

## One Site Fits All – Welcome to GED.com

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## Welcome!

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- Susan Pittman, Consultant to GEDTS

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## Session Objectives

- Explore the new GED.com website
- Learn about student resources
- Learn about educator resources
- Identify locations of your favorite resources
- Spend time discussing issues and concerns

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# Website Redesign

*It's all about improving the student experience! And...you get the benefits, too!*



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## New Home for All Things GED®



Welcome to the home of the official GED® test. Find everything you need to earn your high school equivalency diploma right here.

<https://ged.com/>



## New Website Launched May 2018

- Focus is to improve student experience for:
  - Engagement
  - Persistence
  - Long-term, sustained outcomes
- Because one size doesn't fit all:
  - we continue to highlight adult education, because we understand that teacher support is invaluable
  - we also have options for the 70% of people (nationally) who want to pursue a GED® on their own
- Findings:
  - Extremely positive response from students

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## What Problem Are We Solving?

Students lack the *confidence* and *strategy* to earn their GED credentials.



Give students *what they need*  
at the *time they need it*.

Academic


Behavioral




## Give Students What They Need...

At the time they need it:



- 1. Action (visible) guidance:** Instructions and clarity on how *they* can earn their GED
- 2. Behavioral (non-visible) guidance:** Help people do what they already want to do




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## Assumptions: The new website design...

	Helps students know what to expect	Will promote trust in the GED	Makes the GED seem attainable	Is laid out in a way that makes sense
	Delivers on our design goals	Will increase % of repeat visitors	Is easy to use	Is engaging (students like it)
	Will increase % of students that schedule 1st test	Is clear where to go to schedule	Provides guidance	Helps students who don't know where to start
	Is less intimidating	Surfaces relevant and useful content	Won't slow down people already planning to schedule	

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## Goal 1

Better organize information so it's aligned to what students want to do

Reduce clutter

View progress

Learn more about the GED right away

Take action

Surface options after 1-click

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## Goal 2

Surface useful content in meaningful ways

Dynamic to student's activity and what next steps would provide order and structure

Seamlessly stay in GED.com browser, mobile friendly

Show prep options after they've gone through 10 free Qs

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## Goal 3

### Clearly set students' expectations

Tell students what to expect in the scheduling process when they click "Take the GED"

Give students important information about the GED test right after signing up

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## Goal 4

### Provide guidance that encourages action

Tell students what to do next by showing relevant prep products

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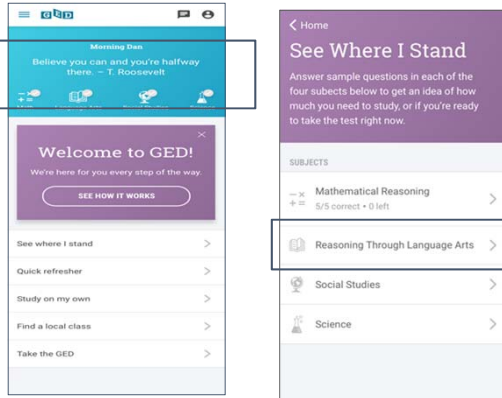
# Goal 5

