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GED Guide for Arizona Students
a project led by ScholarshipsA-Z, DREAM Act Arizona, & CADENA

NOTE:
The GED test has changed, as of 2014. Therefore, this guide is currently being updated. For more information on the changes to the test visit:
http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/2014-faqs#about

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Sources: American Council on Education, Arizona Department of Education

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Who is eligible to take the GED in Arizona?

Anyone who:
- Is 16 years of age or older
- Does not have a high school diploma
- Is not currently enrolled in school

<u>NOTE</u>: You do *NOT* need to show proof of residency in Arizona to take the GED test.

What is the GED?

- Stands for "General Educational Development"
- Certifies that an individual has demonstrated academic skills comparable to a high school senior
- Legally equivalent to receiving a high school diploma in Arizona

What is the format of the GED test?

The 2014 GED® Test Specifications
Source: http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/2014test

Four content areas:

- Reasoning Through Language Arts (RLA) (150 minutes)
  - Section 1 (35 minutes*)
  - Section 2 (45 minutes)
  - Student Break (10 minutes)
  - Section 3 (60 minutes*)
  *The time allotted for sections 1 and 3 may vary slightly, but the total test time will always be 150 minutes.
- Mathematical Reasoning (115 minutes)
  - Part 1 - (first 5 test questions) calculator not allowed
  - Part 2 - (remaining 41 test questions) calculator allowed
    - As of Friday, February 21, 2014, the standard time allowance on the GED® test - Mathematical Reasoning was increased by 25 minutes.
    - The time allowance for GED Ready™ - Mathematical Reasoning was also increased by 13 minutes.
- Science (90 minutes)
- Social Studies (90 minutes)
  - Section 1 (65 minutes)
  - Section 2 (25 minutes)
- English and Spanish

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- Students can test three times on the same subject without waiting. After the third attempt, there is a 60-day waiting period before trying again.

- Seven different item types:
  - Extended response
  - Drag-and-drop
  - Drop-down
  - Fill-in-the-blank
  - Hot spot
  - Multiple choice
  - Short answer
- Delivered on computer (not online)
- Paper testing only available as an accommodation

Total Time: Approx. 7.5 hrs

What documents are needed to take the GED Test?

- Two forms of identification
  - One form must show a picture, name, date of birth, signature, current address AND be a *government-issued ID** (ex. Passport, Driver's License)
  - Other possible forms: Credit Cards, Debit Cards, etc.
    - **Does not have to be issued by the U.S. Government*

- Examinees under 18 MUST also provide:
  - Official Withdrawal Form from previous school AND
  - Notarized Letter of Permission from a parent/guardian

For Phoenix Metro Area, specifically Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) & Rio Salado Community College:

Follow this guide designed by the Arizona Dream Act Coalition

How do I register for the GED?

Contact your local testing center for registration information (see section on GED Testing Centers at the end of this document).

How much does the GED cost?

This varies by testing center (see section on GED Testing Centers at the end of this document). Fees range from $60-$105 in Arizona.

Sources: American Council on Education, Arizona Department of Education

Can I take the GED Test online?

No. In Arizona, the GED Tests are currently offered only in a paper-pencil format at Official GED Testing Centers.

Can I take the GED in Spanish?

Yes, there is a Spanish-language version of the GED, which is largely a direct translation of the U.S. GED Tests. The passing requirements are the same on both tests, and many employers and colleges prefer that you take the exam in English.

Do I have to take all five tests at the same time?

You must take all five GED Tests at the same testing center the first time you test, but you do not necessarily have to take them all on the same day. Contact your local testing center (see Testing Center information at the end of this document) to find out about their specific policies. If you retest, you may choose from 1 to 5 tests, depending upon your scores.

What score is required to pass the GED?

- Minimum total standard score of **2250 on all 5 tests** AND
- Minimum standard score of **410 on each content area** test

What happens when I pass the GED?

After passing the GED Test, you will receive an Arizona High School Equivalency Diploma and an official transcript of your scores within two weeks of your tests being scored.

What are the benefits of taking the GED?

- _Get A Better Job_ – Many U.S. jobs require a high school diploma, and **96% of companies** accept applicants with a GED credential for jobs requiring a high school degree _(Society for Human Resource Management, 2002)_
- _Increase Your Income_ – Better jobs typically offer better pay.
- _Continue Your Education_ - **98% of colleges and universities** that require a high school diploma accept the GED credential as proof that you have completed your high school education (_Annual Survey of Colleges 2007. Copyright ® 2007. The College Board.)_

How can I prepare for the GED?

Because of Proposition 300, most Arizona community colleges and state educational institutions require students to prove U.S. citizenship or residency in

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order to register for a <u>GED preparation course</u> at the institution.

