Step by Step Process for Taking the GED® Test in Arkansas 6/9/16

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** 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** 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**
* On **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**.
* 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 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** 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 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** 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** 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** if they have candidates email and password.