

# Yavapai College Adult Education GED Program

## *What Can I Do to Study on My Own?!*

### • GO TO THE LIBRARY AND CHECK OUT A BOOK

Many different publishers print GED preparation books. Most of the libraries carry them. Any book published after 2002 has the most up-to-date information. Each book provides pretests and posttests for practice, as well as subject material for review. Any eighth grade math book will help with basic math preparation.

### • BUY ONE OF THE GED PREPARATION BOOKS

You may buy books from the *Yavapai College Bookstores* on the Prescott and Verde campuses. They usually carry copies of each subject. All the local bookstores also carry GED preparation books.

### • PRACTICE FOR THE GED ESSAY AT HOME WITH PEN AND PAPER

For the GED essay portion of the Language Arts-Writing test, you will be asked to write a short essay. Using topics from the web link below, practice writing at home on different topics. Jot down some ideas to get started. Be clear and organized, and use examples from your personal experience to illustrate your opinion. Remember to have a beginning, middle, and end to your writing. **Writing topics web link:** [http://www.eslgold.com/writing/sample\\_essay\\_topics.html](http://www.eslgold.com/writing/sample_essay_topics.html)

## *GED Practice on the Internet*

### • USE THE COMPUTER IN YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Each library may have a 1 or 2-hour limit for computer use, but anyone living in the county may use any library, including the Yavapai College library, with a current library card.

### • GET ON LINE AT HOME

<a href="http://www.yc.edu/ged">www.yc.edu/ged</a>	39 GED prep videos by PBS TV; click <i>GED Test Resources</i> (right side)
<a href="http://www.az-aall.org">www.az-aall.org</a>	practice in all five GED subjects; click <i>GED 2002</i> ; then <i>GED Activities for Students</i> )
<a href="http://www.edhelper.com">www.edhelper.com</a>	all subjects
<a href="http://www.multiplication.com">www.multiplication.com</a>	multiplication practice and links to other math sites
<a href="http://www.aaamath.com">www.aaamath.com</a>	math
<a href="http://www.thatquiz.org/">www.thatquiz.org/</a>	math
<a href="http://www.coolmath.com">www.coolmath.com</a>	math; click on <i>Ages 13-100</i> , then <i>Fractions</i> or...
<a href="http://www.math-drills.com">www.math-drills.com</a>	click on the math subjects you want to review
<a href="http://www.aplusmath.com">www.aplusmath.com</a>	flashcards for times tables; worksheets (answers available) in all basic math
<a href="http://www.sciencemonster.com">www.sciencemonster.com</a>	solar system, virtual Mars, star tour, virtual globe, gravity & inertia, robot moths, world watch
<a href="http://www.sciencespot.net/">www.sciencespot.net/</a>	all science; click on <i>Science Classroom</i> then select science area
<a href="http://www.fearofphysics.com">www.fearofphysics.com</a>	physics
<a href="http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/">www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/</a>	readings on US history topics, includes video overview of US history
<a href="http://www.atlapedia.com/">www.atlapedia.com/</a>	lots of maps
<a href="http://bensguide.gpo.gov/">bensguide.gpo.gov/</a>	facts about the US government at several different reading levels
<a href="http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/">grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/</a>	all aspects of English grammar
<a href="http://web2.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc/studyzone/index.htm">web2.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc/studyzone/index.htm</a>	basic reading and grammar practice (several levels)
<a href="http://members.tripod.com/~lklivingston/essay/index.html">members.tripod.com/~lklivingston/essay/index.html</a>	essay writing fundamentals
<a href="http://www.lexington1.net/adulted/high-school/ged_essay.htm">www.lexington1.net/adulted/high-school/ged_essay.htm</a>	hints for the GED essay
<a href="http://www.gedforfree.com">www.gedforfree.com</a>	study in all 5 GED subjects: you must register to begin using this site
<a href="http://www.mhcontemporary.com/pages/gedsatellite.php">www.mhcontemporary.com/pages/gedsatellite.php</a>	online study site for all 5 tests

