GED Resource Guide

The GED (General Educational Development) is a high school equivalency credential earned by passing four subject tests: Reasoning Through Language Arts, Mathematical Reasoning, Science and Social Studies.

1. Create an account at www.**GED.com** and select your testing state

2. Confirm State Eligibility Requirements

- **Ohio:** Must be an Ohio resident and at least 16 years old (under 18 requires additional approvals).
- **Pennsylvania:** Must be a Pennsylvania resident and 18 years or older (under 18 requires additional approvals).
- **Virginia:** Must be at least 18 years old (under 18 permitted with additional documentation and approvals).
- **North Carolina:** Must be at least 18 years old (under 18 may test with official withdrawal and eligibility documentation).
- **Delaware:** Must be at least 16 years old and not currently enrolled in high school (under 18 requires consent and approval).

All states require a valid government-issued photo ID on test day.

3. Check for State Cost Assistance

Before scheduling tests, check for state cost assistance. If eligible, many states offer vouchers or promo codes.

- **Ohio:** Contact your local Career Technical Planning District (CTPD) office to request a state voucher code for first-time test takers (reduces overall testing cost to $64). Find out more through [Home | Ohio Department of Education and Workforce](#)
- **Pennsylvania:** Residents may qualify for free GED testing through a state-funded program. Current promotional codes can be found at [Department of Education | Department of Education | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#)
- **Virginia:** Free or reduced-cost testing may be available if you enroll in an adult education or workforce development GED preparation program (funding varies). [Providers – GED Virginia](#)
- **North Carolina:** Some free Adult Basic Education or High School Equivalency programs may help cover testing fees; check with your local community college or adult education provider. [Financial Assistance - Economic and Workforce Development](#)
- **Delaware:** Some Adult Basic Education and workforce programs may cover GED testing fees for eligible participants; contact a local adult education provider to ask about vouchers.

The total cost to take all four GED subject tests is $144 without vouchers or promo codes ($36 per subject)

4. Determine if a School Withdrawal Form Is Required

A school withdrawal form is not required in most states for adult applicants (18+). It is typically only required for younger test takers. If required, documents must be approved before you can proceed with scheduling your test.

- **Ohio:** Often requires a current school year withdrawal form signed and dated by a school official for applicants who recently left high school or are under 18. This must be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce before scheduling tests.
- **Pennsylvania:** Not required for adults. Applicants ages 16-17 need documentation confirming withdrawal or special approval through the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- **Virginia:** Not required for adults. Test takers under 18 must provide parental consent and documentation verifying they are no longer enrolled in school through the Virginia Department of Education.
- **North Carolina:** Not required for adults. Applicants ages 16-17 must provide official withdrawal documentation and approval through the Community College System.
- **Delaware:** Not required for adults. Applicants under 18 must submit proof they are not enrolled in school and obtain parental consent through the Delaware Department of Education.

5. Log into your GED.com account to schedule each of the four required subject tests: Reasoning Through Language Arts, Mathematical Reasoning, Science, Social Studies

You may:
- Take tests one subject at a time, or
- Schedule multiple tests together

Tests can be taken at an approved testing center or online.

6. GED preparation classes are not required to take the GED exam in Ohio, Virginia, Pennsylvania or Delaware. However, classes are available and are strongly encouraged to help team members pass the test.

You can search for local classes using the GED.com "Find Classes" tool or by contacting your state education agency. Free GED Prep Providers:
- Ohio- Aspire https://www.ohiohighered.org/aspire
- Pennsylvania- Adult Education and Literacy https://www.education.pa.gov/Postsecondary-Adult/Adult%20Education
- Virginia – Regional Adult Education https://valrc.org/programs/
- North Carolina- NC Community Colleges https://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/academic-programs/high-school-equivalency
- Delaware- DE Adult Education https://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/293