

What do I need to bring to the GED® Testing Center?

Testers must provide:

- **A current, government issued photo ID.** The ID must include your name, address, date of birth, signature and photograph. Examples include: passport, driver's license, learner's permit, national/state/country identification card. **You must bring your ID with you each time you test.**

• Age waiver.

If under 19 years old, an approved age waiver is required. An age waiver application can be obtained from the Minnesota Dept. of Education website.
(<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/StuSuc/AdultEd/index.html>)

How soon do I need to arrive?

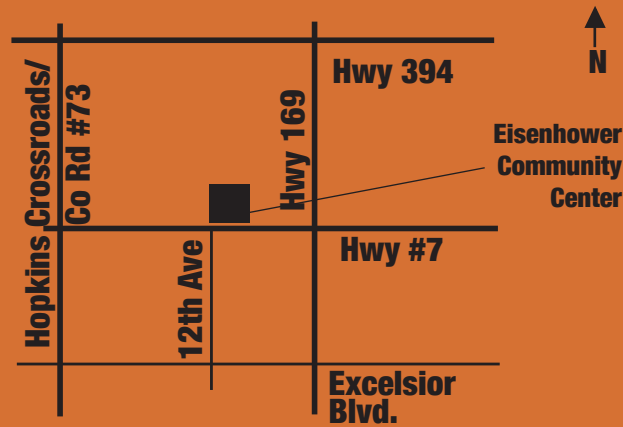
We suggest you arrive at least 15 minutes before your scheduled testing time to allow time for checking in and for personal belongings to be put in a locker.

What can I bring in the testing room?

Only the test center's provided supplies and your picture ID will be allowed in the room. All personal items, including cell phones, purses, keys, wallets, backpacks, jackets, etc. must be stored in a secure location provided by the test center.

To take the GED® exam,
register at
www.GED.com or call Pearson
VUE at 1-877-392-6433.

How do I get to GED® Testing West?



Eisenhower Community Center
1001 Highway 7, Hopkins Room 245
(enter door under canopy, Entrance B)

GED® Information:
www.GED.com or
www.adultoptions.org

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Adult Options In Education Class Information:
952-988-5343
adult.options@hopkinesschools.org

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So you want to take the GED® Exam?



Here's what you need to know.

What is the GED® Exam?

The General Educational Development exam (GED® exam) can give you the opportunity to earn a high school equivalency diploma - a credential recognized as a key to employment opportunities, career advancement and further education.

The GED® exam is comprised of four computer-based tests in the areas of Reasoning Through Language Arts, Mathematical Reasoning, Science, and Social Studies. The questions in each of these tests require the use of general knowledge and thinking skills.

The GED® exam is designed to measure the academic knowledge of the average high school graduating senior. Even though you have not finished high school, you probably have gained knowledge and skills through experience, reading, and training.

Where does GED® testing take place?

It takes place at an approved Pearson VUE testing facility, one of which is located in the Eisenhower Community Center in Hopkins.

GED Testing West - Room 245
1001 Highway 7
Hopkins, MN 55305

How do I schedule a GED® test?

Visit www.GED.com to create your account and register for the exam - you will need a valid e-mail address to register and a credit or debit card. Follow the on screen directions to fill in and complete your profile. Once registered, everything you will need to prepare for the GED® will be accessible after logging in, via tabs on the main page of the website.

Testing Schedule:

Various days and times are offered. See all available times on www.GED.com. Multiple test sessions are required to complete the 7 hour exam. You must register to take the test at www.GED.com or call **1-877-392-6433**.

If you cannot make it to your scheduled time, **you must cancel or reschedule at least 24 hours before your scheduled appointment time** or you will not be refunded the exam fee.

How many tests can I take at one time?

You may take one or more tests depending on the length of time the testing center is open. Testing days and times are posted on www.GED.com.

How much does the GED® cost?

Currently, the fee is \$30 per test. Payment is done online by credit or debit card through www.GED.com or calling **1-877-392-6433**.

What is the GED® exam like?

The GED® computer-based exam will require basic computer skills. It uses a variety of item types which include multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, drag-and-drop, hot spots (*clicking on a specific place or image*), short answer responses, and extended responses (*essays*). The Mathematical Reasoning test and Science test uses an on-screen calculator. All tests are timed and must be finished within the specific time limit.

The Tests:

Reasoning Through Language Arts (RLA)

150 minutes, 10 minute timed break included
Reading Comprehension
75% Non-fiction readings
25% Fiction readings
Essential components of language
Evidence-based writing

Mathematical Reasoning

115 minutes, 3 minute timed break included
55% Algebraic problem solving
45% Quantitative problem solving

Science

90 minutes, no breaks
40% Life Science
20% Earth and Space Science
40% Physical Science

Social Studies

75 minutes, no breaks
50% Civics and Government
20% United States History
15% Economics
15% Geography and the World

What score do I need to pass?

You will need a minimum score of 145 on each of the four tests to pass the GED® exam. A score of 165-174 qualifies for GED® College Ready.

How do I find out my score?

Test scores are e-mailed to you and can be found online through MYGED™ at www.GED.com. Log in with your account information and click on the "My Scores" tab. Results are generally available within an hour, but can take as long as two business days.

What about retakes?

If you fail (score 144 or below) on a test, you may retake that test. There is no time limit between the first two retakes, however, if you fail three times, you will need to wait 60 days before each test to try the test again. There is a fee for retake tests. Only the highest passing score will count.

To retake any of the tests, visit www.GED.com or call **1-877-392-6433**.

Can I switch from one testing site to another?

Since the GED® exam is nationally recognized and computer-based, you may test at another location as long as you register for your tests at www.GED.com.

How can I request my GED® transcript?

Log on to www.GED.com and follow the directions to request a transcript.

Am I prepared to take the GED®?

Unsure if you're ready to start testing? Adult Options In Education offers **FREE** GED® preparation classes at our locations in Hopkins and St. Louis Park. Call Adult Options In Education at **952-988-5343** for class information.

