



What is a GED?

You can earn a GED (State of Minnesota General Educational Development Diploma) by successfully

passing the five-part GED testing program. The diploma is recognized as a key to new employment opportunities, career advancement, post-secondary education and personal satisfaction. The diploma is issued by Minnesota Department of Education.

How should I prepare for the GED Tests?

GED refresher courses are offered to adults and focus on basic skills of writing, social studies, science, reading and math. Practice GED tests are also available. Classes are taught by licensed, caring and patient teachers, Monday through Thursday mornings and evenings in Eagan and Apple Valley. For class schedules and to register, visit www.district196.org/abe, contact District 196 Adult Basic Education at **952-431-8316** or email abe@district196.org.



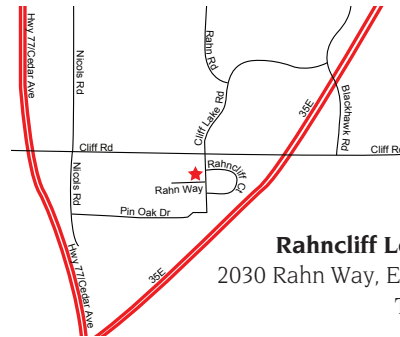
Learn Online!

Work on GED preparation: writing, social studies, science, reading and math, 24-7 online from the convenience of your home! Visit www.district196.org/abe, email abe@district196.org or call **952-431-8316** for information.

A \$20 materials fee is due before starting classes. This annual fee is used to offset the cost of some materials including photo copying and workbooks you will be using in your studies. However, funding for ABE sites, classrooms, teachers and programs comes from federal and state adult education funds distributed by the State of Minnesota.

Adult Classes

3 Sites • Mornings, Afternoons & Nights



Rahnclyff Learning Center

2030 Rahn Way, Eagan, MN 55122
Tel 651-683-8585

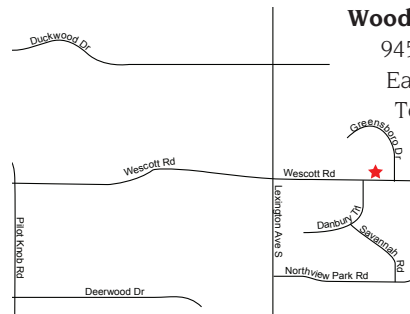
Cedar Valley Learning Center

14420 Glenda Drive
Apple Valley, MN 55124
Tel 952-431-8316



Woodland ABE Site

945 Wescott Road
Eagan, MN 55123
Tel 651-683-6813



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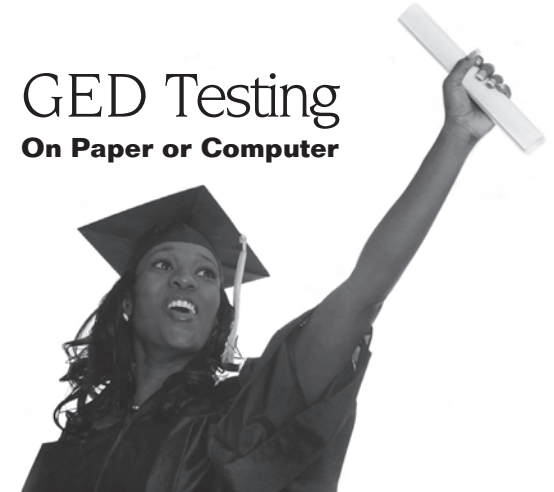
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**Adult Basic Education ■ GED ■ H.S. Diploma
Reading, Writing & Math Skills ■ Learn English - ELL/ESL**

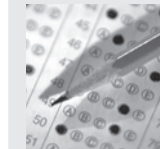
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GED Testing On Paper or Computer



Test on Paper



2012

Mondays:

- Jul 16, 30
- Sep 17
- Oct 1, 15, 29
- Nov 12, 26
- Dec 10

2013

Mondays:

- Jan 14, 28
- Feb 11, 25
- Mar 11
- Apr 1, 15, 29
- May 13
- Jun 10

Test Times

11:45a-3:15p (registration 11a) and 3:40-7p (registration 2:55p)

Test Location

Cedar Valley Learning Center (CVLC)
14420 Glenda Drive, Apple Valley *see map on back*

Test Reservations

Reservations are required by 10a, Wednesday before the test, call **952-431-8316** or email abe@district196.org.

