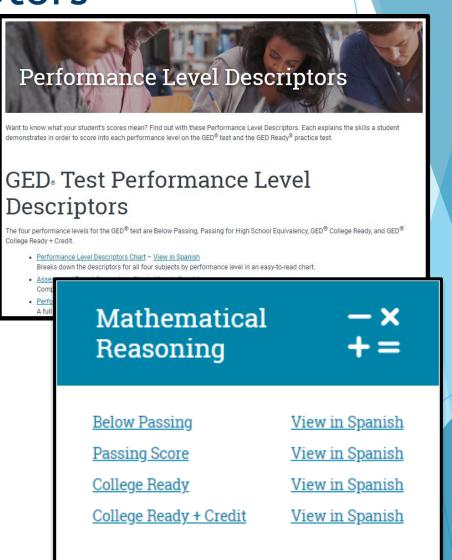
Assessment Guide -Science

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Performance Level Descriptors

- ► Four Performance Levels
  - Below Passing
  - HSE
  - ► GED® College Ready
  - ► GED ® College Ready + Credit
- What skills are demonstrated at each level
- What skills need development to advance to the next level

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## High-Impact Indicators Relationships

- Show relationships among High Impact Indicators
- Demonstrate interconnectedness across content areas
- Develop skills available for use across a range of learning contexts

**Teaching Resources - GED** 



#### Relationships Between the High Impact Indicators and Other Indicators

The High Impact Indicators are a list of key skills assessed on the GED® test that, if emphasized in instruction, can help instructors make a significant impact on student skills and performance. This document shows the relationship between the High Impact Indicators and other indicators assessed on the GED® test. Adult educators can use this resource to create instructional plans that address the maximum number of skills in the limited time they have available with students Providing instruction in a single High Impact Indicator area can help students broaden and deepen their skills, enabling them to apply those skills in multiple ways and in a variety of contexts across all of the content areas covered by the GED® test.

Note: High Impact Indicators appear in BOLD type

#### Reasoning Through Language Arts - High Impact Indicators

<b>High Impact Indicator</b>	Related Indicators from Other Content Areas		
RLA	Social Studies	Science	Mathematical Reasoning
R.3.1: Order sequences of events in texts. Primarily measured with literary texts.	SSP.3 a. Identify the chronological structure of a historical narrative and sequence steps in a process. SSP.3 b. Analyze in detail how events, processes, and ideas develop and interact in a written document; determine whether earlier events caused later ones or simply preceded them.  SSP.3.c: Analyze cause-and-effect relationships and multiple causation, including action by individuals, natural and societal processes, and the influence of ideas.  SSP.3.d. Compare differing sets of ideas related to political, historical, economic, geographic, or societal contexts; evaluate the assumptions and implications inherent in differing positions.	SP.3.b Reason from data or evidence to a conclusion SP.3.c Make a prediction based upon data or evidence	MP.1 a. Search for and recognize entry points for solving a problem.  MP.1 b. Plan a solution pathway or outline a line of reasoning.  MP.1 d. Recognize and identify missing information that is required to solve a problem.  MP.1 e. Select the appropriate mathematical technique(s) to use in solving a problem or a line of reasoning.  MP.2 c. Recognize the important and salient attributes of a problem.  MP.3 a. Build steps of a line of reasoning or solution pathway, based on previous step or givens.  MP.3 b. Complete the lines of reasoning of others.  MP.3 c. Improve or correct a flawed line of reasoning.

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## An Example

RLA

Order sequences of events in texts

**Social Studies** 

Identify the chronological structure of a historical narrative and sequence steps in a process

Science

Reason from data or evidence to a conclusion

Mathematics

Search for and recognize entry point for solving a problem and plan a solution pathway

### **Essential Resources for Math Instruction**

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Research shows that students struggle with non-calculator items on the GED Math test. Use these resources to target your instruction and improve student performance.

- Calculator-Prohibited Indicators View in Spanish
- Tips for Calculator-Prohibited Section View in Spanish
- <u>Tips for Attaining High School Equivalency</u> <u>View in Spanish</u>

#### Research Shows

Students struggle with non-calculator items on the GED
 Math test. Use these resources to target your instruction and improve student performance.

Essential Resources for Math Instruction

## Preparation Products Prep Products - Educators and Admins





# GED® SUPPORTING PRODUCTS

The Aztec Learning System



Official Practice Tool

MORE PRACTICE. HIGHER PASS RATES.

The official practice tool built in partnership with the GED® Testing Service to help students pass the GED® test by providing thousands of completely aligned and vetted questions with immediate feedback.



Spanish Language on Sale Now





## **NOW IN SPANISH!**



Authentically designed for the Spanish GED® test and written by Spanish instructors for Spanish learners.

Data shows that students who practice on **GED Flash** score on average 4 points higher with:

- 6,000+ practice items
- Instant answer feedback
- Randomized question bank
- Actionable student data



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STUDENT ACCESS: Practice Preparation Aligned to the Test

#### **ALIGNED TO GED® BLUEPRINT**

Similar experience and features to the pre-test.

#### **QUESTIONS IN ALL SUBJECTS**

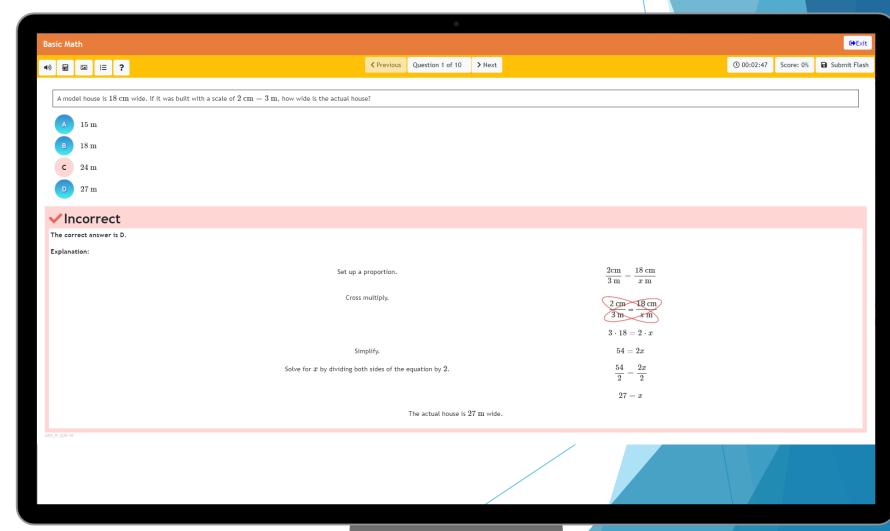
1000s of questions across all four subjects.

#### IMMEDIATE FEEDBACK

Step-by-step explanations after each question.

#### **EASY TO USE & ASSIGN**

Provide support in each subject.