However, many churches and local organizations offer free preparation courses. Here are some FREE resources (online and in-person) to get ready for the GED test.

FREE Prep Classes that do not Require U.S. citizenship or residency:
● Border Action Network (Tucson) - Contact (520) 623-4944 for details.
● Literacy Volunteers of Tucson - Contact (520) 882-8006 for details.
● Pima County Public Library – Free classes and tutoring sessions (http://www.library.pima.gov/calendar/ged.php)
● Chandler Public Library – Free drop-in Math tutoring & individualized GED Learning Labs (http://chandlerlibrary.org/go2/ged.cfm)

FREE online resources:
● GED Testing Service - General Info: http://www.gedtestingservice.com/ged-testing-service
● Arizona Department of Education - GED Info : http://www.azed.gov/adult-ed-ged/general-ed-development/
● PBS Literacy Link (offers online GED modules): http://litlink.ket.org/
● Your GED (FAQs about the GED & Additional Resources): http://www.yourged.org/
● GED for Free (Free online Prep course & materials): http://www.gedforfree.com/
● Hints on Effective Test-taking Strategies for the GED: http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/the-ged-for-dummies-cheat-sheet.html
● Test Preview (Self Assessment Modules & GED review videos): http://www.testpreview.com/ged_practice.htm
● Peterson's (Helpful tips & sample questions): http://www.petersons.com/college-search/ged-test.aspx
● Quick, 15 question practice test to provide an initial assessment: http://www.passged.com/free-ged-practice-test.php
● Practice Tests on Reading Comprehension & Math Problems: http://www.testpreppractice.net/GED/Free-Online-GED-Practice-Tests.aspx
● Free GED pre-test from McGraw Hill: http://www.arapahoe.edu/community-education/earn-your-ged

Accessible GED Preparation Courses (some cost $$$):
● **FREE option** - Brookline College
  ○ Take prep course and get $100 voucher to take GED test at Brookline or Pima Community College
● Rio Salado online for $90 (plus costs of materials and books):
  ○ More info at http://bit.ly/GEDRioSalado
● Mesa Community Colleges prep course for $145 plus materials
  ○ **Courses are full for fall semester**
  ○ Register for spring semester starting October 1st

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- - ○ MCC contacts: Kathleen Perales, Monica Nargaillon (480) 461-6200.
- **Unlimited Potential courses for $250:**
  http://www.upaz.org/
- **Yavapai College -** Possibly free [Call (928) 634-6561]
  - ○ Online program, 15-week prep session (instructional), and a Learn Lab (some lecture, hands-on, independent study, and computer instruction).
  - ○ Next session of the Learn Lab begins April 29-June 26 Mondays & Wednesdays from 1:30-4:30
- **Tempe Unified High School District (TUHSD) Adult Education**
  - ○ For more information call (480) 839-0292 X3097 or X3098

FREE GED Prep Books at your local public library:

Recommended:
- Peterson's *Master the GED® 2012, 2011, 2010, or 2009*
- *Cracking the GED 2012* by Geoff Martz
- Barron's *GED Math workbook*
- Barron's *GED, High School Equivalency Exam* (e-book)
- McGraw-Hill's GED Mathematics: The most Comprehensive and Reliable Study Program for the GED math test

Use the following catalog links to check for the availability of these recommended books and others in a library near you:

County	Link
Apache	http://catalog.gila.lib.az.us/POLARIS/Search/default.aspx
Cochise	http://cochise.lib.az.us/ (Click on specific library to search its catalog)
Coconino	Coconino County Main Library in Flagstaff, East Flagstaff Community Library and Page Public Library: http://www.flagstaffpubliclibrary.org/catalog/index.html Northern Arizona University Libraries: http://library.nau.edu/ Forest Lakes community Library: 928-535-9125 (No catalog provided) Fredonia Public Library: http://www.fredoniaaz.net/Services/PublicLibrary.aspx Grand Canyon Community Library: 928-638-2718 (No catalog provided) Tonto Public Library: http://www.tontobasinlibrary.com/index.html (Not the

