

Oregon GED® Testing Program Update

October 2019



Agenda Topics

- Oregon GED[®] Testing Data
 - All Test-takers
 - Corrections
- Student Outcomes
- GEDPrep Connect[™]
 - New feature for educators now available
- New Features and Reminders

Let's Look at **Oregon** Testing Data



Oregon GED Test-takers: 2018 vs 2017 YTD

	2017	2018	% Change
Test-Takers	9,559	9,857	+3.00
Completers	6,338	6,493	+2.00
Passers	5,516	5,702	+3.00

Oregon GED Test-takers: 2018

Pass Rates by Subject Area

- **Math: 88%** (nationally – 81%)
- **RLA: 91%** (nationally - 85%)
- **Science: 96%** (nationally - 92%)
- **Social Studies: 93%** (nationally – 89%)
- **Overall pass rate: 88%** (nationally – 80%)

- **Only** 3 states had a higher pass rate than Oregon in 2018

National Ranking **2018**: GED Test Pass Rate by State

1. Vermont – 92%
2. South Dakota – 90%
3. North Dakota – 89%
4. **Oregon** – 88%
 - Idaho – 88%
 - Arkansas – 88%

Note: the state of Washington is close behind with a pass rate of 87% in 2018.

Oregon Average Passing & Non-Passing Scores – 2018

GED® Tests	Math	RLA	Science	Social Studies
Average Passing Score	153	156	157	157
Average Non-Passing Score	141	140	141	140

Let's Look at **Oregon** Testing Data: Test-takers Attending Adult Education Classes



Oregon GED Testing Program: Adult Education Test-takers

- 1,866 GED test-takers (19% of total test-takers in 2018) told us they attended adult education classes to prepare for to take the GED test. This is a self reported number.

Pass Rates by Subject Area for those who report attending adult education:

- **Math: 84%**
- **RLA: 89%**
- **Science: 95%**
- **Social Studies: 92%**
- **Overall pass rate: 83%**

Oregon Average Passing & Non-Passing Scores – Students Who Attended Adult Education **2018**

GED® Tests	Math	RLA	Science	Social Studies
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Let's Look at Oregon Correctional Testing Data



Oregon Correctional GED Test-takers: 2018

Pass Rates by Subject Area

- **Math: 91%** (nationally – 83%)
 - **RLA: 86%** (nationally - 82%)
 - **Science: 96%** (nationally - 90%)
 - **Social Studies: 93%** (nationally – 86%)
 - **Overall pass rate: 90%** (nationally – 81%)
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- One of the highest in the nation when compared with other state corrections pass rates