Modernize the design so it's enjoyable + personalize it a bit

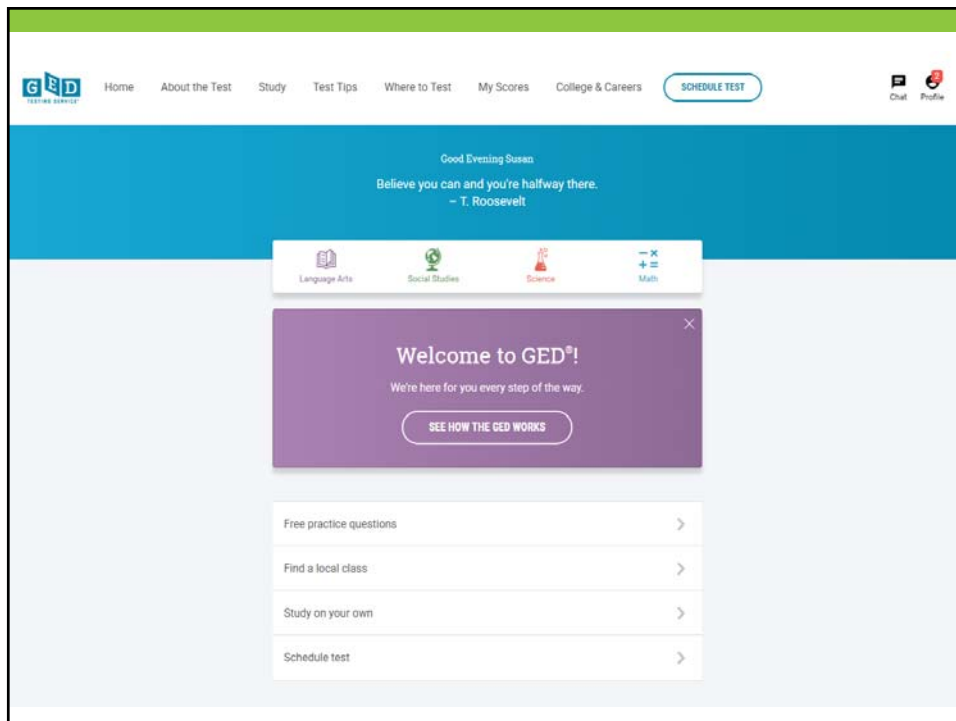
Welcome students by name

Add an element of surprise and encouragement with a quote

Save and show progress



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# Free Practice Questions

Answer sample questions in each subject to get an idea of the skills you'll be tested on.


Subjects

 Language Arts 10 Questions	 Social Studies 10 Questions
 Science 10 Questions	 Math 10 Questions

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# Language Arts Sample Question

Language Arts Questions 1 of 10

Which quotation from the passage supports the idea that Suptee is teaching the narrator a skill that requires patience?

I will be too busy to drink.


Each step was exaggerated and painfully slow.

When we were boys we practiced with rhinoceroses when they were asleep.

The tribe taught me to stalk many other animals.

