

Taking the GED® Test

In Washington State

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- 1) Go to **GED.com** and create a MyGED™ account. (You will need an email address.)

This is where you:

- Can **study** for the GED® Test,
- Can apply for **special testing accommodations** if you have a documented disability,
- Will **register** for your GED® Test (choose a test center, date, & time),
- Will **pay** for your GED® Test (you will need a credit or debit card),
- Will **receive** your GED® Test scores.

- 2) Requirements for taking the GED® Test:

- ✓ You must be at least **16 years old**.
- ✓ If you are **16-18 years old**, you must have a signed permission form from your current school district **OR** have a notarized statement of homeschooling, and bring either form to the testing center before you can make your appointment on GED.com. (You will get an email with instructions when you create your GED.com account.)
- ✓ You must **not be currently enrolled** in any high school program.
- ✓ You must have **government-issued photo ID**: driver's license, passport, or state ID card.
- ✓ You must be a **resident of Washington State**.

- 3) Basic GED® Test information:

- ✓ The GED® Test is now **computerized** only.
- ✓ Available in **English and in Spanish**. (All subjects must be taken in the same language.)
- ✓ There are **four** subjects:
 - *Reasoning Through Language Arts* (150 minutes, plus a 10-minute break)
 - *Social Studies* (75 minutes, effective March 2016.)
 - *Science* (90 minutes)
 - *Mathematics* (115 minutes)
- ✓ You can take each subject on different days, or even at different test centers.
- ✓ The fee for the test is **\$120** (or \$30 per subject).
- ✓ **Retests** are also \$30 for each subject.
- ✓ You receive your scores in about **4 hours** through your MyGED™ account at GED.com.
- ✓ You will get a score for each subject from **100 to 200**.
 - A passing score is **145 or higher** (effective January 2016).
 - Each subject must have a score of 145 or higher.
 - A score **above 165** is considered "college ready."
- ✓ You may take each subject **3 times** without waiting.
- ✓ If you don't pass a subject after the third try, you must **wait 60 days** before trying again.

Taking the GED® Test at Seattle Central College

What to expect. . .

- ❖ You can choose Seattle Central as your GED® Test Center on GED.com.
- ❖ Check the schedule, make your appointment and pay at least **24 hours in advance** at GED.com. (You can also get help with this by phone at 1-877-EXAM-GED or 1-888-899-6189.) Seattle Central cannot make or reschedule appointments for you.
- ❖ The college parking garage is located on Harvard & Pine, and it is open to the public when there is space available: seattlecentral.edu/transportation or 206.934.6932 for information. There are also several nearby pay lots, as well as paid street parking. Free parking is very difficult to find on Capitol Hill.
- ❖ Bring your **government-issued photo ID**: You will not be allowed to test without it. School ID cards are not acceptable.
- ❖ **To reschedule your appointment**, you must do so at least 24 hours in advance, or lose your payment. There are no refunds.
- ❖ **Do not be late to your appointment.** If you are more than 15 minutes late, you will lose your appointment and your payment. There are no refunds.
- ❖ Personal items (coats, sunglasses, purses, books, papers, hats, bracelets, watches) are not allowed into the testing room. **They must be put into a locker.**
- ❖ **Absolutely no electronic devices of any kind are allowed into the testing room at any time**, even if they are turned off. This includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, computers, tablets, mp3 players, pagers, CD players, radios, and cameras. Possession of any electronics in the testing room will result in an automatic cancellation of your test. **They must be put into a locker.**
- ❖ Lockers are approximately 10" x 11" x 17" in size. Please leave anything larger at home. Staff cannot watch personal items and Seattle Central College is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- ❖ A **digital photo** will be taken before each test session, as well as an **electronic signature**, for identification purposes.
- ❖ **You will not be allowed to leave the room during your test**, for any reason, including to use the restroom, unless there is an authorized break. If there is an emergency and you must leave the room, your test will be voided.
- ❖ The only test with an authorized break (unless you are approved in advance for a special accommodation for a disability) is Language Arts, which has a 10-minute break between its two sections. If you have scheduled more than one test, there will be an authorized 10-minute break between tests. Breaks are timed by the computer; if you are late returning from the break, the time is subtracted from your test.
- ❖ You can check your scores in approximately **4 hours on GED.com.**