Increased Performance, More Confidence & Higher Likelihood of Passing

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#### NATIONAL AVERAGE NON-PASSING GED® SCORE

- Students who practiced frequently with GED Flash™ scored on average 4 points higher on their GED® test versus those who rarely used it.
- 4 point increase in Math would make a world of difference.



Results Based from GED Testing Service Research



Increased Performance, More Confidence & Higher Likelihood of Passing

79%

USERS FEEL MORE CONFIDENT about taking the GED® test after practicing on GED Flash™.



Results Based from GED Testing Service Research



## GED PLAY™

#### On Demand Video Learning

## ON DEMAND VIDEO. ON DEMAND LEARNING

The only on demand video learning program developed by GED Testing Service, Kaplan and Aztec Software to provide targeted video learning support across key GED® measured skills.











## GED PLAY™

#### On Demand Video Learning

#### THE PERFECT REINFORCEMENT SUPPLEMENT

GED™ Play was developed from our experience with GED Flash and the need for quick remediation.

#### **VERSATILE USE**

Can be used as direct instruction and distance learning supplement & reinforcement tool.

#### **ALIGNMENT TO GED FLASH & GED® TEST**

Questions are aligned to and cover the key skills from the test. Also aligned to GED Flash allowing seamless remediation of specific sections.

#### PERFORMANCE INSIGHT

Gain insight on students' performance and reportable information.

#### Powers and Roots

You can simplify exponential expressions when the bases are the same.



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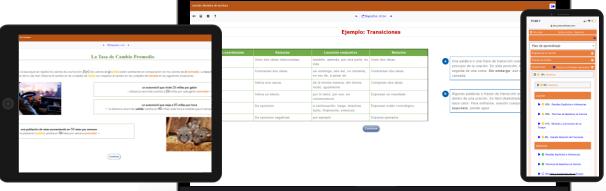


#### **AZTEC SPANISH GED® PREP**

Official Partnership with the GED Testing Service







Aztec is the GED Testing Service's **Only** Preferred Partner for the Spanish GED® Test



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## GED Manager™ Overview

Roles: Jurisdictional, Student Authorized View Role, and Corrections Role





## What is GED Manager?

GED Manager is an online Program Management tool designed to help Educators & Administrators manage their state and programs.

## GED Manager

Test Administrators

Jurisdictional
Access

Educators
EDPrep Connect)

Student Authorized View

**Corrections** 

## Common Capabilities Across All Roles:



Student Search



Student Test Activity Report



**Passers Report** 



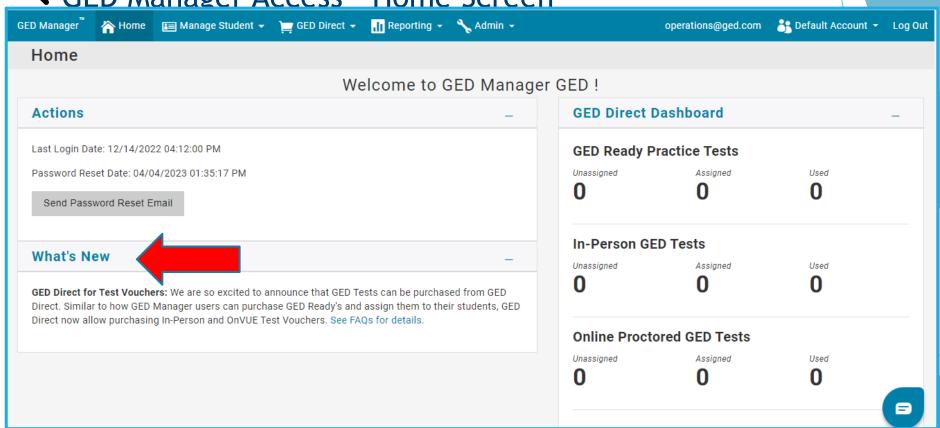
Student Score Reports: GED Ready and GED operational tests

## GED Manager: General Information

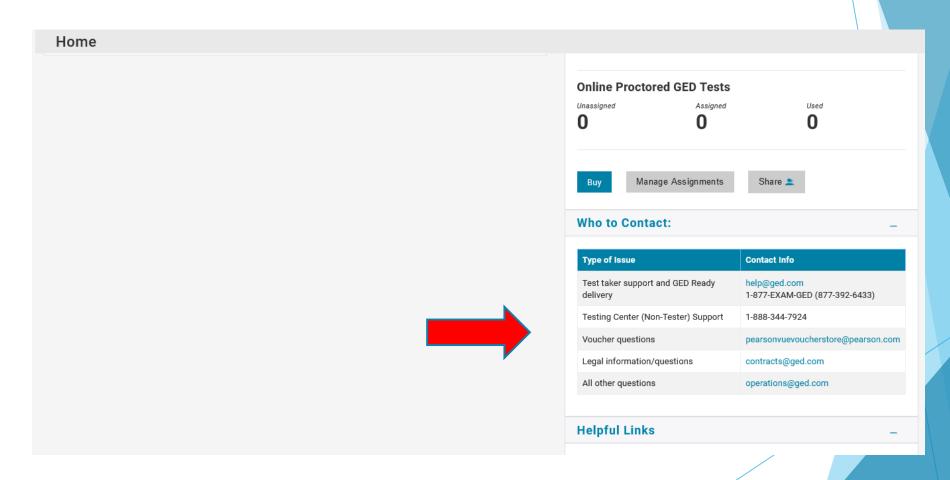
GED Manager users - your account will be deactivated if you don't login for a period of 6 months or more. Note, GEDTS can reactivate a user's account upon request.

- The homepage of GED Manager contains a wealth of information and resources.
- Some of you have two different types of access within your GED Manager account. If so, you can easily toggle between the types of access you have.

