

GED Student Information

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WHAT IS THE GED TEST?

The GED® test (General Educational Development Test) was updated in 2014 to make sure it measures what graduating high school seniors know and what colleges and employers will expect of you. There are four individual tests: Science (90 minutes), Social Studies (90 minutes), Reasoning Through Language Arts (150 minutes including a 10-minute break), and Mathematical Reasoning (115 minutes).

COSTS

The WINGS GED class is a free program for adults ages 18 and older, sponsored by the Hulsey Public library. Students must obtain a library card to participate in this program. Please fill out an application, available at the library and turn it in at the library or email to the Coordinator. The cost-of the GED test is \$33.75 / subject, or \$135 for the entire test. You will pay this fee to the GED® Testing Service when you schedule your test.

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance is important for your success. It is also important for our statistics in procuring grant money for the program. Receiving a GED can be a key to unlocking your future and to achieving your goals. For success, you will have to make a commitment to attending class, doing your homework, using online resources, and maintaining a focus on completing this program.

FREE ON-LINE PRACTICE THROUGH LEARNING EXPRESS

Anyone with a library card can access free GED practice through the TexShare Databases. Library cards are free to first-time patrons. Please inquire at the front desk to get a library card so you can gain access to the TexShare databases. You will be given a user name and password which you will agree in writing not to share. Once you have access to the databases, click on Learning Express and register as a student. Once you have passed the practice tests you can register online at GED.com to take the official practice test or to take the final test. (GED.com charges \$6 per practice test). You can register for the test here, find a location that offers the test in your geographic area that fits with your schedule, and pay prior to taking the test. Contact the WINGS coordinator for help.

ADULT LEARNING CENTER

All GED classes are currently being held at the Adult Learning Center at 807 N. Catherine St. Terrell, TX. The Learning Center is owned by the City of Terrell, and managed by The Share Center and has been offered to the WINGS program for Adult Education classes. Many local businesses have donated time and materials to this building. Your community wants you to succeed! WINGS is grateful to Betty Glaeser, the Share Center, and others, for their ongoing support. The rest is up to you.

WHAT TO DO NEXT

Contact the WINGS Coordinator using the contact information above for more information. WINGS uses the [Steck-Vaughn GED: Complete Preparation 2014](#) ISBN-13: 978-0544252349 as a primary text. You can purchase this book at Amazon.com for about \$35. You can also check out this book from the library but you may not write or mark in it. You will need a TI-30XS calculator for the math portion. It is the only calculator you can use during the test and costs about \$10 at Wal Mart. We will have some of these calculators available for use in the classroom. You will also need pen and pencil and a spiral notebook or loose leaf binder.

WINGS GED CLASSES

We have a mathematics class Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8 PM. October 19, we will begin a new Science class, Monday and Wednesday 6-8 PM. Both of these classes will be at the Adult Learning Center 807 N. Catherine St.

New **ESL**, (English as a Second Language) classes will begin September 2 and will be at the Riter C. Hulsey Public Library Wednesday and Thursday, 6-9 PM. We have ESL at the library Tuesday 9-11> We will also have ESL at the Adult Learning Center Wednesday 9-11, beginning October 7. These classes are designed for people with limited English language skills, regardless of their primary language.

Our new Computer Literacy classes will begin September 28. These classes will be held every Monday, 2-4 PM at the library. Computer Literacy will help novices become familiar with using a computer and provide information on resources available to improve computer skills.

We may offer other classes if there is a need. Please let me know, by return email, if you are interested in attending any of these classes.

HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR GED TEST AND PREPARATION

1. Register to take the GED practice test: www.GED.com
2. Learning Express: <http://www.learningexpresshub.com/hsequivalencycenter>
3. Algebra-Class: www.Algebra-Class.com
4. Math is Fun: Basic beginner math: www.mathsisfun.com
5. Great videos and instructions. All subjects: <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
6. Practice GED tests. All subjects: <http://www.4tests.com/ged>
7. Practice GED tests. All subjects: <http://bestgedclasses.com/free-practice-tests-2014/>
8. Sample GED Math test:
http://highered.mheducation.com/sites/0809222329/student_view0/ged_practice_test.html