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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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)

The Mathematical Reasoning test:

- is 115 minutes
- has 2 parts with a 3-minute break
- does not allow the calculator on Part 1
- allows you to use a TI-30XS calculator for Part 2
- gives you an on-screen calculator and allows you to bring in your own TI-30XS calculator
- gives you some Math formulas and a calculator reference sheet

Measures your:

- quantitative problem-solving abilities (45%)
- algebraic problem-solving abilities (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)

The Reasoning Through Language Arts test:

- consists of 3 sections
- includes a 10-minute break between sections 2 and 3
- includes one essay that you have 45 minutes to write



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Measures your:

- ability to read closely, write clearly, and edit and understand written English
- ability to understand, interpret, and answer questions based on text
- ability to use evidence to support an argument
- understanding of basic English skills at a level needed to succeed in college or a job

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

The Science test:

- has no breaks
- includes 2 short answer questions that take about 10 minutes per question to write
- allows you to use a TI-30XS calculator
- gives you an on-screen calculator and allows you to bring in your own TI-30XS calculator

Measures your:

- knowledge of life science (40%), physical science (40%), and Earth and space science (20%)
- ability to read, understand, and interpret science-related texts
- problem-solving abilities in science-related situations

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**.....75 Minutes (1 Hour & 15 Minutes)

The Social Studies test:

- allows you to use a TI-30XS calculator
- gives you an on-screen calculator and allows you to bring in your own TI-30XS calculator

Measures your:

- knowledge of civics and government (50%), U.S. history (20%), economics (15%), and geography and the world (15%)
- ability to read, understand, and interpret social studies-related texts
- problem-solving abilities in social studies-related situations

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.

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.

How much do services offered at Patrick County Adult Education cost?

All classes and services are FREE! If you know anyone that needs their High School Equivalency (GED®) certificate, share this information with them!