**Lessons on the Savanna**  
by Roland Smith

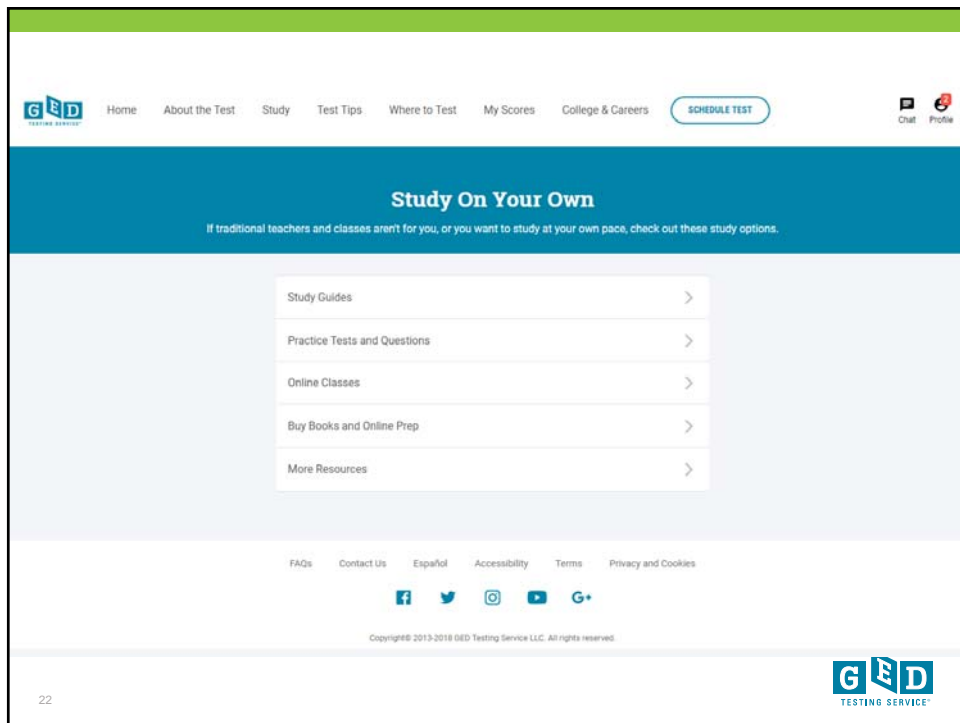
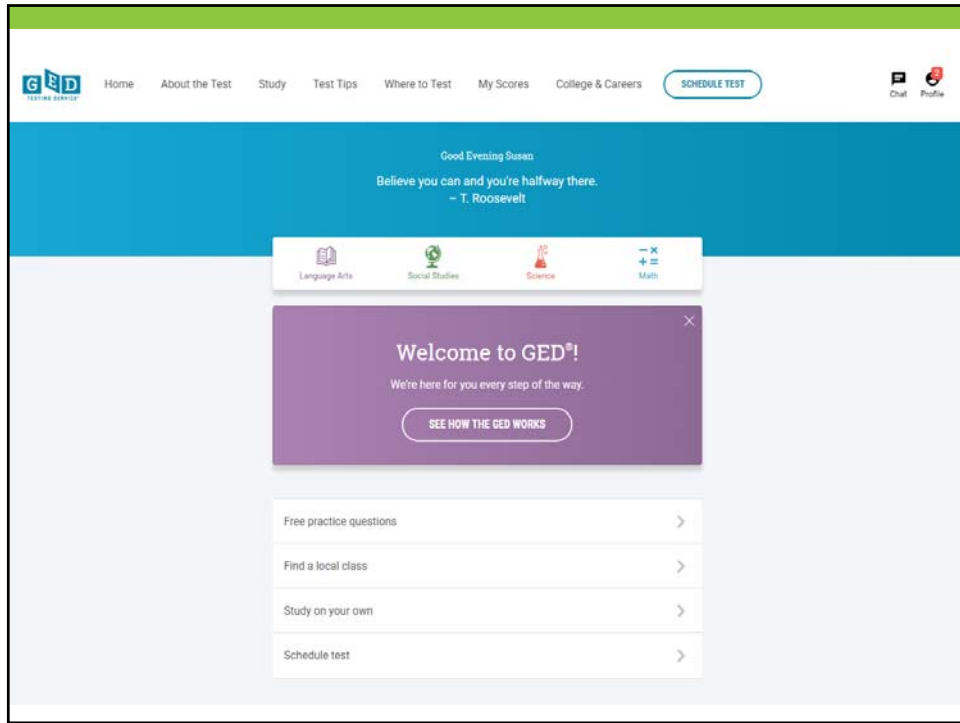
1. "I'm not so worried about time anymore," I said.
2. He smiled. "Good! You are making progress. Come with me."
3. He led me to a tree not far from the camp.
4. "You must climb as high as you can and find a comfortable branch where you can look out over the savanna." He handed me the water gourd. "You will need this."
5. I took the gourd. "What about you?"
6. "I will be too busy to drink," he said.
7. I didn't know what he meant by this, but I climbed the bone-dry tree anyway and found a large branch near the top that was comfortable.
8. "Can you see the grass of the savanna?" Suptee yelled up to me.
9. "Yes," I shouted back.
10. "Good! What else do you see?"
11. Here we go again, I thought. I looked carefully. Shimmering waves of heat created mirages in the distance. I saw three kippes within a half mile of each other. Trees dotted the landscape, and there were several small groups of animals grazing on the dry grass of the savanna. About a hundred and fifty yards away, a herd of zebras took advantage of the shade of an acacia tree. A few hundred feet past the herd were a few more trees and underneath them were two rhinoceroses sleeping. I told Suptee what I saw.



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The screenshot shows the GED Testing Service homepage. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, About the Test, Study, Test Tips, Where to Test, My Scores, and College & Careers. A prominent 'SCHEDULE TEST' button is located in the top right corner. Below the navigation is a blue banner with the text 'Good Evening Student' and the quote 'Believe you can and you're halfway there. - T. Roosevelt'. A central white box contains icons for Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and Math. Below this is a purple box with the text 'Welcome to GED!' and a 'SEE HOW THE GED WORKS' button. At the bottom, there are four white buttons with right-pointing arrows: 'Free practice questions', 'Find a local class', 'Study on your own', and 'Schedule test'.