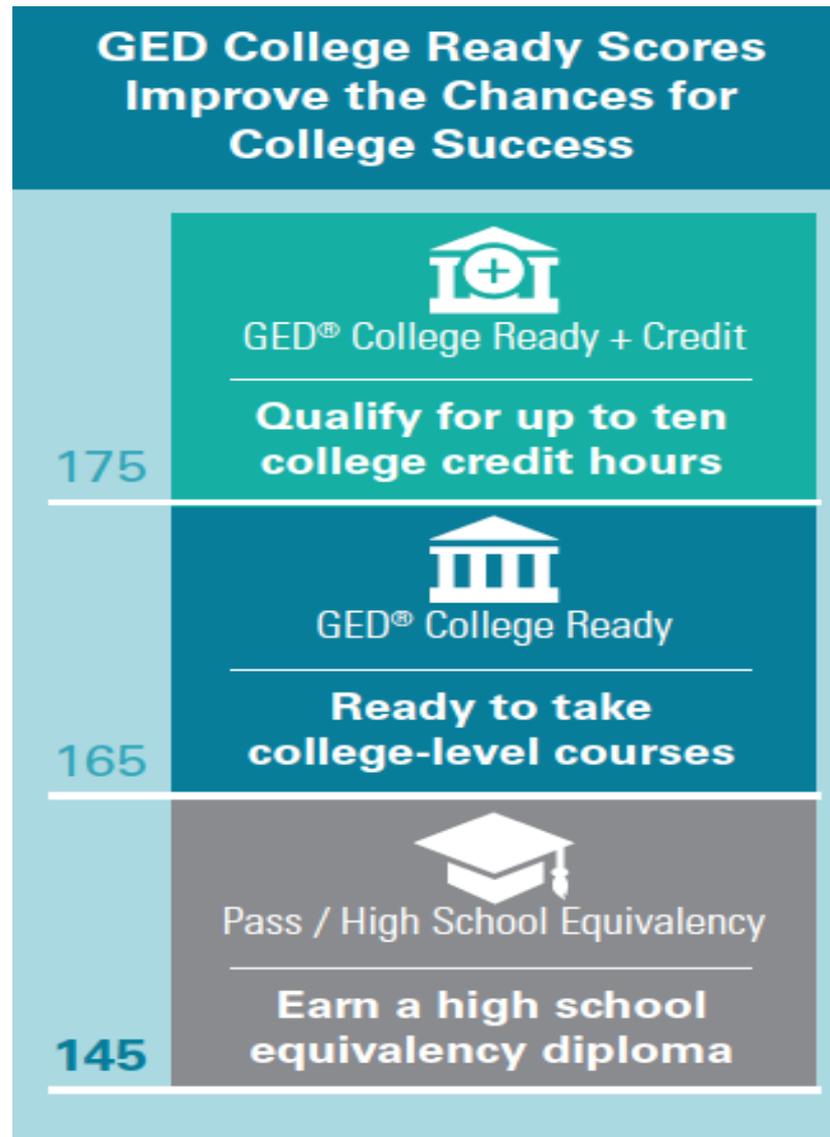
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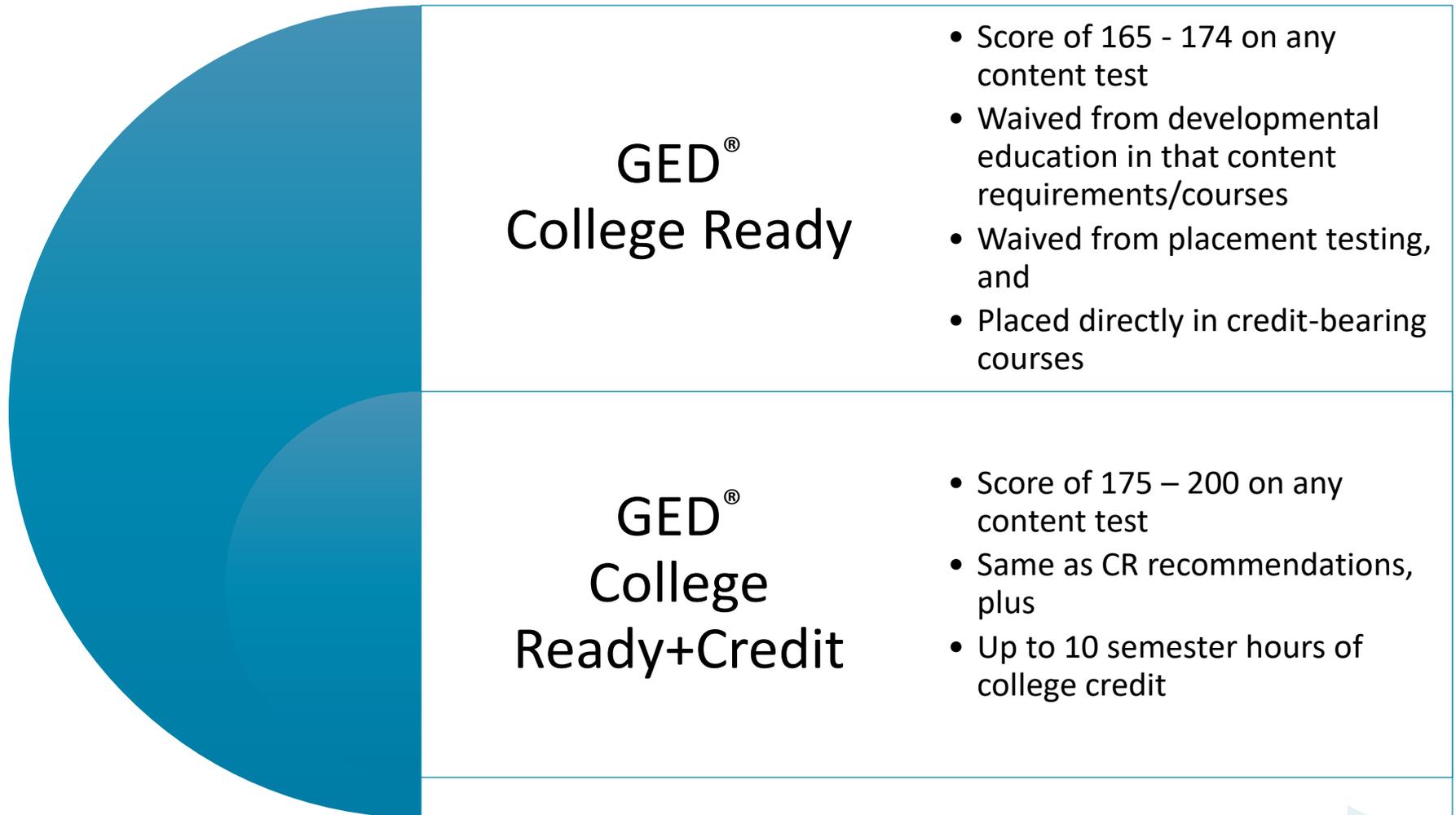
Student Outcomes



