



Patrick County Adult Education

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who are we?

The Adult Education Center is a division of Patrick County Public Schools. We provide high school equivalency education to adults 18 years of age and older. Both day and evening classes are offered to accommodate our students' busy schedules.

When does the next High School Equivalency (GED®) class start?

Patrick County Adult Education holds GED® classes year round. Classes are open enrollment, which means you may start the class at any time.

How long will I have to attend class before I can take the GED® test?

That depends.....

- On how long it has been since you were in school.
- On whether your life experiences have sharpened some academic skills.
- On how much time you can spend working on your lessons each week.

How do I register to take the test?

All test registrations must be completed online through MYGED at www.ged.com. Once on the website, you will create an account, select a test date and center, answer a few questions, and pay your test fee (via credit card or prepaid voucher that you obtain from the test center that offer that service).

How much does the test cost?

The entire test battery of 4 subjects costs \$120. A single test is \$30. There is no separate registration fee. Re-takes are \$10.00.

What if I don't have the money to take the test?

Students who obtain scores of 145 or higher on the Official GED Ready Practice test qualify for a scholarship. Check with our office for more information.

What do I have to score to pass the GED test?

The GED® test has a passing score of 145 for each subject. Therefore, students will need to reach a score of at least 145 on each subject and a total score of 580 or higher across all four subjects in order to receive the GED® test credential. See below for the full score scale:

- **Below Passing: 100-144**
- **GED® Passing Score: 145-164**
- **GED® College Ready: 165-174**
- **GED® College Ready + Credit: 175-200**

What is on the GED Test?

✪ Mathematics..... 115 Minutes (1 Hour & 55 Minutes)

- Part 1 – (first 5 test questions) calculator not allowed
- Part 2 – (remaining 41 test questions) calculator allowed

The GED® Mathematical Reasoning Test focuses on two major content domains:

- Quantitative problem solving (45%)
- Algebraic problem solving (55%)



The different item types used in the test include:

- Multiple choice, Drag-and-drop, Hot spot, Fill-in-the-blank

🌟 **Language Arts**.....150 Minutes (2 Hours & 30 Minutes)

- Section 1 (35 minutes*) tests all content
- Section 2 (45 minutes) is the Extended Response portion of the test
- Student break (10 minutes)
- Section 3 (60 minutes*) tests all content

The time allotted for sections 1 and 3 may vary slightly, but the total test time will always be 150 minutes.

The RLA test focuses on three grouping of skills:

- The ability to read closely
- The ability to write clearly
- The ability to edit and understand the use of standard written English in context

🌟 **Science**.....90 Minutes (1 Hour & 30 Minutes)

The Science test is 90 minutes long and is one single section. There are two Short Answer questions included on the test, but they are not timed separately. Students are expected to manage their time and spend about 10 minutes on each of the Short Answer questions.

The Science Test focuses on three major content domains:

1. Life Science (40%)
2. Physical Science (40%)
3. Earth and Space Science (20%)

The content topics focus on science that reflects both what is taught in many high-school –level science courses and that which is most relevant and useful. There are several different item types used in the test, including:

- Multiple choice, Drag-and-drop, Hot spot, Fill-in-the-blank, Short Answer

🌟 **Social Studies**.....70 Minutes (1 Hour & 10 Minutes)

- The Social Studies test is 70 minutes long and is one single section.

The GED® Social Studies Test focuses on the fundamentals of social studies reasoning, striking a balance of deeper conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and the ability to apply these fundamentals in realistic situations. In order to stay true to this intention, each item on the Social Studies Test is aligned to one social studies practice and one content topic.

The social studies practices can be described as skills that are key to scientific reasoning in both textual and quantitative contexts. The practices come from important skills specified in the Career and College Ready State Standards and other career-and college-readiness standards, as well as in National Standards for History.

The Social Studies Test will also focus on four major content domains:

1. Civics and government (50%)
2. United States history (20%)
3. Economics (15%)
4. Geography and the world (15%)

To measure this content at a range of levels of complexity, several different item types are used in the test, including multiple choice, drag-and-drop, hot spot, and fill-in-the-blank.