The screenshot shows the 'Find GED Classes' page. It features a map of the Asheville, NC area with red location pins. A search bar on the right allows users to enter a zip/postal code or address, with '28712' entered. Below the search bar, a list of nearby GED Test Prep Centers is displayed, including Blue Ridge Community College, Southwestern Community College, Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, and Pickens Adult Learning Center. Each listing includes the center's name, address, phone number, and distance from the user. A note at the bottom of the list states: 'If I see this star above, what does it mean?'. Below the map and list, there is a paragraph of text: 'Can't find your center? Ask them to visit gedtestingservice.com/prep to be added. In the meantime, you can print your score report and share it with your teacher. The adult education or prep centers listed are independent third parties and provided for your convenience. GED Testing Service has no partnership or agreement with the centers. You should review the centers on your own to make sure you find the support that is right for you.' At the bottom of the page, there are links for FAQs, Contact Us, Español, Accessibility, Terms, and Privacy and Cookies. The GED Testing Service logo is in the bottom right corner.



**Study Guides**  
These simple study guides will give you an overview of the topics on each test.

You don't need to know everything in this guide. If you want to see how close you are to passing, take the GED Ready® practice test.

Got It

**Language Arts**

- Intro to the Language Arts Test (6 skills)
- Reading for Meaning (6 skills)
- Identifying and Creating Arguments (4 skills)
- Grammar and Language (4 skills)

**Social Studies**

- Intro to the Social Studies Test (5 skills)
- Reading for Meaning in Social Studies (5 skills)
- Analyzing Historical Events and Arguments in Social Studies (4 skills)
- Using Numbers and Graphs in Social Studies (4 skills)

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**Study On Your Own**  
If traditional teachers and classes aren't for you, or you want to study at your own pace, check out these study options.

- Study Guides >
- Practice Tests and Questions >
- Online Classes >
- Buy Books and Online Prep >
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**Practice**  
Practice makes progress

GED Ready® Practice Test



The official practice test by GED Testing Service

- 1/2 the length of the GED® test
- Features:
  - Questions similar to the real test
  - Indicates how likely you are to pass the real test
  - Get a targeted study plan that tells you exactly what you need to study


Price: \$6 per subject or \$24 for all 4

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GED Flash™



Build your confidence with access to thousands of digital practice questions in Math, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies. Master any subject by practicing the exact concepts you'll need to know to pass the GED test

- Includes:
  - 30 days of unlimited access to practice questions in the subject you purchased
  - Availability wherever, whenever you want to study via mobile, tablet, laptop, or desktop
  - Instant answers with step-by-step explanations on how to master concepts like algebra, geometry, grammar and reading for meaning

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### Find GED® Classes

Find in-person or online classes to help you prepare for and pass the GED® test.

#### Local GED Classes




Want to attend GED classes at a local prep center?

A local GED class can provide:

- Support throughout your GED journey
- Expert instruction on GED test subjects
- Practice for the GED test
- Help with career and college planning

[Find local classes](#)

#### GED Live™



Official live online prep courses for the GED test, brought to you by GED Testing Service and Kaplan Test Prep.

- All GED Live™ products are accessible by computer, tablet, or mobile device
- GED Live products include:
  - Live, interactive classes with Kaplan's highest-rated teachers
  - Online classes held on weekday and Sunday evenings
  - Pre-recorded versions of all classes, accessible anytime
  - Email access to GED experts for all of your questions

[GED Live Comprehensive Product Details ▶](#)  
[GED Live Math Product Details ▶](#)  
[GED Live Reasoning through Language Arts \(RLA\) Product Details ▶](#)


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This screenshot shows a product listing page for GED preparation materials. On the left, there is a sidebar with a 'You've selected' section showing 'Category: "GED Test Prep"' and a 'Clear all' link. Below this is a 'PRODUCTS' section with various filters: 'Available in Spanish', 'Available for International', 'GED Online Classes', 'GED Test Voucher', 'GED Test Prep' (with sub-filters for All Subjects, Math, Science, Reading & Writing, Social Studies, Publisher, and Price), 'GED Prep Packages', 'Skills Training', and 'Teacher Resources'. At the bottom of the sidebar is a 'MYGED™' button. The main content area shows a list of products, starting with 'GED Ready® - 1 Subject' priced at \$6.00, 'REA's Total Solution for the GED® Test, 2nd Ed.' priced at \$24.95, 'GED Ready® - All 4 Subjects' priced at \$24.00, and 'Actec Software's 1 month GED Preparation Solutions' priced at \$50.00. Each product listing includes an 'Add to Cart' button, a 'Compare' button, and social media icons for Facebook, Pinterest, and YouTube. The page also features a search bar, a 'View 50 Items Per Page' dropdown, and a pagination indicator showing '1 2 3 of 5'. The GED Testing Service logo is visible in the bottom right corner.