Scoring of the GED® Test



American Council on Education (ACE) Recommendations for the GED® Test





Many colleges have already adopted the ACE[®] Credit Recommendations

- Colleges in Oregon who have implemented the College Ready Recommendation (165 or higher)
 - Chemeketa C.C.
 - Clackamas C.C.
 - Linn-Benton C.C.
 - Mount Hood C.C.
 - Oregon Coast C.C.
 - Portland C.C. (RLA only still?)
 - Rogue C.C.
 - Umpqua C.C.



Many colleges have already adopted the ACE[®] Credit Recommendations

- Approximately 250 colleges across the U.S. have implemented one, or both, of the recommendations (CR and/or CR+credit)
 - Colorado Community College System (both recommendations)
 - Connecticut Public College System
 - Georgia Technical College System
 - Illinois Community College System
 - Kansas Board of Regents (2 & 4-year colleges)
 - Kentucky Community College System
 - Ohio Community College System
 - Virginia Community College System
- Additional Colleges in AL, AZ, KS, MA, MO, NJ, RI, WA

Oregon : 2014-2019 YTD

	Math	RLA	Science	Social Studies
College Ready (165-174)	9% (6% nationally)	17% (12%)	17% (11%)	19% (14%)
CR + Credit (175 or higher)	2% (2%)	3% (2%)	3% (2%)	5% (3%)

