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# GED Information

The **GED** (General Educational Development) examination is a series of four computer-based tests resulting in a high school equivalency. Those who pass the GED in Vermont receive a high school equivalency certificate from the Vermont Agency of Education.

## How can I find out more about the GED?

You may contact **Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc. (CVABE)**, the program which provides adult education and literacy services throughout Washington, Lamoille, and Orange Counties. Over the years, thousands of CVABE students have completed and passed the GED Examination.

## What are the benefits of the GED?

1. A GED provides you with the opportunity to continue your education:
  - Vermont state colleges have open admission for high school graduates, and accept the GED as equivalent to the high school diploma.
  - More than 90% of colleges and universities in the United States accept GED graduates who meet their other institutional qualifications for admission.
2. A GED may help you to obtain a job. 96% of employers accept the GED as equivalent to a high school diploma.
3. GED graduates say they have feelings of increased self-esteem and self-confidence.

## CVABE offers the following:

- Free and confidential instruction to prepare for passing the GED. CVABE teachers help students develop reading, writing, and math skills and test taking strategies needed to successfully pass each section of the GED.
- Free GED practice tests to help determine readiness for taking the Official GED Examination.
- At least five GED testing dates a month.

## GED Testing Facts

- Anyone 16 or older, not currently enrolled in school, and without a high school diploma may take the GED.
- Anyone 16 or 17 years of age must have parental or guardian permission to take the GED.
- Photo identification (such as a driver's license) is required to take the Official GED.  
**(Please note: you must have your photo identification with you every time you take a test.)**
- **Walk-ins cannot be admitted to Official GED Testing sessions:**
  - ✓ **Barre Learning Center:** Official registration and payment must be done online in advance of each testing session. This is done by logging into <https://ged.com/> (you must create an account if you are a first-time user). CVABE staff is available at its centers to help with this process.
  - ✓ **Morrisville, Bradford, or Randolph Learning Centers:** You must sign up in advance for testing at these centers by completing the GED Exam Reservation Form located on our website [http://www.cvabe.org/ged\\_schedule.html](http://www.cvabe.org/ged_schedule.html). CVABE staff is available at its centers to help with this process. At these three locations, official registration and payment will be done online with the GED examiner's help shortly before the testing session begins.

- Each of the four GED tests costs \$30.00 (There's a total cost of \$120.00 for the full examination).
- Test takers are given approximately seven hours to complete the full GED.
- The tests may be taken in any order, but it is generally advised not to take all four of the tests at once.
- CVABE's testing schedule allows for completing the entire examination in as few as two testing dates.

## **What are the GED Tests and what skills do you need?**

### **Reasoning through Language Arts (RLA) – 150 minutes (including a 10-minute break)**

- Work on a computer and use computer skills
- Read and comprehend complex literary and informational text
- Identify and evaluate the argument and claims made in a body of text
- Assess how point of view shapes the content
- Analyze the structure of texts
- Make logical inferences and cite specific textual evidence
- Draw evidence from literary or informational texts
- Write arguments to support claims, both in a short answer format and also in a longer essay format
- Demonstrate command of conventions of standard grammar and usage

### **Mathematical Reasoning – 115 minutes**

- Determine absolute value of rational numbers and as the distance between two rational numbers on a scale or number line
- Determine when a numerical expression is undefined
- Factor polynomial expressions
- Solve linear inequalities in one variable with rational number coefficients
- Identify or graph the solution to a one variable linear inequality on a number line
- Solve real-world problems involving inequalities
- Write linear inequalities in one variable to represent context
- Represent or identify a function in a table or graph as having exactly one output for each input

### **Science – 90 minutes**

- Glean information from scientific texts
- Reason using scientific data tables and statistics, apply key scientific models, theories, and processes in life science, physical science, earth, and space science.
- Format includes multiple choice and some technology-enhanced formats including use of drop-down menus, fill-in-the-blank questions, use of drag and drop techniques, and short written answer format.
- Some mathematical reasoning is expected on some of the data based questions.

### **Social Studies – 70 minutes**

- Topics include: civics, government, United States history, economics, geography, and world history.
- Question format includes multiple choice and some technology-enhanced formats including use of drop-down menus, fill-in-the-blank questions, and use of drag and drop techniques.
- Analyze one or more source texts in order to construct an extended written response to an identified question.
- Some mathematical reasoning is expected on some of the data based questions.

**It's never too late to get your GED. Contact one of CVABE's Learning Centers for more information.**

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