This screenshot shows the 'Study On Your Own' page on the GED website. The top navigation bar includes the GED logo, links for Home, About the Test, Study, Test Tips, Where to Test, My Scores, College & Careers, and a 'SCHEDULE TEST' button. There are also icons for Chat and Profile. The main heading is 'Study On Your Own' with the subtext 'If traditional teachers and classes aren't for you, or you want to study at your own pace, check out these study options.' Below this is a list of five study options, each with a right-pointing arrow: 'Study Guides', 'Practice Tests and Questions', 'Online Classes', 'Buy Books and Online Prep', and 'More Resources'. The footer contains links for FAQs, Contact Us, Español, Accessibility, Terms, and Privacy and Cookies, along with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and Google+. The GED Testing Service logo is in the bottom right corner.



**Free Study Guides**

See what you will be tested on in each subject.

Language Arts Science Social Studies Math

**Buy Study Materials**

- Prep Packages: Everything you need in 1 package
- Prep Books, Guides, and eLearning
- Available in Spanish

**More Free Resources**

Language Arts Materials

- Extended Response (Essay) Guidelines
- Extended Response (Essay) Sample

Math Materials


- Math Formula Sheet
- Practice with the Calculator Tutorial
- Calculator Reference Sheet

How to Write a Great GED® Extended Response

Overview of the GED Extended Response Part 1

- Play All: How to Write a great GED extended response
- Video 1 of 8: Overview of the GED Extended Response
- Video 2 of 8: How to Determine Which Position is Best Supported
- Video 3 of 8: How to Write a Well-Supported Argument

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## Dashboard

MyGED®: Dashboard

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What's Next? You're eligible to take the test. Schedule today.


Language Arts Science **Social Studies** Math

**GED Ready®: The Official Practice Test** See my score report?

Score: 138 - Too Close to Call Date Taken: 04/07/2017

You're only 1-3 questions away from passing. Get your detailed score report by clicking the "See my score report" button.

Take GED Ready® again



## My Scores / Scores

MyGED® : Scores

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Scores Share my scores/Find a Prep Program Print Back to Dashboard

Mathematical Reasoning	Reasoning Through Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
Highest Score: Not Taken Test Date: Not Taken	Highest Score: Not Taken Test Date: Not Taken	Highest Score: Not Taken Test Date: Not Taken	Highest Score: Not Taken Test Date: Not Taken
Prepare Schedule Test	Prepare Schedule Test	Prepare Schedule Test	Prepare Schedule Test

Useful Links: What is the Discounted Retake Program? View all my scores Learn about scores

### GED Ready® : The Official Practice Test

Are you GED Ready®? Find out with our official practice test. Take one subject at a time or all four and build your confidence for test day.

Mathematical Reasoning	Reasoning Through Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
Status: Likely to Pass View Results	Status: Not Likely to Pass View Results	Status: Likely to Pass View Results	Status: Too Close to Call View Results
Take GED Ready®	Take GED Ready®	Take GED Ready®	Take GED Ready®

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## My Score Report

MyGED® : Score Report

GED Ready® - Science Print Back to Scores

**My Score: 147**  
LIKELY TO PASS  
Test Date: 01/16/2017  
Share my scores/Find a Prep Program

How I Can Score Higher What My Score Means My Written Answers

Step 1 Select your study material to create a customized study plan based on your answers:  
Kaplan GED 2015 Strategies, Practice, and Review by New Readers Press