Our Graduates Are Interested in College

2 out of 3
express interest

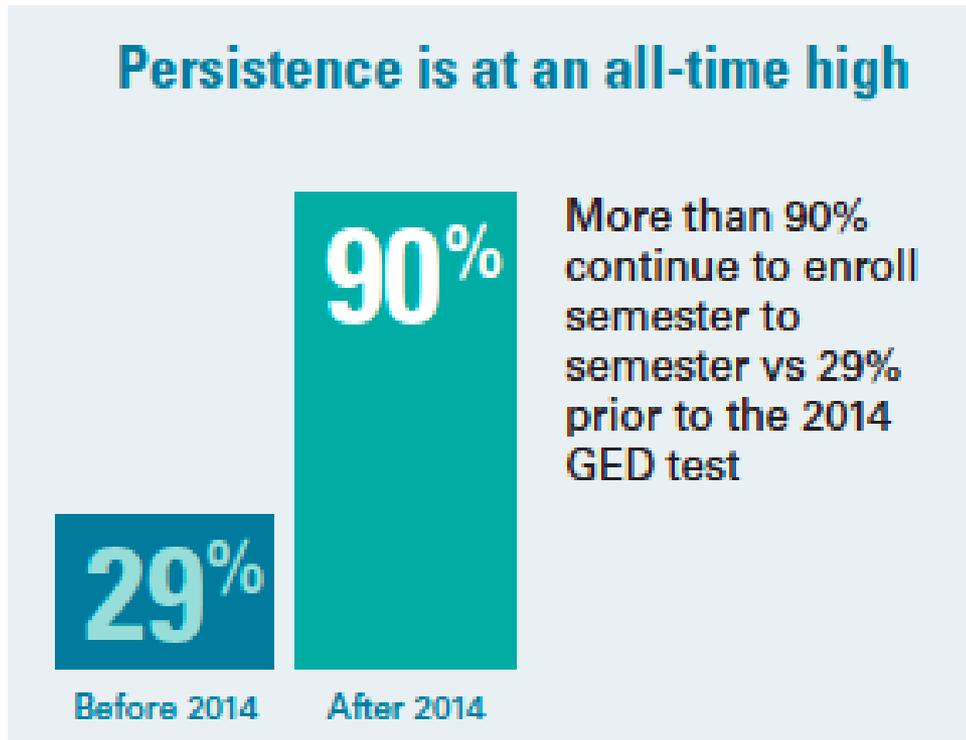


Enroll in college **within a year** of earning their GED credential



Enroll in college **within 4 years** of earning their GED credential

Persistence!



- Congrats, all your hard work is paying off!
- This number currently surpasses overall community college persistence rates

Updated NSC Results

- Mean scaled-score of GED graduates going on to college is well above the minimum passing score for high school equivalency:
 - Math: 158
 - RLA: 162
 - Science: 161
 - Social Studies: 161
- Age of GED graduates going on to college has remained stable over time
 - 81% to 86% of matched grads were between the ages of 16 and 24 when they received their credential

GED[®] score crosswalk to SAT and ACT

SAT

GED[®] College Ready (165)

- SAT Math – 620
- SAT Reading – 633

GED[®] CR+Credit (175)