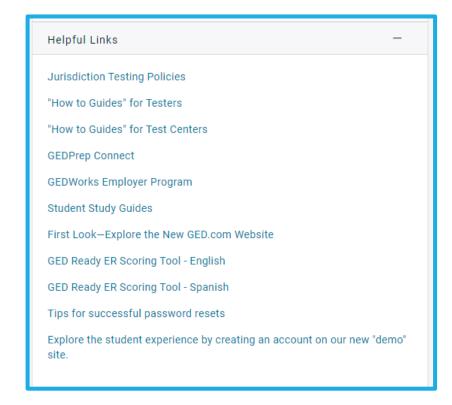
## GED Manager Access - Home Screen



## **GED Manager Home Screen**



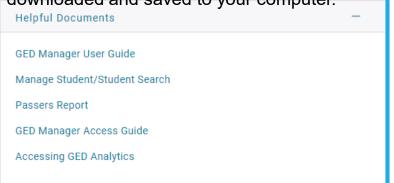
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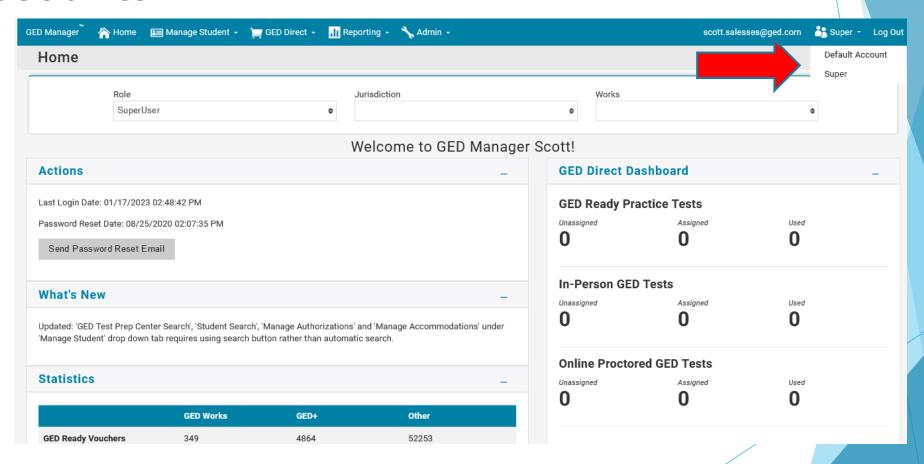
Underneath the contact us section you will also find 2 more sections with resources Helpful Links and Helpful Documents.

The Helpful Links section are guides and webpages also found in our ged.com website.

The Helpful Documents section includes a variety of documents that can assist you and they can also be downloaded and saved to your computer.



## GED Manager Users with Multiple Types of Accounts



# How to search for a Student's account in GED Manager ™



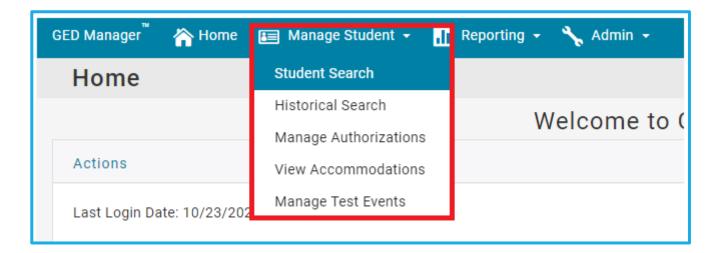


## Student Search 🚨



#### Log in to GED Manager

- Hover over *Manage Student*
- Click on Student Search

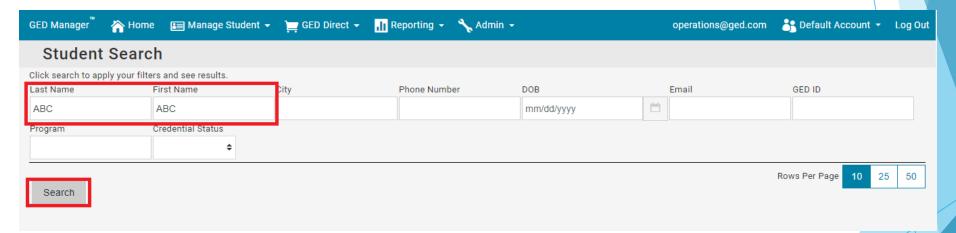


## Student Search 🐣

We can look for a Student using one of the following demographics: Name, DOB, Email or GED ID.

The easiest way, is to start typing the first three letters of the first and last name and click the *Search* button.

▶ If it produces multiple results, then enter another piece of info ie. DOB.



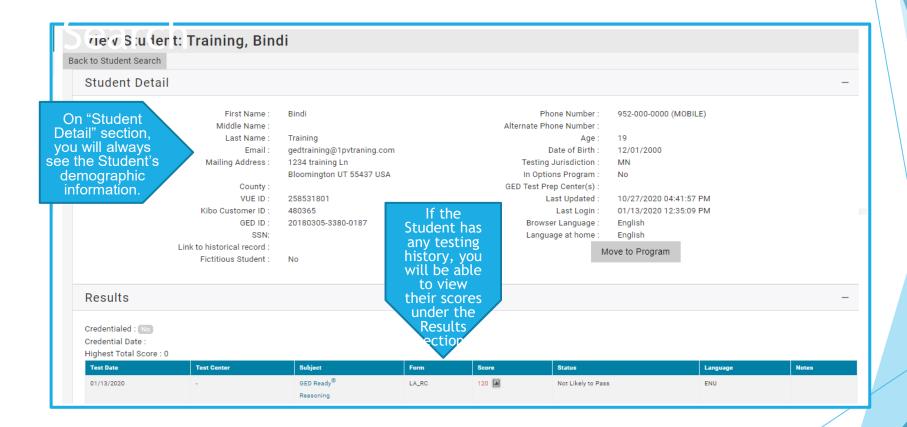
**NOTE:** You will only be able to view Students that are in your Jurisdiction.

### Student Search 🚣

Click on the Student Name to see the account.