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www.district196.org/abe

What are GED tests like?

The GED testing program* consists of five individual tests including: writing, social studies, science, reading and mathematics. The contents of the tests are as follows:

Test 1: Writing

Part I 50 questions/75 min.

- 30% Sentence Structure
- 30% Usage
- 15% Organization
- 25% Mechanics
- Homonyms, Punctuation, & Capitalization*

Part II 2 page essay/45 min.

Test 2 Social Studies 50 questions/70 min.

- 25% National History
- 15% World History
- 15% Geography
- 25% Civics and Government
- 20% Economics

Test 3 Science 50 questions/80 min.

- 20% Earth and Space Science
- 45% Life Sciences (Biology & Health)
- 35% Physical Sciences *Chemistry & Physics*

Test 4 Reading 40 questions/65 min.

- 75% Literary
- 25% Nonfiction

Test 5 Mathematics

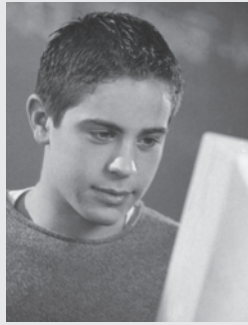
Part I - calculator provided 25 questions, 45 min.

Part II - no calculator - Estimate 25 questions, 45 min.

- 25% Number, Number Sense & Operations
- 25% Data, Statistics & Probability
- 25% Geometry & Measurement
- 25% Algebra, Functions, & Patterns

Total Test Time 7 hrs. 5 min.

* Please note: The GED test in the state of Minnesota will be changing beginning January 1, 2014. It will be a computer based test. No previously earned test scores will be carried over. Please work to complete your tests by December, 2013.



New! Test on Computer

Feel more comfortable on a computer? Register for the GED® test on computer and schedule the testing times that are most convenient for you.

You may now take the GED test on a computer at our testing site. Convenient registration and scheduling is available online 24/7 at www.gedcomputer.com/clicks. Choose the "Register Today" tab. Create an account and profile and then register to take the test at our testing site, **ISD 196 Rosemount Public Schools - ABE**, 14420 Glenda Dr., in Apple Valley.

With the new computer test, you get instant results when you finish your test.

You'll get scores from four of the five content areas instantly—essay results take a few days. You may also test at your own pace. When you finish early you can move on to the next section. No more waiting around for the entire room to finish. Now you have the opportunity to type your essay instead of writing it by hand. Experience the benefits of testing on a computer and register today!



Who can take the GED test?

Persons who are:

- 19 years old or older (anyone under 19 must have an age waiver)
- Not enrolled in or graduated from a high school
- A resident of Minnesota
- Pre-registered prior to 10 a.m. the Wednesday before the Monday for the paper test. Call **952-431-8316** or email ABE@District196.org to pre-register. Or, register for the test on computer 24/7 online at www.gedcomputer.com/clicks.

What scores are needed to pass the GED tests?

A total of 2250 points or more is required to pass. Only subtest scores of 410 or more can be used to calculate the total score. Subtest scores lower than 410 must be retested.

How can I retest?

Retesting on one or more tests is allowed two times in a calendar year. The retest is given using another test form and the cost is \$15 for the test on paper or \$24 on computer. Additional preparation is required before retesting. You must provide the test center with a written statement from an Adult Basic Teacher stating you are ready to retest.

Are special testing accommodations available?

Special testing for persons with a documented disability must be approved by the State GED Testing Service. A special form must be obtained from the GED Test Examiner and must be approved by the GED Testing Administrator, Department of Education.

How can I get an age waiver?

Applicants 16-18 years old* may take the GED tests provided they have an approved age waiver form available at Cedar Valley Learning Center, signed by an ABE teacher and the State GED Administrator.

*Applicants cannot be currently enrolled in a high school.

What do I need to bring with me?

- **Government issued photo ID** (ie. driver's license, permit, passport). If your ID is not from Minnesota, bring proof of Minnesota residency.
- **Payment in cash only for the test on paper:** \$60 fee when paying for all five tests or a \$15 fee for each individual test. Retake fee is \$15 per test. Agencies sending students pay an \$80 fee for all five tests. **Payment for the test on computer is credit card only** and completed during your registration online. The test on computer fee is \$24 per test (including retakes) or \$120 for all five tests.