

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

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Students must take 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 9/10.
- If student scores at least 9.0 in Reading, they may take the Reasoning Through Language Arts and Social Studies GED Ready™ tests; and if the student scores at least 9.0 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 AALRC for additional 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](http://GED.com) web site and register for the GED Ready™ test. However, they must pay the GED Testing Service charge of \$6 per area (total \$24) 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](http://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](http://GED.com)
- On [GED.com](http://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](http://GED.com).
- If student does not pass the GED Ready™ test, they should enroll in adult education classes or study at home.
- If student passes the GED Ready™, the adult education center should email [GED@arkansas.gov](mailto: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 will then release the student from the exception queue. All registered candidates will go into an "exception queue" through the [GED.com](http://GED.com) web site.
- 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" as well.
- The email to [GED@arkansas.gov](mailto: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](https://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 a credit card. The Arkansas Department of Career Education is covering the remainder of the testing fee.
- Candidate can see their test results through [GED.com](https://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 in that area.
- Adult education center can also see candidate’s results through [GED.com](https://ged.com) if they have candidates email and password.