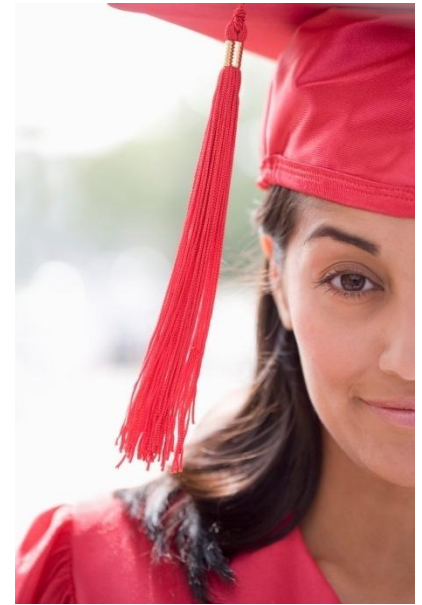
### • GED ON-LINE PRACTICE TESTS

<a href="http://www.testprepreview.com/ged_practice.htm">www.testprepreview.com/ged_practice.htm</a>	math and writing subject tests are best
<a href="http://free-ed.net/free-ed/GED/">free-ed.net/free-ed/GED/</a>	at the bottom of the screen; click <a href="http://Free-Ed.Net's_asynchronous_GED_prep">Free-Ed.Net's asynchronous GED prep</a>
<a href="http://steckvaughn.harcourtachieve.com/en-US/gedpractice">steckvaughn.harcourtachieve.com/en-US/gedpractice</a>	tests in all five areas

NOTE: In Arizona, official GED tests are given only at designated testing centers. For a list of official AZ test centers, see <http://www.ade.az.gov/adult-ed/rptGedTestingCenters.pdf> Both the Prescott Campus and Verde Campus have GED Testing Centers.

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## General Educational Development (GED)



### Testing Overview

The General Educational Development (GED) Program provides an opportunity to obtain a High School Equivalency Diploma to people who have not completed high school. Applicants are required to take a battery of five tests. The tests are timed, and the times are strictly enforced.

- **Language Arts, Writing** - 120 minutes - 50 Questions and Essay
- **Language Arts, Reading** - 65 minutes - 40 Questions
- **Social Studies** - 70 minutes - 50 Questions
- **Science** - 80 minutes - 50 Questions
- **Mathematics** - 90 minutes - 50 Questions

The test is offered in three different languages – English, Spanish, and French.

Persons who are currently enrolled in high school or have a high school diploma are not eligible to take the GED test.

**The minimum age for testing is 16 years. However, sixteen- and seventeen-year-old candidates may not test without a letter of withdrawal from the last school they attended stating the last date they were enrolled. Furthermore, a notarized statement of permission from a parent or guardian is required. No faxes or photocopies are accepted.**

To receive a diploma, candidates must obtain a minimum of 410 standard score points on each individual test, and a total of at least 2250 standard score points on the battery of five tests. When all 5 tests are completed, a minimum average score of 450 points is required. The GED test is offered several times per month, and candidates have the option of taking the full battery of tests in a single day or over two different test dates.

If passing scores are not attained, retests in any subject must be taken with a different form of the test. Candidates are encouraged to consider preparatory manuals and/or classes as means of sharpening their skills in the areas in which they failed. When a candidate retests, only his/her highest score on that particular test will be counted.

**Pre-registration is required for the GED test.** At pre-registration, be prepared with the test fee, a photo ID with signature and age (and the above-mentioned documents if you are 16 or 17). You will select a future test date at this time.

Test Fees:

- Battery of five tests: \$65.00
- Individual retests: \$10.00

To pre-register, contact Yavapai College:

- Prescott Campus Testing Center, Building 1, Room 225 (776-2200)
- Verde Campus Business Office, Building I, Room 126 (634-6518)

Access <http://www2.yc.edu/content/testingservices/ged.htm> for more information about GED Testing.