### Student Search 🐣



# Raising Student Awareness

\*Begins in the GED.com account for current and new Students





## **GEDPrep Connect™**

## What can GED Prep Connect Do For You?





Review Progress in GED Ready Score Reports



Monitor Student Success with GED exam Score Reporting

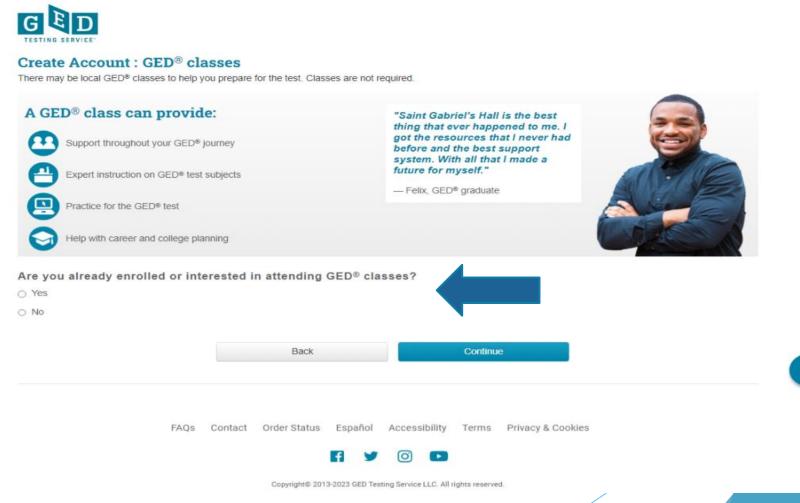


**Identify Graduates** 

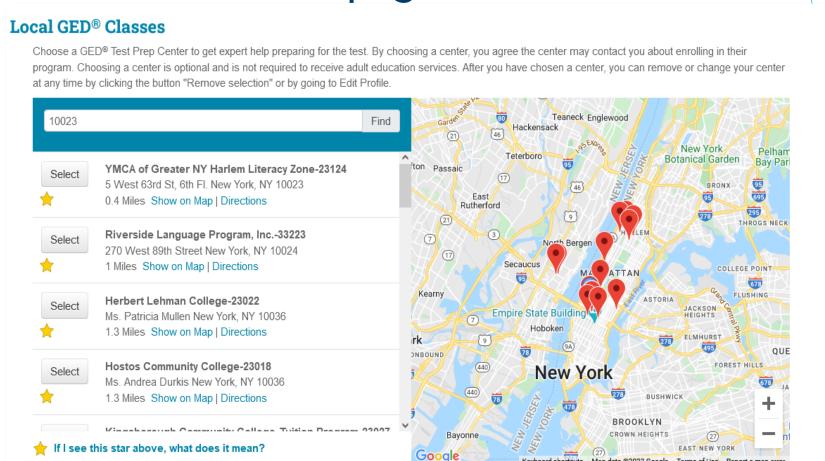


Manage Vouchers

## At the time of GED.com Account Creation, student sees this question

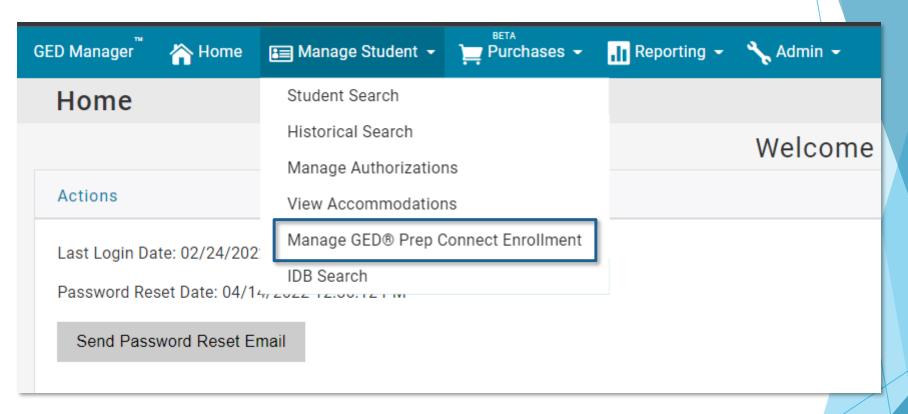


#### If yes, student is routed to GED Test Prep Center Selection page



#### Using GEDPrep Connect: Easy as 1-2-3

Step 1



#### Adult Ed "Enrollment" Process

Interested

All Students who select a **GED**® Test Prep Center can be found in this part of **GED Manager™**. They will initially be listed as **Interested** 

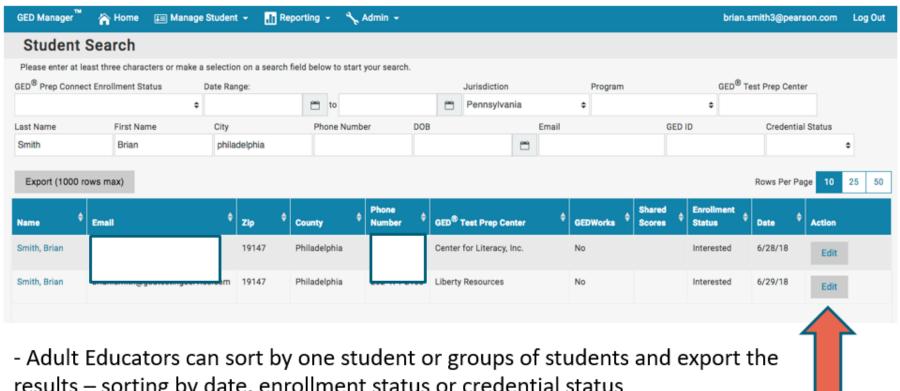
Adult Ed Staff can then update the status of each Student to Enrolled, Contacted or Dismissed or Credentialed

#### 5 Statuses to help manage Students

## Adult Ed Staff contacts Student and updates status to:

- Enrolled: Student will be part of their program.
- <u>OR</u> Contacted: There is no limit to the number of "attempted contact" times.
- OR Dismissed: Student will remain on GED
   Manager™ list until they select another GED®
   Test Prep Center. There are multiple "dismissed"
   reasons to choose from.
- OR Credentialed: Student has earned their GED

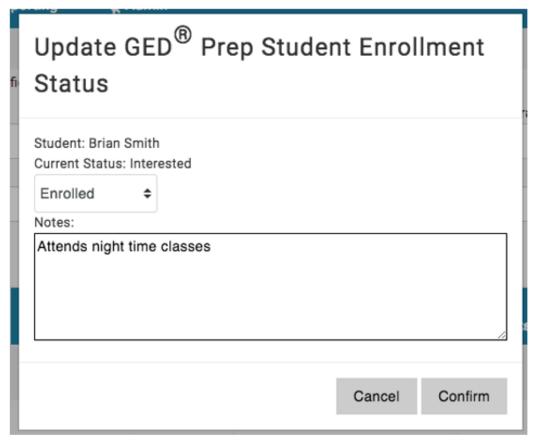
#### Manage Student → Manage GEDPrep Connect Enrollment



- results sorting by date, enrollment status or credential status
- Educators can edit the status of a student from 'Interested' to 'Contacted,' 'Dismissed', 'Enrolled', or 'Credentialed' and write notes about the students



# Important to know who is an enrolled student vs. an interested student



Educators will also see students' information who are interested in a program but not currently enrolled

It is up to the adult education program to reach out to those students to get them to enroll

It makes running reports of your current students much easier



#### GED Manager Resources: <u>GED Manager -</u> GED

#### GEDPrep Connect<sup>™</sup>



GEDPrep Connect<sup>™</sup> is a **free tool** to connect adult learners who have asked for information about their local adult ed program. In years past more than 200,000 students asked to be contacted, but many of them never heard from their local program. This is a valuable tool to recruit interested learners to your program <u>without spending more on marketing</u>. Many programs have already utilized this resource to grow their enrollments.

- To get started using GEDPrep Connect<sup>™</sup>, log into GED Manager and click on "Manage Students". Additional training resources available below.
- To request access to GEDPrep Connect<sup>™</sup>, complete GED Manager Request Access form. (Available in most states)
- To add, update or remove a GEDPrep Connect<sup>™</sup> site's information submit your request <u>here</u>.