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	catalog, but has contact info) Williams Public Library: http://www.williamsaz.gov/library.html (Not the catalog, but has contact info)
Gila	http://catalog.gila.lib.az.us/POLARIS/default.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.0.1
Graham	Safford Public Library: http://72.165.8.220/cataloging/servlet/presentadvancedsearchredirectorform.do
Greenlee	http://www.greenleelibraries.org/greenlee/
La Paz	Bouse, Centennial, and Parker Public Libraries (Click on specific Library to access their catalog): https://parkerpubliclibrary.follettdestiny.com/common/welcome.jsp?context=saas19_0200992 Indian Hills Branch Library: 928-859-4271 (No catalog provided)
Maricopa	Aguila, El Mirage, Fairway, Fountain Hills, Gila Bend, Goodyear, Guadalupe, Hollyhock, Litchfield Park, North Valley Regional, Northwest Regional, Perry, Queen Creek, Robson, Southeast Regional, Sun City, and White Tank Libraries: whttp://mcldaz.org/ Mesa Libraries (Main Library, Dobson Ranch, and Red Mountain): http://cat.mesalibrary.org/polaris/ Scottsdale Libraries (Civic Center, Appaloosa, Arabian, Mustang, and Palomino): http://www.scottsdalelibrary.org/collection Tempe Public Library: http://catalog.tempe.gov/ Wickenburg Public Library: http://wickenburg.mcldaz.org/ Buckeye Public Library: http://buckeye.mcldaz.org/ Avondale Civic Center Library and Sam Garcia Western Avenue Library: http://avondale.mcldaz.org/ Desert Foothills Library: http://dfh.mcldaz.org/

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	Chandler Libraries (Downtown, Hamilton, Sunset, and Basha): http://www.chandlerlibrary.org/ Peoria Public Library System (Main and Sunrise Mountain): http://library.peoriaaz.gov/polaris/default.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.0.3 Glendale Public Library (Main, Foothills, and Velma Teague): http://www.glendalelibrary.org/ipac20/ipac.jsp?session=1B7H25V311281.12238&menu=search&aspect=subtab111&npp=10&ipp=20&spp=20&profile=cal&ri=&aspect=subtab111&term=&index=.GW&x=19&y=7 Phoenix Libraries (Burton Bar, Agave, Desert Broom, Juniper, Cholla, Desert Sage, Palo Verde, Yucca, Cesar Chavez, Harmon, Ironwood, Ocotillo Library & Workforce Literacy Center, South Mountain Community, Acacia, Century, Mesquite, and Saguaro): http://www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org/searchoptions.jsp Arizona State University Libraries: http://lib.asu.edu/ Youngtown Community Library: http://youngtownaz.org/index.aspx?nid=379 (Not the catalog, but has contact info) Tolleson Public Library: 623-936-2746 (No catalog provided)
Mohave	http://webcat.co.mohave.az.us/uhtbin/cgisirsi/?ps=EdTwuoLiNt/KNG/262460013/60/502/X
Navajo	http://sirsi.navajocountylibraries.org/uhtbin/cgisirsi.exe/G5COQ6yV7W/NCLD/198440016/60/1180/X
Pima	http://librarycatalog.pima.gov/ The University of Arizona: http://www.library.arizona.edu/
Pinal	http://catalog.pinalcountyaz.gov/Polaris/
Santa Cruz	Nogales, Rio Rico, Sonoita, and Tubac Libraries: http://65.100.107.211/search/ Patagonia Public Library: http://www.patagoniapubliclibrary.org/ (Not the catalog, but has contact info)
Yavapai	http://catalog.yln.info/uhtbin/cgisirsi/x/x/0/49/

Sources: American Council on Education, Arizona Department of Education

Yuma	http://yuma.sirsi.net/uhtbin/cgisirsi/x/SIRSI/0/57/60/1180/X?user_id=WEBSERVER

Where are the GED testing centers in Arizona?

County	Testing Center	Phone	Fee
Apache	**Chinle Unified School District** Highway 191/Navajo Route 7 Chinle, AZ 86503	(928) 674-9555	$80
	Dine College Dine College, Circle Drive Tsaile, AZ 86556	(928) 724-6736	$60
Cochise	**Cochise College Testing** 901 North Colombo Avenue Sierra Vista, AZ 85635	(520) 515-5447	$80
	Douglas Public Schools 1500 15th Street Douglas, AZ 85607	(520) 364-3462	$60
Coconino	**Coconino Community College Testing** 3000 N 4th Street Flagstaff, AZ 86004	(928) 526-7629	$90
Gila	Gila County Education Service Agency (Call for Appointment) 1400 East Ash Globe, AZ 85501	(928) 402-8786	$70
Graham	**Eastern Arizona College~Thatcher (GED)** 615 North Stadium Avenue Thatcher, AZ 85552	928) 428-8491	$80
Greenlee	N/A		
La Paz	N/A		
Maricopa	**Anthem College** 1515 E Indian School Road Phoenix, AZ 85014	(602) 279-9700	$85
	Brookline College 1140 S. Priest Drive Tempe AZ 85281	(480) 545-8755	$85
	Brookline College 2445 W. Dunlap STE 100 Phoenix, AZ 85021-5820	(602) 242-6265	$85
	Chandler Library Adult Education 22 South Delaware Chandler, AZ 85225	(602) 694-2133	$85
	Estrella Mountain Community College 3000 North Dysart Road Avondale, AZ 85323	(623) 935-8821	$80
	Frank X. Gordon~Glendale 6655 West Glendale Avenue #105 Glendale, AZ	(602) 372-5769	$85