- SAT Math – 657
- SAT Reading – 671

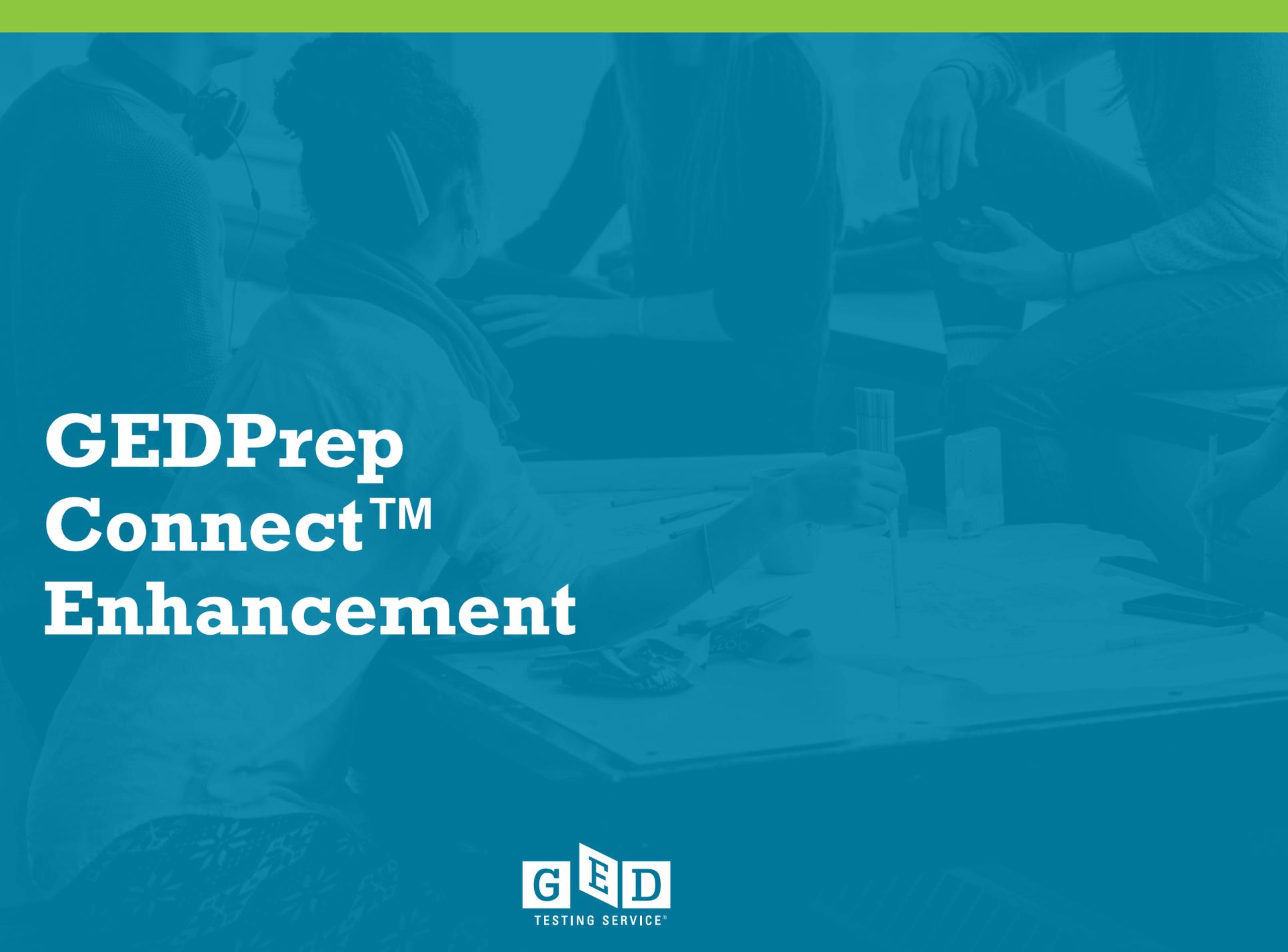
ACT

GED[®] College Ready (165)

- ACT Math – 28
- ACT Reading – 29

GED[®] CR+Credit (175)

- ACT Math – 30
- ACT Reading – 31



GEDPrep Connect™ Enhancement



The page to start gathering data

- Only shown to Students in adoptive states

Chat

Create Account : GED® classes

There may be local GED® classes to help you prepare for the test. Classes are not required.

A GED® class can provide:

-  Support throughout your GED® journey
-  Expert instruction on GED® test subjects
-  Practice for the GED® test
-  Help with career and college planning

"Saint Gabriel's Hall is the best thing that ever happened to me. I got the resources that I never had before and the best support system. With all that I made a future for myself."

— Felix, GED® graduate

Are you interested in attending GED® classes?

Yes

No

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Select a GED® Test Prep Center (optional)



Choose a GED® prep center you are interested in attending or currently attending. By choosing a center, you agree to share your scores and contact information with the center. Selecting a center is optional and not required to receive prep center services. You can remove or change your selection at any time in your account profile.

Not interested in GED® classes?
Continue without choosing a GED® prep center.

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Find

Select

Apple Valley Adult School

13063 Pawnee Road Apple Valley, CA 92308

Phone: (760)-240-4252 ext.114

0.8 Miles Show on Map | Directions



Select

Hesperia Career & Adult Education Center

16527 Lemon St. Hesperia, CA 92345

Website

Phone: 760 244 1771

7.7 Miles Show on Map | Directions



Select

Snowline Adult School

9298 Sheep Creek Rd. Phelan, CA 92371

Phone: 999-999-9999

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Select

Inland Career Education Center

★ If I see this star above, what does it mean?



Can't find your center? Ask them to visit ged.com/prep_center_request_form to be added. In the meantime, you can print your score report and share it with your teacher.

The adult education or prep centers listed are independent third parties and provided for your convenience. GED Testing Service has no partnership or agreement with the centers. You should review the centers on your own to make sure you find the support that is right for you.

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Latest Feature! –GEDPrep Connect™ notifications option

- If you select this option this will allow you to receive an email notification each time a Student selects the Prep Center you manage.