#### **Training Downloads:**

- Printing Bulk Score Reports
- Passers Report for Adult Educators
- Manage GEDPrep Connect Enrollment Tab
- Student Test Activity Report Tab

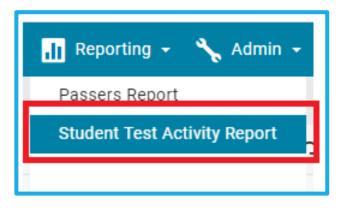
How to View the Student Activity Report



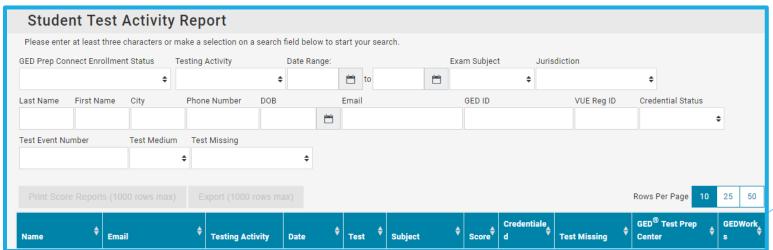


### Student Test Activity Report

The Student Test Activity function in GED Manager™ allows you to sort, review and report on Students that are active in your prep center.

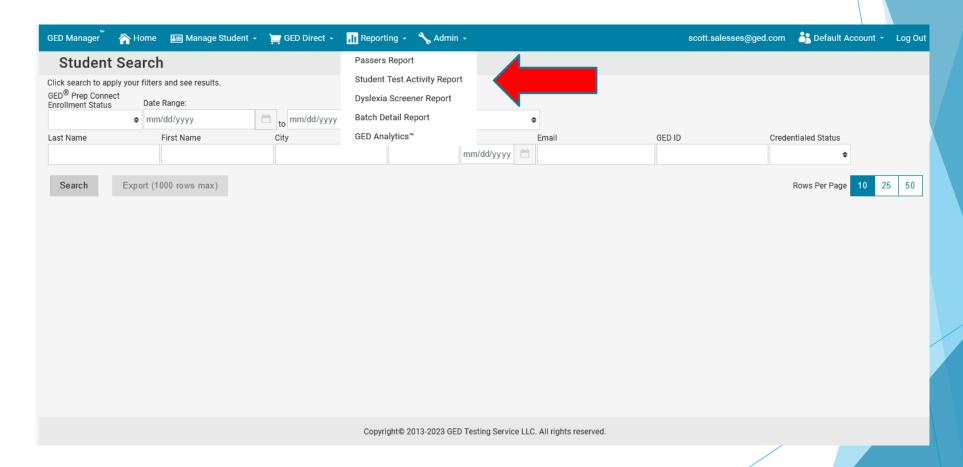


Hover over *Reporting*Click on *Student Test Activity Report* 

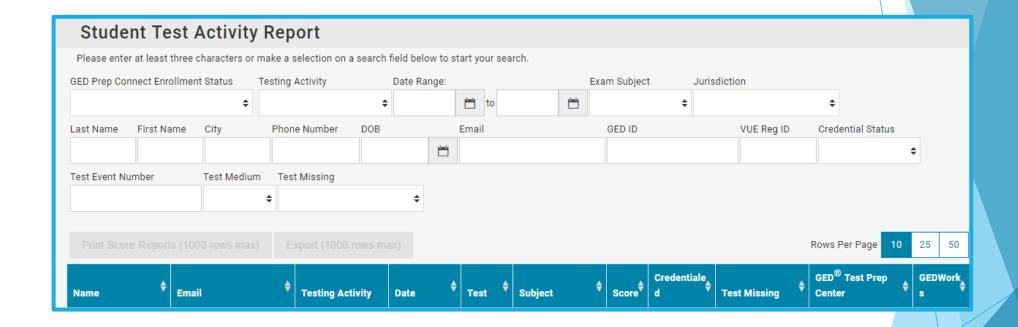


With this tool you can pull up all Students at once, rather 117than searching individually.