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	Frank X. Gordon~Mesa 245 North Centennial Way #104 Mesa, AZ 85201	(602) 372-5507	$85
	Gateway Community College 108 North 40th Street Phoenix, AZ 85034	(602) 286-8160	$90
	Glendale Community College 5727 West Happy Valley Road Glendale, AZ 85310	(623) 845-4015	$90
	Mesa Community College 1833 West Southern Avenue Mesa, AZ 85202	(480) 461-7480	$90
	Paradise Valley College 18401 N 32nd Street Phoenix, AZ 85032	(602) 258-2410	$85
	Phoenix College 1202 West Thomas Road Phoenix, AZ 85013	(602) 285-7844	$90
	Rio Salado Adult Learning Center - Surprise Campus 12535 Smokey Drive Surprise, AZ 85374	(480) 377-4250	$85
	Rio Salado Adult Learning Center – Orangewood Campus 2730 W Orangewood Phoenix, AZ 85051	(602) 347-6974	$85
	Rio Salado Ann Ott Learning Center 1801 South 12th Street Phoenix, AZ 85034	(480) 377-4300	$85
	Rio Salado College - Scottsdale Adult Learning Center 1170 N 86th Way Scottsdale, AZ 85267	(602) 258-2410	$85
	Salt River Pima - Maricopa Indian Community 10005 East Osborn Road Scottsdale, AZ 85256	(480) 362-2560	$70
	South Mountain Community College 7050 South 24th Street Phoenix, AZ 85042	(602) 243-8188	$90
Mohave	**Mohave Community College - Bullhead City** 3400 Highway 95 Bullhead City, AZ 86442	(928) 758-1406	$70
	Mohave Community College - Kingman 1971 Jagerson Ave Kingman, AZ 86401	(928) 681-5668	$70
	Mohave Community College - Lake Havasu 1977 West Acoma Blvd. Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403	(928) 505-3340	$80
Navajo	**Northland Pioneer College - Holbrook** 2251 N Navajo Blvd Holbrook, AZ 86025	(928) 532-6114	$85

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	Northland Pioneer College - Show Low 1001 West Deuce of Clubs Showlow, AZ 85901	(928) 532-6111	$85
Pima	**Pima Community College Campus** 401 North Bonita Avenue Tucson, AZ 85709	(520) 206-6433	$100
Pinal	**Central Arizona College - Apache Junction** 273 Old West Highway, Room 112 Apache Junction, AZ 85219	(480) 677-7737	$90
	Central Arizona College - Aravaipa 80440 East Aravaipa Road Winkleman, AZ 85295	(520) 357-2800	$80
	Central Arizona College - Signal Peak 8470 North Overfield Road Coolidge, AZ 85228	(520) 494-5405	$90
Santa Cruz	N/A		
Yavapai	**Yavapai College - Prescott** 1100 East Sheldon Street Prescott, AZ 86301	(928) 776-2200	$80
	Yavapai College - Verde Campus 601 Black Hills Drive Clarkdale, AZ 86324	(928) 634-6561	$70
	Yavapai County High School 6325 W. Baja Circle Prescott Valley, AZ 86314	(928) 443-0921	$90
Yuma	**Arizona Western College** 2020 South Avenue 8E Yuma, AZ 85365	(928) 344-7641	$105

* For testing purposes the candidates are required to provide:
(1) Primary Photo ID and (1) Secondary ID (unless under the age of 17), or (2) Primary.

Primary Identification

- Current Driver's License or State-Issued Identification Card
- Valid Passport
- Military ID
- Other forms of government-issued (Job Corps, foreign, or domestic, tribal ID)
- Current post-secondary (college) student ID
- **Mexican ID (Matricula Consular Card**, **Student VISA, Guest Visa Passport)**
- Secondary Identification
- Certified copy of Birth Certificate (when combined with any valid photo ID) Birth Certificate name must match official Driver's License.)
- Social Security Card (when combined with any valid photo ID)
- AZ DPS Class One/Class Two Fingerprint Card (when combined with any valid photo ID from above list)
- Credit cards with photo
- Bank cards with photo

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- High School student ID card (used only as secondary ID)
- Workplace ID card (must have photo and matching name

The combination of forms must satisfy all GEDTS requirements of identity and eligibility which includes: name, address, photo, signature and date of birth.