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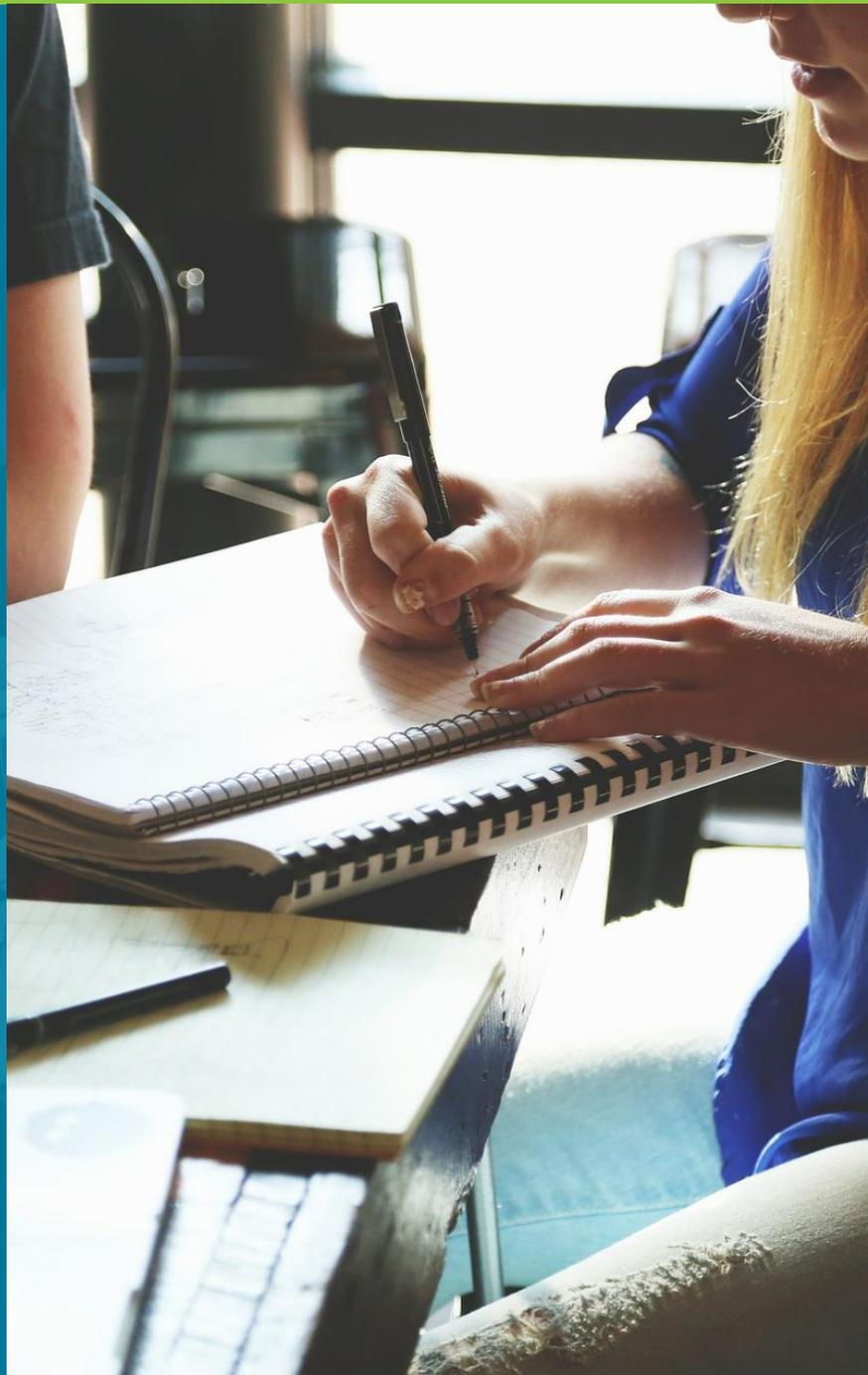
Email Preferences

Select the GED® Prep Connect center(s) you want to receive email notifications for when a student selects that center.

Name	Address	Receive Email
Adult Academic Program of Robbinsdale Area Schools	Sandburg Learning Center 2400 Sandburg Lane Golden Valley MN 55427	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Robbinsdale Area Schools Sandburg Learning Center	2400 Sandburg Lane Golden Valley MN 55427	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Submit Cancel

New Product



GED Flash™



Knowing that **75%** of students surveyed wanted more practice to prepare for the **GED®** test, what could we provide to them to help them practice, learn and feel more confident for the test?

Practice and Feedback!

- Student's #1 request in feedback to us is more practice test questions
- Developed by Aztec Software in partnership with GED Testing Service
- Digital flashcards

Data Shows: Improved Test Scores



Over half of regular GED Flash users moved up an entire score level on the GED Ready® practice test. Some moved up two score levels.