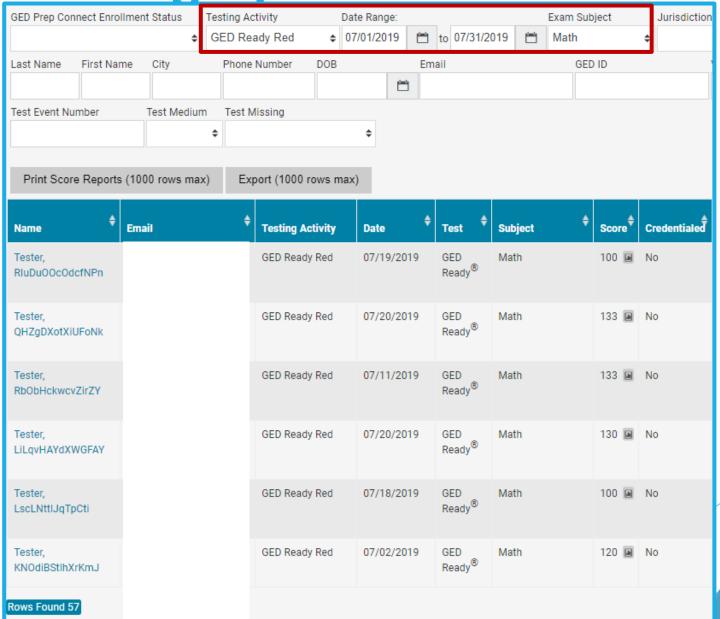
### Student Test Activity Report



## **Student Test Activity Report**

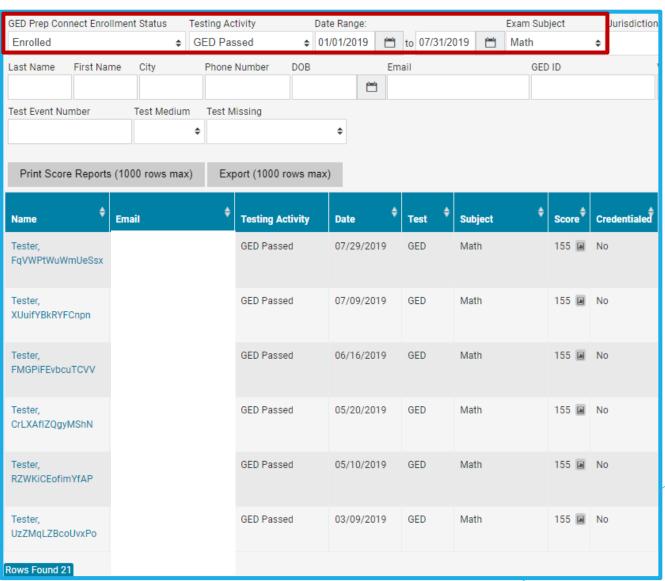


Searching Specific Test Results



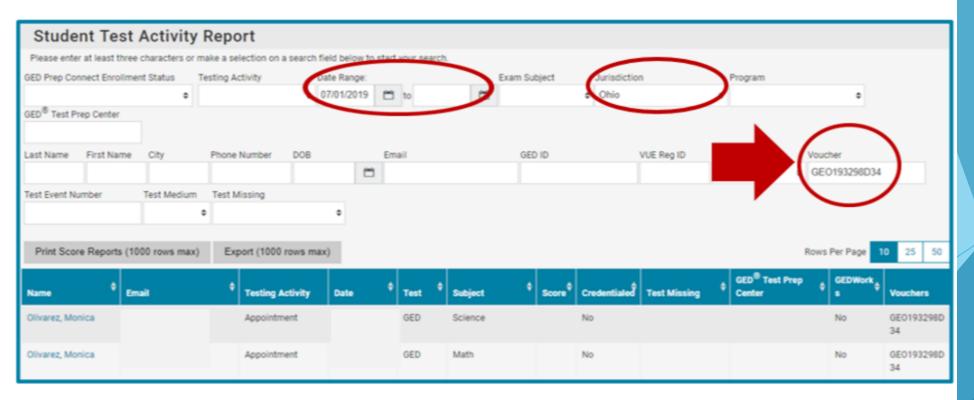
## **Searching Specific Test Results**

· Search by subject to find Students who passed or were below passing



#### Voucher Search Field continued....

 NOTE: Best to enter "voucher" number and "jurisdiction" as well as information in the "date range" fields (this will help results appear quicker)





# Purchasing **GED Readys** for Your Students



### Purchasing **GED Readys** for your Students

If your organization wants to pay for the GED Readys for students there are two ways for you to get the best pricing.

One option is purchasing GED Readys from one of our publishing partners who sell GED Ready vouchers on our behalf and offer bulk pricing.

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Your other option is purchasing GED Readys via our GED Manager system for those who have access.

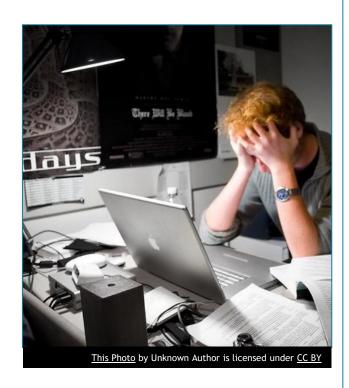
Advantages to purchasing in GED Manager:

- No test vouchers to manage
- Easy to assign, and track, GED Readys to students
- No expiration date on tests you purchase
- Same payment options available as described in the prior slides.

# GED Direct: A New Way/Better to Purchase GED Readys



#### Problems to Solve



- ► GED Ready voucher code spreadsheets are an administrative headache.
  - Difficult to distribute to educators
  - ▶ Difficult to maintain
  - Difficult to share codes with students (via email)
- Expiring vouchers compound the headache.
- Everyone spends too much time dealing with voucher codes.

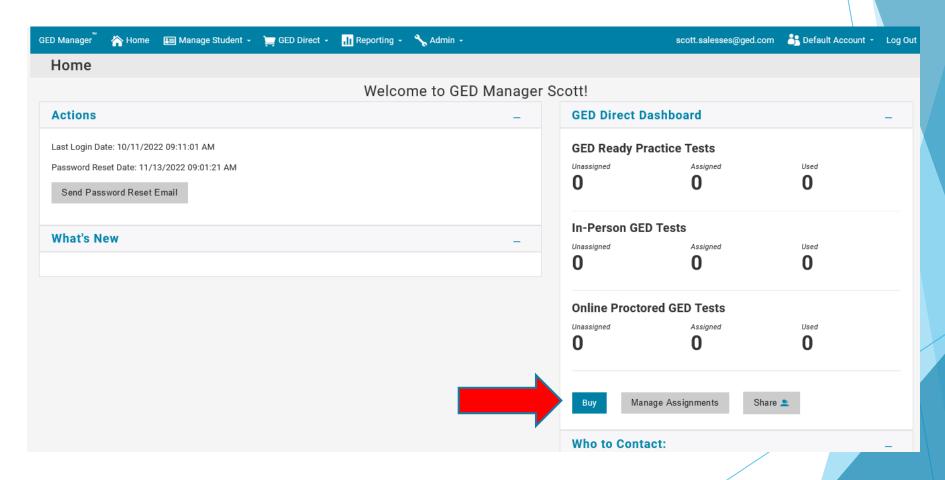
#### Solution - GED Direct

New feature in GED Manager allowing educators to purchase GED Ready tests and assign them directly to students.

#### Benefits:

- Students access GED Ready test directly from their GED account once assigned
- No spreadsheets of voucher codes to manage
- No expiration dates to extend

## GED Manager: GED Direct



#### **Bulk Pricing**

Quantity	Unit Price
1 - 24	\$5.00
25 - 49	\$4.75
50 - 99	\$4.50
100 - 499	\$4.00
500 - 999	\$3.75
1000 - 2499	\$3.50
2500 - 4999	\$3.25
5000+	\$3.00

This at-home practice test can be assigned directly to your student. Students will see their assigned GED Ready practice tests in their GED.com account and can redeem any assigned practice test for free.

With this purchase, you are paying 100% of the cost of the student's single subject GED Ready Practice Test.

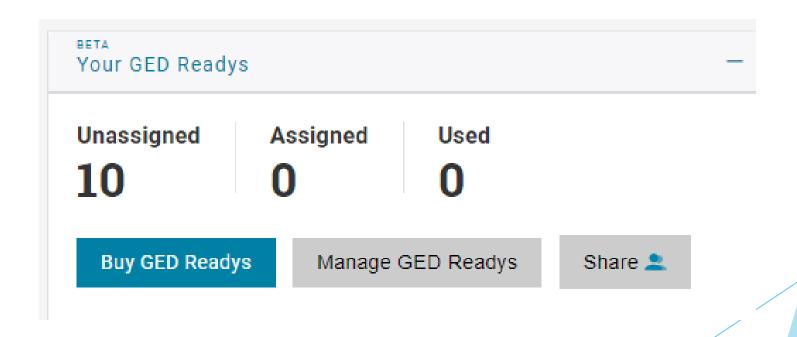
NOTE: Students taking the GED Ready should complete the test in a single setting (to replicate test day) and once started, students have 120 days to finish the test before their access expires. GED Ready Practice Test results indicate how likely your student(s) are to pass the real GED test in that subject for 60 days after completing the practice test.

