

ALL TRIO SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS FREE OF CHARGE!

Frequently Asked Questions:



What is the GED?

GED traditionally stands for **General Educational Development** and it is a series of examinations that measure your high school level of knowledge.

Why take the GED?

Passing the GED will earn you the equivalency of a high school diploma, which is often necessary to obtain gainful employment. In addition, possessing a GED allows you to apply for admission into colleges, universities, and technical schools.

How old do I need to be to take the GED?

In the State of Florida, candidates must be at least 18 years of age or older to take GED exams. That being said, Florida statute allows underage GED testing for 16 and 17-year-olds under extraordinary circumstances based on rules set by the school district in which an individual lives or goes to school. Bay County students can call (850) 245-0449 or email GEDagewaiver@fldoe.org for more information about age requirements.

<u>Do I need to take a GED® class or receive instruction from</u> a local prep center before I can take the examinations?

If you are 18 years or older, you don't need to take an official GED® class or receive instruction before taking the GED. If you are 16 or 17 years old, you may have to take classes.

Who can take the GED test?

To obtain the GED in Florida, you cannot already have a high school diploma or an equivalent credential. You must also be unenrolled from high school. Also, you don't have to be a resident of Florida to earn your GED here.

When can the GED be taken?

GED exams can be taken at any point in the year, so long as you meet all other eligibility requirements.

Do I have to take the GED Ready® practice test?

If you are 18 years or older, you don't need to take any GED Ready® practice tests before taking GED exams. If you are 16 or 17 years old, you may have to take and achieve a specific score on the GED Ready® practice test.

Where can I take the GED?

Bay, Gulf, and Franklin County residents can take their GED examinations at:

- Gulf Coast State College
- Tom P. Haney Technical College
- Gulf County Adult School

Assessment Information

Practice Tests

- Can be taken online or in-person
- Timed, just like the actual exams
- Half the length of actual exams
- Scoring:
 - 145-200 = Likely to pass
 - 134-144 = Too close to call
 - 100-133 = Not likely to pass

Examinations*

- Taken in-person, but on a computer
- Four Subjects:
 - Mathematical Reasoning
 - 2 sections
 - 115 minutes total
 - Reasoning Through Language Arts
 - 3 sections
 - 150 minutes total
 - Social Studies
 - 1 section
 - 70 minutes
 - Science
 - 1 section
 - 90 minutes

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Age and other testing requirements vary by area. Pricing and retake rules may unexpectedly change at any time.

*Value FREE for eligible EOC participants (while supplies last)