

## **GED High School Equivalency Exam**

### **Eligibility requirements for GED testing include:**

- You must be at least 19 years old, or
- If you are 16, 17, or 18 years old, you may still enroll for testing, but you must obtain an Approval to Test Form from the Washington State high school or school district in which you currently live (or a notarized form if you have been home-schooled). Submit the original form and required ID to the Whatcom's Testing Center before you can make an appointment for testing.
- You must be a current resident of Washington State
- You must possess a current government-issued photo ID with your name, address, birth date and signature on it. If your government ID is not from Washington, you must obtain additional documentation showing you are a Washington State resident. Please check with staff regarding what additional documentation will be accepted.
- You cannot be a graduate from a public or private high school or currently attending high school

### **Setting up your GED testing account:**

- Go to [www.ged.com](http://www.ged.com) to create an account and schedule your test(s).
- You will need an email address and a debit or credit card to pay for the test on the website.
- If you are 16,17, or 18, you must meet additional requirements as outlined above before you can make a testing appointment.
- On the day of your scheduled test, bring your WA State photo ID. If using a different government issued photo ID, you will need to bring proof of Washington address to your testing appointment. You may want to check in advance, with staff, what evidence of WA State residence is allowed (if needed).
- Currently testing is provided by an online proctoring company partnered with GEDTS/Pearson Vue You must show a likely to pass on a practice test before you can make an appointment for an exam.

### **Prepare to take the GED tests:**

- You can find preparatory materials online at [ged.com](http://ged.com) or
- Consider taking GED preparatory GED courses through Whatcom's Transitional Learning located in Cascade Hall 167 TLProgram@whatcom.edu p 360.383.3060

## **Cost**

Each portion of four-part test costs \$30 (\$120 for all four). Each retest is \$30.

Please note: Pearson Vue has a 24-hour reschedule/ cancellation policy. If you do not cancel or reschedule at least 24 hours in advance of your scheduled test time, you testing fees are forfeited. Whatcom's Testing Center cannot cancel or re-schedule for you.

## **Tests Topics and time limits**

- **Reasoning Through Language Arts:** 2 hrs. 30 minutes
- **Mathematics:** 1 hr. 55 minutes. You may bring a TI-30 XS calculator to use; other types of calculators are prohibited. An online calculator is provided for the second section of the exam.
- **Science:** 90 minutes
- **Social Studies:** 70 minutes