Technical Specifications needed to take the GED Ready Practice Test:

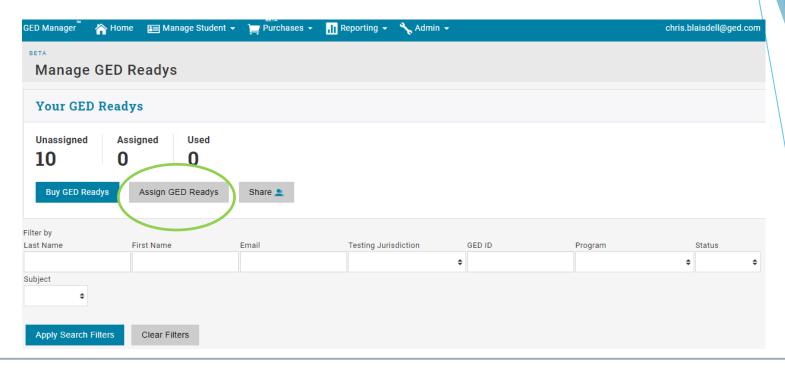
- Must be connected to the internet. A consistent, high-speed connection will provide the best experience.
- Minimum browser requirements: Microsoft Edge latest version, latest version of Firefox, Safari, or Chrome +2 versons back
- Operating system requirements: Windows 10 (32 or 64 bit) with Live Tiles disabled; latest version of Mac OSX +2 versions back
- · Javascript and cookies must be enabled

#### Back to GED Manager

Return to GED Manager and dashboard has been updated with 10 GED Readys. Now I can assign to a student or share with another educator.



### Assign GED Ready to Student

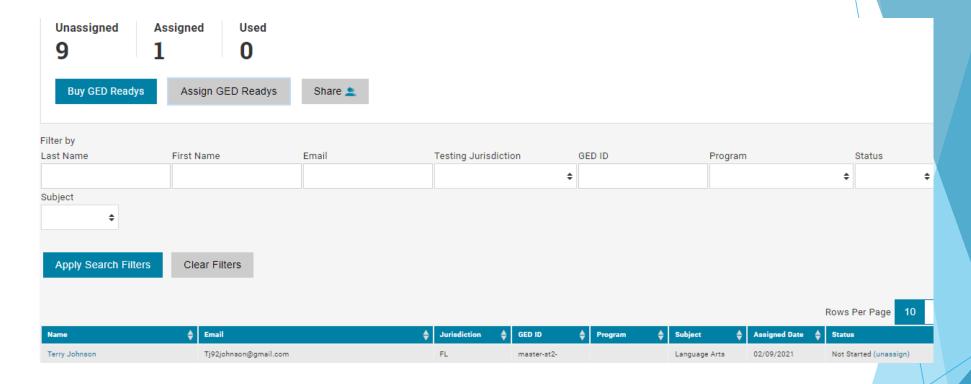


Step 1

Click Manage GED Readys from dashboard or Purchase menu.

Click Assign GED Readys button.

### **Updated Dashboard**



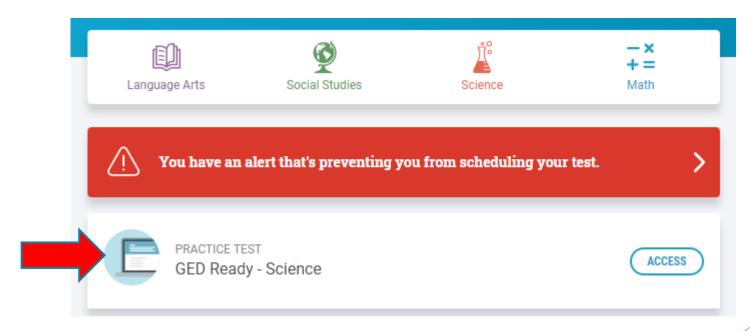
Student now has an activity card on the home page of their GED account telling them they have an RLA GED Ready test assigned. Link launches the GED Ready test.

Once student launches GED Ready test, **Used** field will show 1 and Status field will show **In Progress** 

#### Activity Card in Student Account

When student logs in to their GED.com account they see an activity card with the GED Ready subject that has been assigned to them.

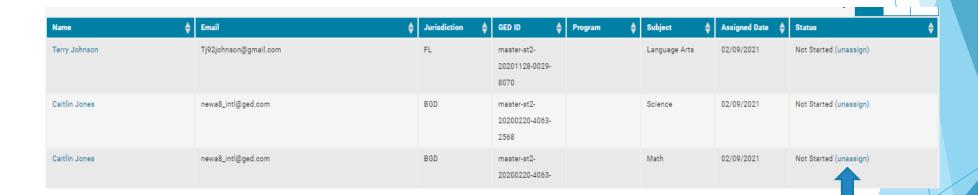
They click Access to launch the test. They will still be able to choose the language of the test.



#### Unassign GED Ready Test

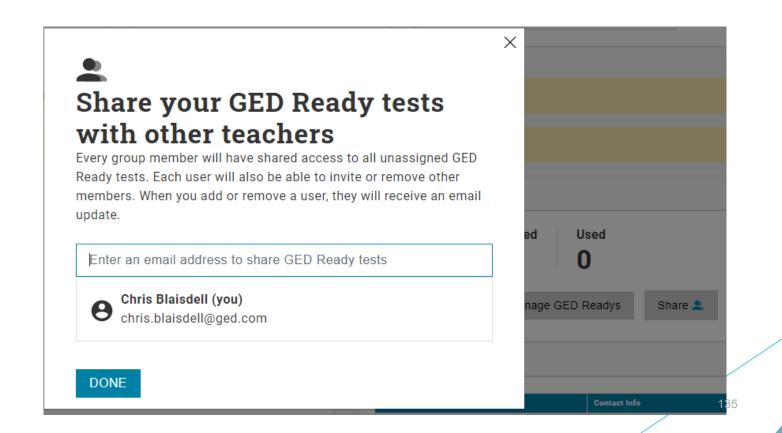
As long as student has not launched GED Ready test, it can be unassigned and will go back into pool of available GED Readys.

Just click "unassign" in status column of Manage GED Readys screen.



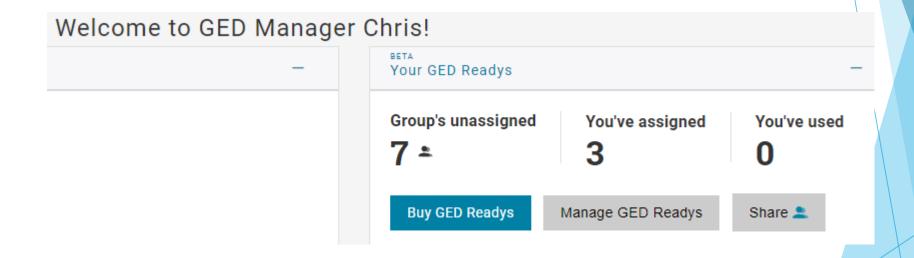
#### **Share GED Ready Tests**

From dashboard or Manage GED Readys screen, you can share access to your purchased GED Ready tests with other educators in your program. Each educator has access to all purchased GED Ready tests for assignment.



#### **Group Dashboard**

Once part of a group, your dashboard will show the total unassigned tests belonging to the group, the total number of tests you specifically have assigned, and the number of tests your students have used.