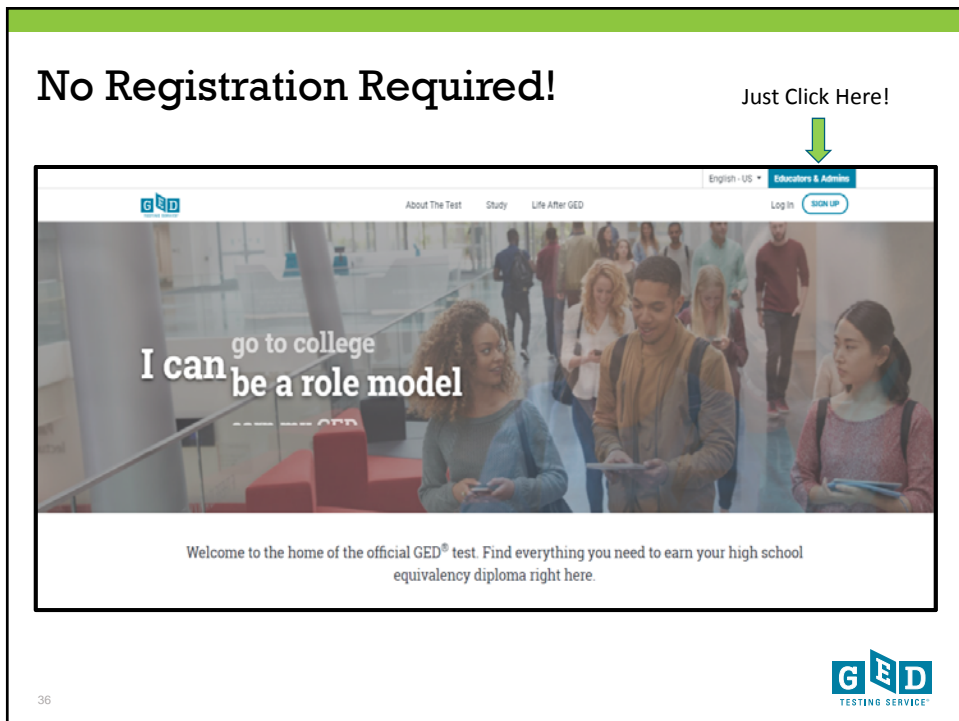
Kaplan GED 2015 Strategies, Practice, and Review by New Readers Press  
by New Readers Press  
This book provides comprehensive content review, strategies, and two full-length practice tests, one in the book and one online.

Step 2 Use the study material selected above to improve your skills listed below.

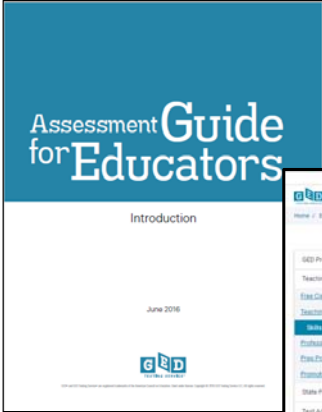
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## Resources to Explore




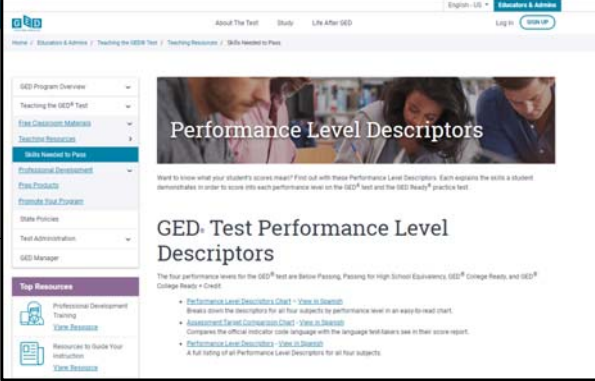
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for Educators

Introduction

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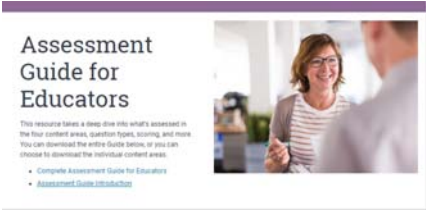






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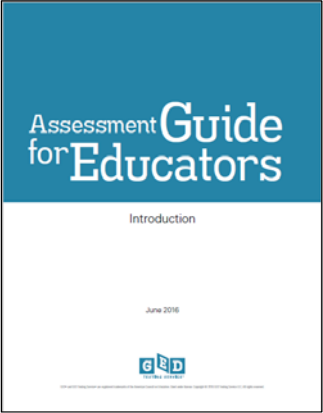
## The Assessment Guide for Educators



Assessment Guide for Educators

This resource takes a deep dive into what's assessed in the four content areas, question types, scoring, and more. You can download the entire Guide below, or you can choose to download the individual content areas.


