

Steps to Earn Your Arkansas High School Diploma

Earn Your GED[®] Credential

- Go to your nearest Adult Education/GED[®] Testing Center.
- For a free GED Ready[™] test, take the TABE and score a 535.

- Adult Education teachers will help you prepare.
- Take and pass the GED Ready[™] test at an Adult Education Center.

- Take the GED[®] test.
- You will pay \$4 per section or \$16 for all four sections of the test.
- Scholarships may be available.

If you do not pass, you may retest twice in each area without waiting or paying.

If you do not pass after the third try in each area, you will need to wait 60 days and pay \$4 for each section.

For more information on GED Testing

email: GED@arkansas.gov

call: 501-682-1980

visit: <http://dws.arkansas.gov/adulted>

Step by Step Process for Taking the GED® Test in Arkansas

8/9/22

Students must take the GED Ready™ test at an approved Adult Education or GED Testing Center before they can be administered the official GED® test. Passing score is 145 on each part.

- To qualify for a free GED Ready™ test, student goes into Adult Education Center and is administered TABE 11/12.
- If student scores at least 535 in Reading, they may take the Reasoning Through Language Arts and Social Studies GED Ready™ tests; and if the student scores at least 535 in math, they may take the Science and Math GED Ready™ tests. If student earns these scores, they may use a voucher that was issued to the center by the Arkansas Adult Learning Resource Center (AALRC). The adult education center should contact the AALRC for addition GED Ready™ test vouchers – (501) 907-2490.
- If a person does not wish to use a voucher for a free GED Ready™ test, they may go to the [GED.com](https://www.ged.com) website and register for the GED Ready™ test. However, they must pay the GED Testing Service Charge of \$6.99 per area (total \$27.96) for the GED Ready™ test. Candidate will be required to take the GED Ready™ test in an approved Adult Education or GED® Testing Center before they can be administered the official GED® test.
- Results of GED Ready™ test in student's [GED.com](https://www.ged.com) account can be used as a prescription for studying for the official GED® test as the results are synced to various publisher companies' material.
- Student may take one part of the GED Ready™ test at a time and then take that part of the official test.
- Student signs up for GED Ready™ test by registering through [GED.com](https://www.ged.com).
- On [GED.com](https://www.ged.com), they will be asked for their email address and will create a password.
- Student will complete "Blue Folder" and will provide their email address and password that they have created on [GED.com](https://www.ged.com).
- If Student does not pass the GED Ready™ test, they should enroll in free adult education classes or study at home.
- If student Passes the GED Ready™, the adult education center should email GED@arkansas.gov that the student has passed the GED Ready™ test and is ready to register for the official GED® test. The state GED® Testing office then release the student from the exception queue. All registered candidates will go into an "exception queue" through the [GED.com](https://www.ged.com) website.
- The Arkansas GED® Office will release the candidate for testing after receiving notification from the adult education center that the candidate has passed the GED Ready™ test.
- Candidates that are 16 or 17 years old must be released from the exception queue on age. They are required by state law to attend adult education classes until they earn the GED® credential.

- Candidates that are 16, 17, or 18 years of age must take and pass the Arkansas Civics Exam before beginning GED® testing. The civics exam may be taken at a local adult education center or may be credited to the candidate by presenting a transcript from the candidate's former high school showing the test was passed while still attending high school. There is no fee to take the Civics Exam.
- The email to GED@arkansas.gov should include the candidate's name, date of birth, email address, adult education center name, and a statement that the candidate has passed the official GED Ready® test and what parts they have passed.
- The GED Testing Office will notify the sender of the email that the candidate has been released from the exception queue in the areas requested and age, if applicable
- Student will schedule for the official GED® test through GED.com using their email address and password.
- The official GED® test will cost the candidate \$4 Per part or \$16 for the four parts. The fee must be paid with a debit card or credit card. The Arkansas Department of Career Education is covering the remainder of the testing fee. Vouchers may be available on a need basis.
- Candidate can see their test results through GED.com using their email address and password.
- If the student does not pass that area of the test, they may retest in that area before taking other areas of the GED® test.
- If the student does not pass an area of the official GED® test after the third attempt or "no show", the student must wait 60 days before retesting that in that area.
- Adult education center can also see candidate's results through GED.com if they have candidates email and password.