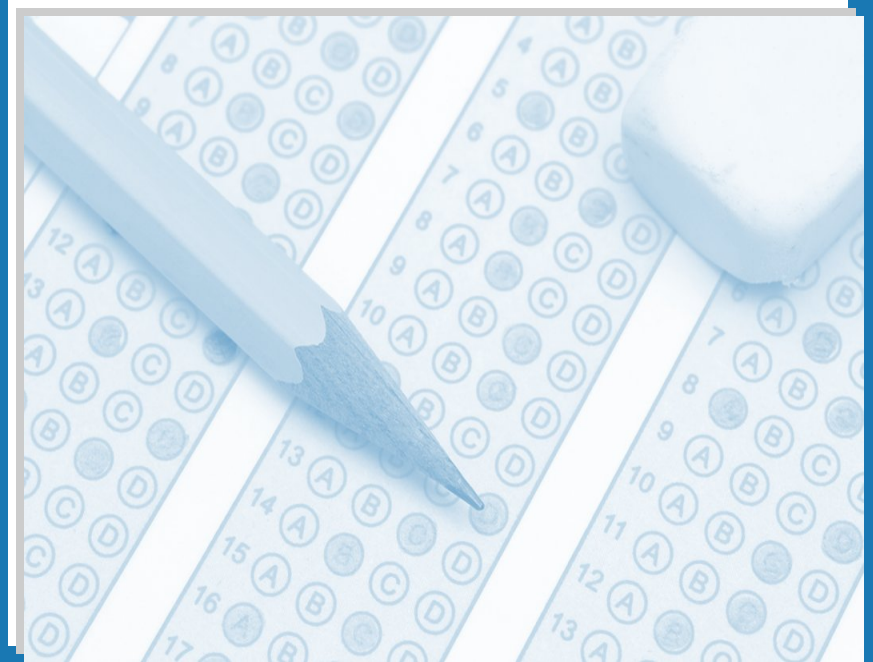


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## GED Testing at QCC

The General Educational Development (GED) tests provide students the opportunity to earn a high school equivalency diploma. This credential is recognized as a key to employment opportunities, career advancement, and further education.

The GED Tests are five tests in the areas of Language Arts Reading, Language Arts Writing, Social Studies, Science, and Mathematics. The questions in each of these tests require you to use general knowledge and thinking skills. The GED Tests are designed to measure the important knowledge and skills usually learned during four years of high school. See p. 4 for more information.

### Locations, Dates, and Times

The GED test is offered at these locations and times:

QCC main campus, 670 West Boylston St., Worcester  
*Tuesday and Thursday, 4:45 pm – 9:00 pm, twice a month*

QCC at CitySquare, 100 Front St., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Worcester  
*daytime test, every other month, times vary*

QCC/Southbridge, 5 Optical Drive, Southbridge  
*daytime test, every other month, times vary*

Call **508-854-4407** for the next available test dates.

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## Helpful Links

Free GED Practice test:

<http://steckvaughnadult.hmhco.com/en/gedpractice.htm>

Free classes at QCC:

<http://cce.qcc.mass.edu/college>

QCC GED page:

[http://www.qcc.edu/pages/GED\\_Testing.html](http://www.qcc.edu/pages/GED_Testing.html)

Massachusetts Department of Education, GED:

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/ged>

GED Testing Service:

<http://www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ged/index.htm>

### **WARNING:**

There are many websites offering a GED online. DO NOT try this. You cannot get your GED online.

## WORCESTER

- If you are not sure you are ready, please consider taking the Predictor test, which will predict how well you would do on the GED. For more information, call 508-751-7905.
- If you would like to take classes to prepare for the GED, please call 508-751-7911 or 508-751-7910. The GED classes are FREE.
- We also have FREE distance learning/online preparation. Please call 508-751-7930 for more information.

All of the above are at:  
QCC Training and Education Center at CitySquare  
100 Front St., 2nd Floor  
Worcester, MA 01608

**OR**

## SOUTHBRIDGE

Please call Evelyn Velez  
for more information about  
preparing for the GED test.  
508-765-4738, ext. 12

**Registration is required before testing.** Please call **Laura Tino at (508) 854-4407 to register.** Payment and picture I.D. (license, permit, state ID, or passport) are required at the time of registration. If you are 16 or 17 years old, a letter of withdrawal from high school is required at the time of registration, and you must have a parent or guardian with you.

The cost for taking the GED test is \$65.00. You may pay by check, money order, or voucher. Re-tests are \$15.00 per test. If you fail to show up for a test session that was scheduled for you, you will be charged \$25.00 (unless you call in advance and cancel). All costs are subject to change.

During the test, we maintain strict rules to keep the tests fair for everyone. Talking and looking at another's paper are not allowed. Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed. Tests begin at the scheduled time; anyone who arrives after the scheduled test time will not be allowed into the room.

## The Five Tests

### Test 1-Mathematics

50 Items-90 Minutes

Part I (with calculator)-45 minutes

Part II (no calculator)-45 minutes

The math test includes questions on basic math, fractions, percents, decimals, ratios, geometry, and algebra.

### Test 2-Language Arts-Writing

50 questions plus an Essay-120 minutes

50 questions-75 minutes

This test asks you to recognize errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar.

Essay-45 Minutes

You will write an essay in response to a topic provided in your test booklet. Understanding the topic requires no specialized knowledge.

Although there are two parts to the writing test, the test is scored as one whole test, and you will receive one score.

### Test 3-Science

50 questions-80 minutes

This test includes questions on Biology, Earth Science, Chemistry, and Physics.

### Test 4-Social Studies

50 questions-70 minutes

This test includes questions on US History, World History, Civics and Government, Economics, and Geography.

### Test 5-Language Arts-Reading

40 questions-65 minutes

This test includes questions on Nonfiction, Fiction, Poetry, and Drama.

## Test Scores

You will receive your scores in the mail within a few weeks of testing. To pass, you need a minimum score of 410 on each of the five tests **AND** a total score of 2250.

## Retests

If you do not pass all five parts of the test the first time, you may retake the sections you have not passed. If you passed all five parts but do not have enough total points, you may choose which part of the test you would like to retake. You may take any section of the test three times within one calendar year. There is a fee for retests.

## Time Restriction

There will be a new version of the GED Test in 2014. Anyone who has not successfully completed testing when the new test is released will need to register and begin testing again.