- Complete Assessment Guide for Educators
- Assessment Guide Introduction



Assessment Guide  
for Educators


Introduction

June 2016



Covers all content areas

- Item types
- Assessment targets
- Guidelines for how items are scored
- More . . .



## GED® Assessment Target Comparison Chart

The comparison chart provides the “technical” language of assessment targets with a “translation” that is test-taker friendly.

### GED® Test – Reasoning Through Language Arts (RLA)

INDICATOR CODE	INDICATOR LANGUAGE FOR EDUCATORS	INDICATOR LANGUAGE TRANSLATED FOR TEST-TAKERS
R.2.1	Comprehend explicit details and main ideas in text.	Understand specific details and main ideas in a passage.
R.2.2	Summarize details and ideas in text.	Summarize the details and ideas in a passage.
R.2.3	Make sentence level inferences about details that support main ideas.	Infer the relationship between the details and main idea given.
R.2.4	Infer implied main ideas in paragraphs or whole texts.	Infer the main idea based on a set of details in single paragraphs and the whole written source.
R.2.5	Determine which detail(s) support(s) a main idea.	Determine which details support the main idea.
R.2.6	Identify a theme, or identify which element(s) in a text support a theme.	Identify a theme or element of a written source that supports a theme.
R.2.7	Make evidence based generalizations or hypotheses based on details in text, including clarifications, extensions, or applications of main ideas to new situations.	Make generalizations or hypotheses based on evidence in a written source.

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## Performance Level Descriptors

- Four Performance Levels
  - Below Passing
  - HSE
  - GED® College Ready
  - GED® College Ready + Credit
- What skills are demonstrated at each level
- What skills need development to advance to the next level


**Mathematical Reasoning** — × + =

- [Below Passing](#) [View in Spanish](#)
- [Passing Score](#) [View in Spanish](#)
- [College Ready](#) [View in Spanish](#)
- [College Ready + Credit](#) [View in Spanish](#)

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# Teaching Resources



by the groundwork for effective instruction and guide your students to develop the skills they need to succeed using these resources.

**Educator Handbook**  
Get an overview of GED® test content and recommended teaching strategies.

[Download](#)


**Skills Students Need to Pass**  
See exactly what skills students need to demonstrate to pass and to attain each score level.

[Learn more](#)


**High Impact Indicators**  
Skills are not all created equal! Improving certain skills can help students improve in other areas. These resources provide detailed guidance on how you can best help improve student performance.

High Impact Indicators - [View in Spanish](#)  
HI Relationship Across Content Areas - [View in Spanish](#)

Help students test with confidence!



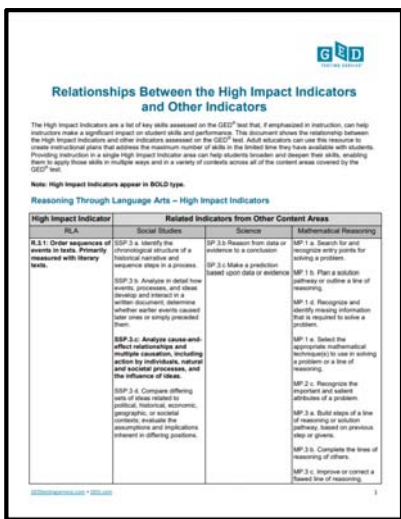
Order **FREE** professionally printed (Math & Calculator) posters for your classroom.



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# High-Impact Indicators Relationships

- Show relationships among High Impact Indicators
- Demonstrate interconnectedness across content areas
- Develop skills available for use across a range of learning contexts




**Relationships Between the High Impact Indicators and Other Indicators**

The High Impact Indicators are a set of key skills assessed on the GED® test that, if emphasized in instruction, can help students make a significant impact on student skills and performance. This document shows the relationship between the High Impact Indicators and other indicators assessed on the GED® test. Adult educators can use the resources to create instructional plans that address the essential number of skills or the indicator from those available with students. Providing instruction in a single High Impact Indicator area can help students transfer and deepen their skills, resulting in higher scores on multiple areas and in a variety of contexts across all of the content areas assessed by the GED® test.