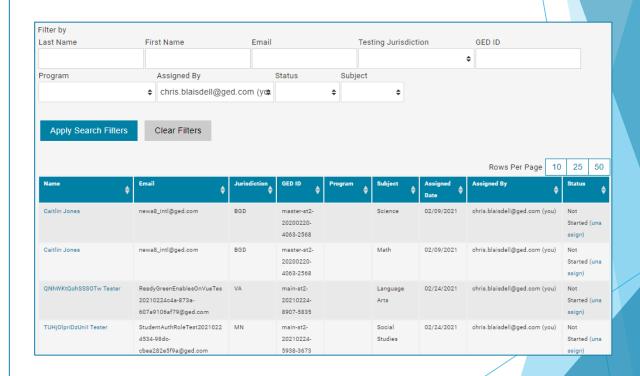


#### My Assigned Tests

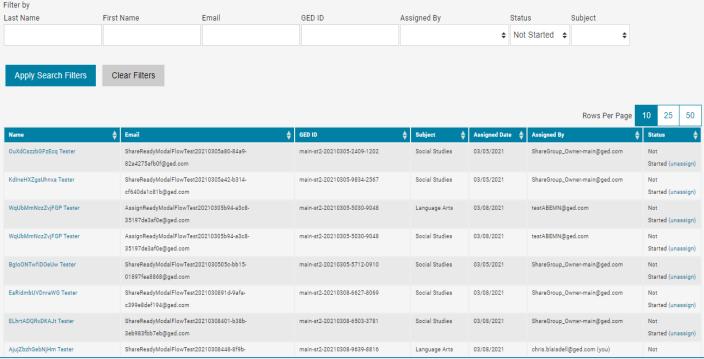
To see tests you have assigned:

- Manage GED Readys
- Choose your email address in the Assigned By field
- Click Apply Search Filters

You can now see all tests you have assigned and the status of those tests.



#### **Assigned Test Status**



#### To check on status of assigned tests:

- Manage GED Readys
- Choose status "Not Started" (or another status) from Status field
- Click Apply Search Filters

You can see all assigned tests within your group and which educator assigned them.

Any educator within group can Unassign test from student if Not Started.

#### Next Steps

► FAQs are accessible from the What's New section within GED Manager for enabled users

GED Direct<sup>™</sup> - Educators and Admins

Payment options are via credit card, check, or if needed a line of credit.

# GED Mobile App

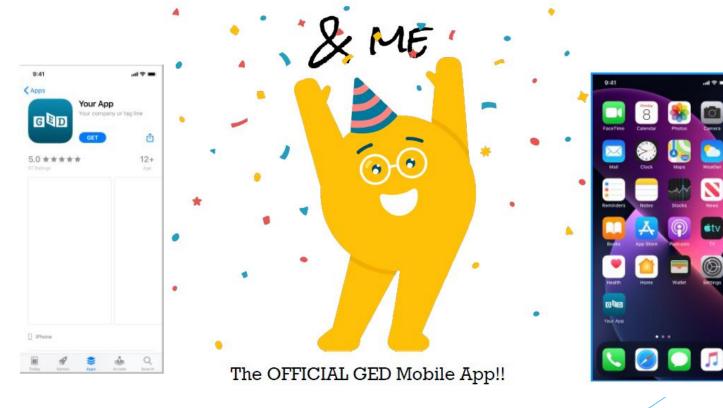
GED & Me!



The Challenge

Our challenge is to create a mobile companion to guide, prepare, and inspire GED learners throughout their journey.





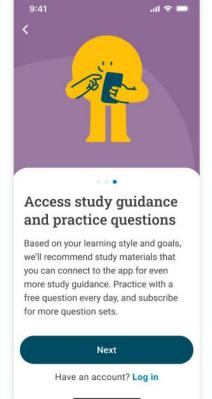


# Select a subject, connect a textbook The GED & Me App takes the learner on a guided path to achieve their goals

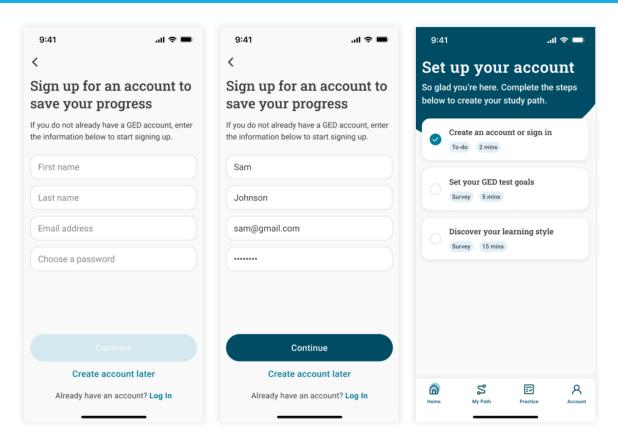








## The GED & Me App and the GED.com account have one user name and password and will be linked



The GED & Me App includes a lot of practice, and an opportunity to link a Kaplan book, to study alongside the Kaplan chapters (More publisher references are likely to be included in the future)

#### Recommendation

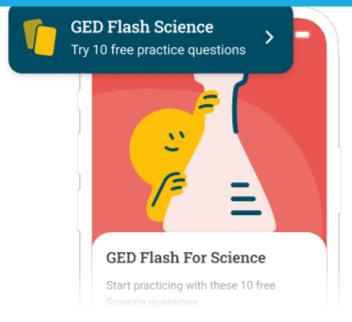
Start with GED Flash and Practice Tests while planning and exploring a future content strategy.

#### MLP

- Learners are most excited about access to practice questions.
   Consider including access to existing question sets to fill an immediate gap and capture Learner attention.
  - · Explore a subscription model if Flash can't be offered free.
- Provide topic-based modules instead of weekly tasks to give learners the flexibility to study at their own pace.
- · Within each module, give learners specific, actionable tasks.

#### FUTURE PRODUCT

- Identify how GED might offer a well-rounded selection of study material.
  - Start by providing follow-up recommendations about what to study to improve their score.
  - Provide a range of content formats and personalize what content is presented to each learner based on their learning preferences.



Participants were excited to try the GED Flash questions. Most expected these to be free, but were willing to pay if they proved to be helpful.

#### GED & Me App

Currently available in the Apple App Store

Coming for Android users late 2025

No cost to use the app

Anyone can download and we encourage teachers to do download it and play around with the app

# GED Testing Service Annual Conference







#### GED Testing Service Annual Conference

#### There will sessions geared toward:

- Adult educators
- Correctional administrators/educators
- ► Test center administrators
- General sessions geared toward all attendees including a number of sessions focused on workforce development.

## Thank You!

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## Questions?



## Thank you!



We want your feedback. Please be sure to complete the evaluation.

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