

Is the GED the Right Choice for You?

What is the GED?

GED stands for General Education Development and is a four part exam covering:

- Math: basic math skills in real-life applications, geometry, algebra, and graphs & functions (common ways that data is organized, including how to put it into tables. Understand the concepts of median, mean, mode, range, probability, and statistics.)
- Science: reading for meaning in science, designing and interpreting science experiments, using numbers and graphics
- Language arts: reading for meaning, identifying and creating arguments, grammar and language
- Social studies: world and US history, civics and government, geography, and economics

Who is eligible for GED Opportunity?

- Students who are at least 16 years old and reside in EPSD9 boundaries are eligible to enroll for the GED.
- Students who are credit deficient in 11th or 12th grade and do not think they will be able to retrieve all credits by their expected graduation date.
- Students who have determined that a traditional high school diploma is not for them in partnership with a graduation coach *and* HS administrator.

What is the GED Test Experience?

The online tests are proctored onsite at URCEO by an URCEO teacher who monitors the student on camera. URCEO uses Pearson materials and covers the cost of the exams.

When a student is ready to take one of the four content area exams, they email Mr. Cardwell who schedules a time for them to come into URCEO for the exam.

Math: 115 minutes. 2 parts. 3 minute break
Science: 90 minutes. 1 section. No breaks
LA: 150 minutes. 3 sections. 10 minute break
SS: 70 minutes. 1 section. No breaks

[Accommodations](#) may be an option for the GED test for students who qualify.

GED Opportunity Student Requirements:

1. Students must be motivated and capable of working independently because there is no direct-instruction or classes.
2. Students must develop their personal study schedule with the goal of completing a minimum of one test per term.
3. Students must demonstrate progress on a regular basis to remain eligible.

SpEd services are not available through URCEO for the GED opportunity.

How does the URCEO GED Opportunity work?

URCEO GED students are enrolled in the self-paced Edmentum course designed to provide focused instruction mapped to the GED test objectives. We encourage students to take advantage of the GED prep textbook (value \$15) that can be checked out from the URCEO office. The book includes practice tests.

Students are responsible for demonstrating attendance/participation a minimum of 2Xs per week through keeping a study log that is provided to them. Not completing their log submission consistently will result in a conference with the principal or GED coordinator. Continued non participation will result in removal from the program.

The GED Opportunity is primarily independent, self-directed study. Tutoring services are available as needed and can be arranged with the principal or GED coordinator.