**Notes:** High Impact Indicators appear in **BOLD** type.

**Reasoning Through Language Arts – High Impact Indicators**

High Impact Indicator	Related Indicators from Other Content Areas
<b>RI.1</b> Order sequences of events in texts. Primarily measured with literary texts.	<p><b>Science</b></p> <p>SP 3.1 Reason from data or evidence to a conclusion</p> <p>SP 3.2 Make a prediction based upon data or evidence</p>
<b>RI.2</b> Analyze in detail how events, processes, and ideas develop and interact in a written document, determine whether major events revealed later cause or simply precede them.	<p><b>Mathematical Reasoning</b></p> <p>MP 1.1 Search for and recognize entry points for solving a problem</p> <p>MP 1.2 Plan a solution pathway or outline a line of reasoning</p> <p>MP 1.3 Recognize and identify missing information that is required to solve a problem</p>
<b>RI.3</b> Analyze cause and effect relationships and multiple causation, including action by individuals, natural and societal processes, and the influence of ideas.	<p>MP 1.4 Select the appropriate mathematical technology to use in solving a problem or a line of reasoning</p> <p>MP 2.1 Recognize the important and related attributes of a problem</p> <p>MP 2.2 Recognize the important and related attributes of a problem</p> <p>MP 3.1 Build steps of a line of reasoning or solution pathway based on premises, data or graphs</p> <p>MP 3.2 Complete the lines of reasoning or solution pathway</p> <p>MP 3.3 Improve or correct a flawed line of reasoning</p>
<b>RI.4</b> Compare differing sets of ideas related to political, historical, scientific, geographic, or societal contexts, evaluate the assumptions and implications inherent in offering positions.	



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## Tuesdays for Teachers Webinars

- Recorded presentation
- Slideshow document
- Resources – including strategies & classroom activities
- More . . .



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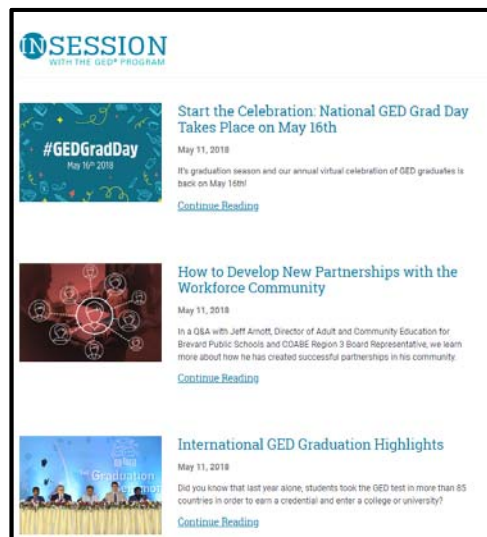
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## In Session

- Monthly newsletter
- Easy sign-up
- Topics of interest to adult educators
- Focus on changes that impact you and your students

<https://ged.com/in-session/>



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## Tutorials

- Ensures no surprises on test day
- Opportunity to practice and build skills
- Familiarity can lead to better performance

### Tutorials

Students should practice with these tutorials so they learn about various question types and become familiar with how the test and calculator work. The tutorials work best on a computer (not a smartphone or tablet).

Computer-Based  
Test Tutorial



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[View Now - In Spanish](#)

Calculator Tutorial



[View Now](#)

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## Tools – Tools – Tools!



- On-screen color combinations
- Text size
- Highlighting text and shortcuts (cut/paste)

Computer-Based  
Test Tutorial



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## Calculator Tutorial

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# FAQs

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Educators & Admins


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**FAQ Categories**

- Top FAQs
- The GED Ready® Practice Test
- Scheduling the GED® Test
- Testing Accommodations
- What to Expect on Test Day
- Understanding Scores
- Test Retakes
- Technical Requirements
- GED® Test Fraud

GED® FAQs


<https://ged.com/faq/>



**It's Your Turn**

- Questions?
- Issues?
- Concerns?

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“ *To build the educated and employed communities of tomorrow...one student at a time.* ”

— 2014 GED® Program Goal  
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## Need More Information?

- **General questions**  
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