

Take A Life Changing Step



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Eligibility to take the GED Tests

An individual is eligible to take the GED Test if they meet the guidelines listed below:

- * 17 years of age or older and not currently enrolled in high school
- * is not a high school graduate or a GED graduate
- * has maintained residence in the State of Illinois for thirty days and is a current resident of Sangamon County.

Note: If an individual is of school age and has been enrolled in a public, private, or a home school setting in the last 12 months, they must present a withdrawal letter from the last school enrolled before taking GED Test.

Preparing for the Tests

The following GED Test Preparation Programs are offered to residents of Sangamon County:

LLCC Teal Program:
217/786-2349
5250 Shepherd Road
Springfield, IL 62794

Lawrence Adult Program:
217/525-3144
101 East Laurel
Springfield, IL 62704

Where to Register for the Tests

Registration for the GED test must be made in person, Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, at the Sangamon County Complex, Room 303, located at 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 (phone: (217) 753-6620). A valid government issued photo ID containing signature and date of birth must be presented at the time of registration. A valid Illinois Drivers License or a State of Illinois ID is acceptable.

Cost of the Tests

A \$50.00 fee is assessed for testing and the issuance of the High School Equivalency Certificate. This fee must be paid at the time of registration. If the standard score is not achieved on any portion of the GED Tests, a retake of that portion will need to be completed. A \$10.00 retest fee will be assessed for each of the following: Mathematics – (2 parts), Science, Social Studies, and Language Arts/Reading; a \$15.00 retest fee is required for the Language Arts/Writing Test.

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Test Components

There are five subject tests on the GED Test.

Test	Format	Number of Questions	Time Limits
Math	Part 1 – Calculator	25	45 minutes
	Part 2 – No Calculator	25	45 minutes
Language Arts/Writing	Part 1 – Multiple Choice	50	75 minutes
	Part 2 Essay		45 minutes
Science	Multiple Choice	50	80 minutes
Social Studies	Multiple Choice	50	70 minutes
Language Arts/Reading	Multiple Choice	40	65 minutes

Passing Score

Examinees must achieve a minimum standard score of 410 on all five tests and a minimum total standard score of 2,250 on the entire battery (average score of 450 on all tests). Examinees may test three times in each subject area in a calendar year.

The Constitution Test

In addition to the five GED subject tests, Illinois residents are required to successfully complete an examination on the principles of government as outlined in the Declaration of Independence, United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, as well as the proper use and display of the American Flag as provided by Section 27-3 of the School Code of Illinois or provide proof of successful completion of these tests. The constitution test consists of 60 multiple-choice questions. A candidate must answer 30 of the 60 questions correctly to pass the test. The constitution test is given in the Regional Superintendent of School's Office located in the Sangamon County Complex, Room 303, located at 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 (phone: (217) 753-6620). There is no charge for taking this test. The test may be taken Monday – Friday between 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Examinees need to present a government issued identification card when they take the test.

Testing Accommodations

Not all individuals can be fairly tested under standard conditions. If you have a documented learning, physical or emotional disability, you may qualify for accommodations for a GED test administration. If approved, accommodations are provided at no additional charge. Contact the GED Testing Office for more information.

If you have any questions contact Emily Wetherell, at (217) 753-6620.