

Steps to Earn your Arkansas High School Diploma

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Contact a Local Testing Center

In Arkansas, you must take the GED Ready™ and official GED® at an Adult Education/GED® Testing Center.

Adult Education teachers will help you prepare.

For a **FREE** GED Ready™ test, take the TABE and score a 535 or higher.

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GED Ready™

Take and pass the GED Ready™ test at an Adult Education Center/GED® Testing Center.

There are four test subjects

- RLA
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies

Score a 145 or higher on each GED Ready™ subject to schedule the official GED®.

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Take the GED®

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- RLA
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies

Each subject costs \$4 or \$16 for all four subjects.

**Scholarships may be available.*

GED® offers **ONE FREE** retest if you do not pass.

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Earn your GED® Credential

For more information on GED® Testing

Email: GED@arkansas.gov

Call: 501-682-1980

Visit: [Adult Education – AR Division of Workforce Services](#)

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

Arkansas GED Ready™ and GED® Testing Requirements

Students must take the GED Ready™ test through an approved Adult Education or GED® Testing Center before they can be administered the official GED® test.

Test Structure

The GED Ready™ and GED® consists of four subject areas:

- Reasoning Through Language Arts (RLA)
- Mathematical Reasoning
- Science
- Social Studies

A minimum passing score of 145 is required in each subject area.

GED Ready™ Test Requirements

- The GED Ready™ test must be taken through an approved Adult Education Center or GED® Testing Center.
- Students must register for the GED Ready™ test through GED.com by creating an account with their email address and password.
- Students should complete the local center's registration process and provide the email address and password associated with their GED.com account.

FREE GED Ready™ Test Option

Students may qualify for a free GED Ready™ test voucher by:

1. Visiting an Adult Education Center; and
2. Taking the TABE 13/14
 - A score of 535 or higher in Reading qualifies the student for free GED Ready™ tests in RLA and Social Studies.
 - A score of 535 or higher in Math qualifies the student for free GED Ready™ tests in Math and Science.

GED Ready™ vouchers are issued to Adult Education Centers by the Arkansas Adult Learning Resource Center (AALRC).

Centers needing additional GED Ready™ vouchers should contact the AALRC at 501-907-2490

Paid Option

Students who do not wish to use a voucher may purchase the GED Ready™ test through GED.com at a cost of \$7.99 per subject (totaling \$31.95 for all four tests).

GED Ready™ Test Results

- Scores are available in the student's GED.com account and serve as a study guide, aligning with publisher materials.
- Students may take GED Ready™ tests one subject at a time
- Once a student earns the minimum passing score of 145 on the GED Ready™, they may proceed to schedule the official GED® test for that subject.
- Students who do not pass the GED Ready™ test should enroll in free adult education classes or continue studying independently.

Release from the Exception Queue

All GED Ready™ test results must be reported before a student can be approved to take the official GED® test.

Adult Education Center Responsibilities

After a student passes any part of the GED Ready™ test, the Adult Education Center must fill out and submit the [GED® Test Release & Voucher Request Form](#) in order to release the student from the exception queue for the appropriate test subjects.

Age-Based Requirements

- 16- and 17-year-old students must be released from the exception queue based on age and are required by Arkansas State Law to attend Adult Education classes until earning their GED® credential.
- 16-, 17-, and 18-year-old students must pass the Arkansas Civics Exam before beginning GED® testing.
 - The exam is available at any Adult Education Center at no cost, or
 - Credit may be granted if the student provides a high school transcript showing prior completion of the civics requirement.

Official GED® Testing

Scheduling

Students schedule the official GED® test through their GED.com account using the same email and password used previously.

Fees

- The cost for the student is \$4 per subject (totaling \$16 for all four subjects)
- Fees must be paid by debit or credit card.
- The Arkansas Office of Adult Education subsidizes the remainder of the testing cost.
- Scholarships may be available based on student need.

Results and Retesting

- Students may view their official GED® test results through their GED.com account.
- GED® offers one free retest per subject area, allowing the student to retake a test once at no additional cost.
- After a third failed attempt or a no-show, the student must wait 60 days before retesting that subject area.

Testing No-Show

Students who schedule an official GED® test but do not appear for their appointment are considered no-shows.

A no-show counts the same as a failed attempt for retesting purposes.

- After a third attempt or a no-show in any subject area, the student must wait 60 days before retesting that subject.
- No-show fees are not refundable, and the student must pay the required testing fee again when rescheduling, unless covered by a voucher or free retest policy.
- Students are encouraged to cancel or reschedule their appointment through GED.com at least 24 hours in advance to avoid being marked as a no-show.