

Taking the GED Exam in New York State

You May Take the GED Exam IF

- ▶ You are not currently in high school, *and*
- ▶ You have not graduated from high school, *and*
- ▶ You are at least age 16-years-old and attended school through the end of the school year in which you turned 16, *and*
- ▶ You are a legal resident of New York State.

There are special requirements for taking the GED Exam if you are under 19 years of age.

If you are 16 years old:

- ▶ You must be enrolled in an Alternative High School Equivalency Preparation (AHSEP) program. Verification Form (www.emsc.nysed.gov/ged/docs/attch-c.pdf) - must be completed by an official from an approved AHSEP program.

If you are 17 or 18 years old, you must meet one of the following requirements:

- ▶ One year has passed since you were legally able to leave school and you were enrolled in a regular full time high school program that year. When you submit an application to take the GED exam, you must include a Verification Form (www.emsc.nysed.gov/ged/documents/attch-b.pdf) that was completed by an official of the school district you last attended.
- ▶ You were a member of a high school class that has already graduated. When you apply to take the GED exam you must include a copy of a Verification Form (www.emsc.nysed.gov/ged/documents/attch-b.pdf) that must be completed by an official of the school district you last attended.

OR

- ▶ You are enrolled in an approved Alternative High School Equivalency Preparation (AHSEP) Program. When you apply to take the GED exam you must include a copy of a Verification Form (www.emsc.nysed.gov/ged/docs/attch-c.pdf) that must be completed by an official from an approved AHSEP program.

OR

- ▶ You have applied to the U.S. Armed Forces, college, university or an accredited postsecondary institution. When you apply to take the GED exam, you must include a copy of a Verification Form (www.emsc.nysed.gov/ged/documents/newattch-d.pdf) that must be completed by a recruiting officer or college/university admissions official.

OR

- ▶ You have been a participant in a Job Corps program for at least six (6) months. When you apply to take the GED exam you must include a copy of a Verification Form (www.emsc.nysed.gov/ged/documents/newattch-d.pdf) that must be completed by a Job Corps official.

OR

- ▶ You are a resident confined to a narcotics addiction control center, Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) facility, jail or Department of Correctional Services (DOCS) facility, or a patient in a hospital in New York. When you apply to take the GED test you must include a copy of a Verification Form (www.emsc.nysed.gov/ged/docs/attch-e.pdf) that must be completed by an official of the facility/institution certifying that you are confined to the facility or institution and the HSE diploma is an essential part of the rehabilitation process.

You can find and print copies of each form at the New York State GED Testing Office website at www.emsc.nysed.gov/ged

How Do I Apply to Take the Exam?

There is no cost to take the GED exam in New York State. You can take the test several times if you need to.

First, you need to fill out and submit the necessary applications:

1. **Complete Application for GED Testing** (Attachment A can be found at www.emsc.nysed.gov/ged/docs/attch-a.pdf). Bring or send the application to one of the following local GED test centers. You can also contact the site for a schedule of when the exam will be given.

Educational Opportunity Center of Westchester

26 South Broadway
Yonkers, NY 10701
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
1:30pm – 9:30pm
Wednesday and Friday
9:00am – 5:00pm
(914) 606-7630

White Plains City School District

Rochambeau School
228 Fisher Avenue
White Plains, NY 10606
Monday – Friday
9:00am – 4:30pm
(914) 422-2333

Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES

Tech Center, Room 202
200 BOCES Drive
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
Monday – Friday
8:30am – 3:30pm
(914) 248-2417

Note: There are eligibility requirements at Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES. Please call BOCES for more information.

Yonkers Pathways to Success

Send application to:
75 Riverdale Avenue
Yonkers, NY 10701
Monday – Friday
8:00am – 3:00pm
(914) 376-8600

Note: Pathways GED exams are given at the Firefox School
1061 N. Broadway
Yonkers, NY 10701

2. Everyone must complete the Application (Attachment A) for GED Testing. If you are under 19 you must also complete and include other applications described in the previous section. All applications are available at the GED testing sites and at the State GED Testing Office website at www.emsc.nysed.gov/ged.

For more information on GED in New York State, contact the New York State GED Testing Office at (518) 474-5906 or on the web at: www.emsc.nysed.gov/ged

What are the Requirements for Passing the Exam?

- ▶ When you take the test for the first time, you must take all five parts of the test at once.
- ▶ You must receive a minimum standard score of 410 on each of the five tests, an average passing score on all five tests of 450 or more, and a total minimum passing score of 2,250.
- ▶ All testing records are forwarded to the New York State GED Testing Office. When requirements for issuance of a diploma have been met, a New York State High School Equivalency Diploma will be issued by the New York State Education Department.

If You Do Pass the Exam:

Your New York State High School Equivalency Diploma will be mailed to you. It may take up to two months to receive your diploma.

Need a copy of your GED diploma or transcripts? You must complete a form and send a check or money order to the New York State GED Testing Office. Information about where to send the application and how much to send can be found on the form, available online at www.emsc.nysed.gov/ged/documents/attach-h.pdf.

What If I Don't Pass All Five Tests?

The GED Testing Office in New York State permits GED candidates to try again to pass tests that they did not pass the first time. This is called re-testing.

- ▶ You can re-test up to three times per subject (called subtest) per year (January 1 to December 31). For instance, if you do not pass the math test the first time, you can take it two more times during the calendar year.
- ▶ You are not required to pass all five subtests in the same year.
- ▶ If you're having difficulty passing a particular test, you may take skills improvement and GED test preparation classes at local school districts. You can also find a tutor, and purchase or check out the books or other resources at your local library.
- ▶ You can also watch educational programs on television at home. Thirteen/WNET New York (www.wnet.org) offers three series for adult learners: **TV411** and Workplace Skills (skills review) and **GED Connection** (test preparation).