Data Shows: Higher Likelihood of Passing

GED Flash Group	# of Students	Mean GED® Math Test Score
Low Users (28 questions or less)	1,483	144.676
High Users (99+ questions)	1,491	148.531

Students who practiced frequently with GED Flash scored on average four points higher on their GED test vs. those who rarely used it.

Data Shows: More Practice Means More Correct Answers

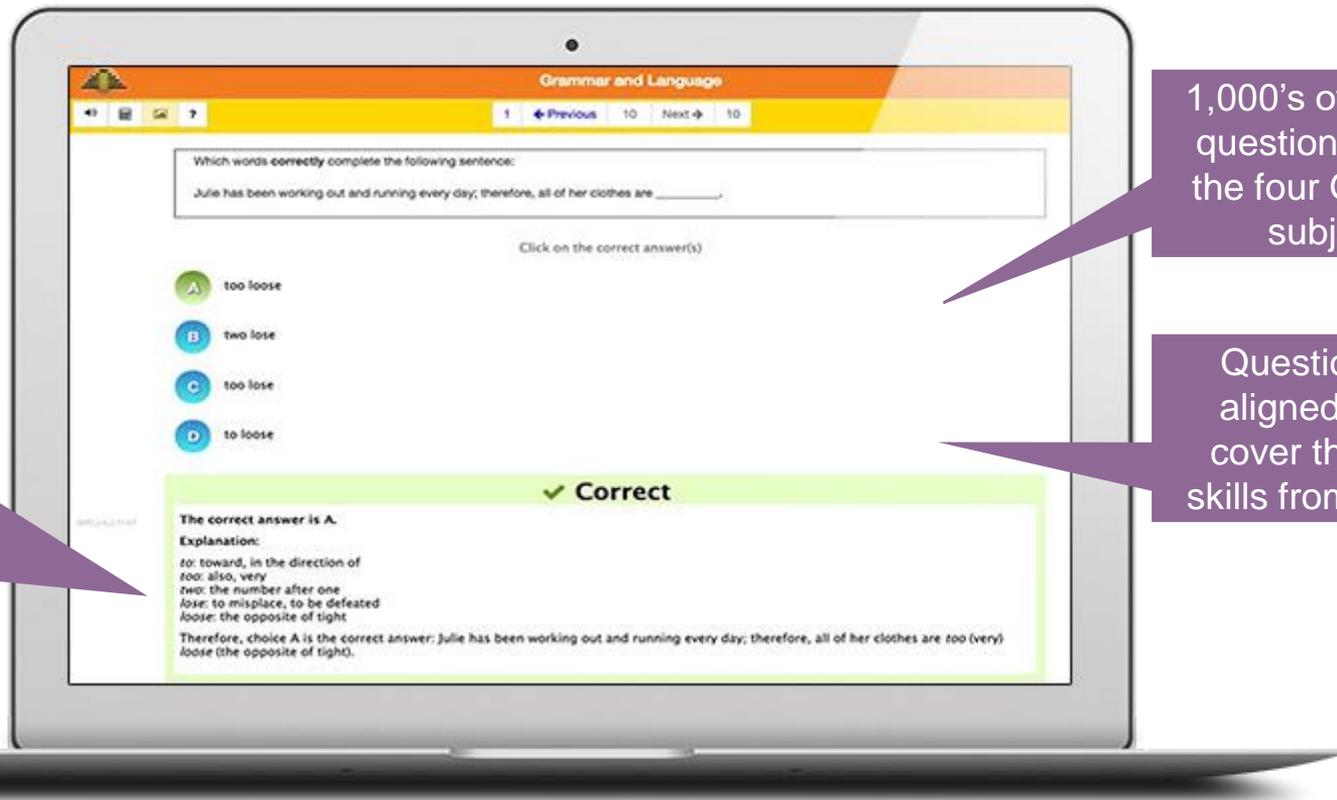
GED Flash Group	Mean Percent Correct
99+ questions answered	51.7%
340+ questions answered	90.0%

The more students practiced, the more questions they got correct. Students who took over 340 GED Flash math questions achieved on average 90% correct.

More correct answers also means higher confidence: **79%** of GED Flash users agreed that they felt more confident about taking the GED test after using GED Flash.

Mastering GED Test Concepts

GED Flash provides ongoing practice and detailed explanations to help students master the exact concepts on the GED test.



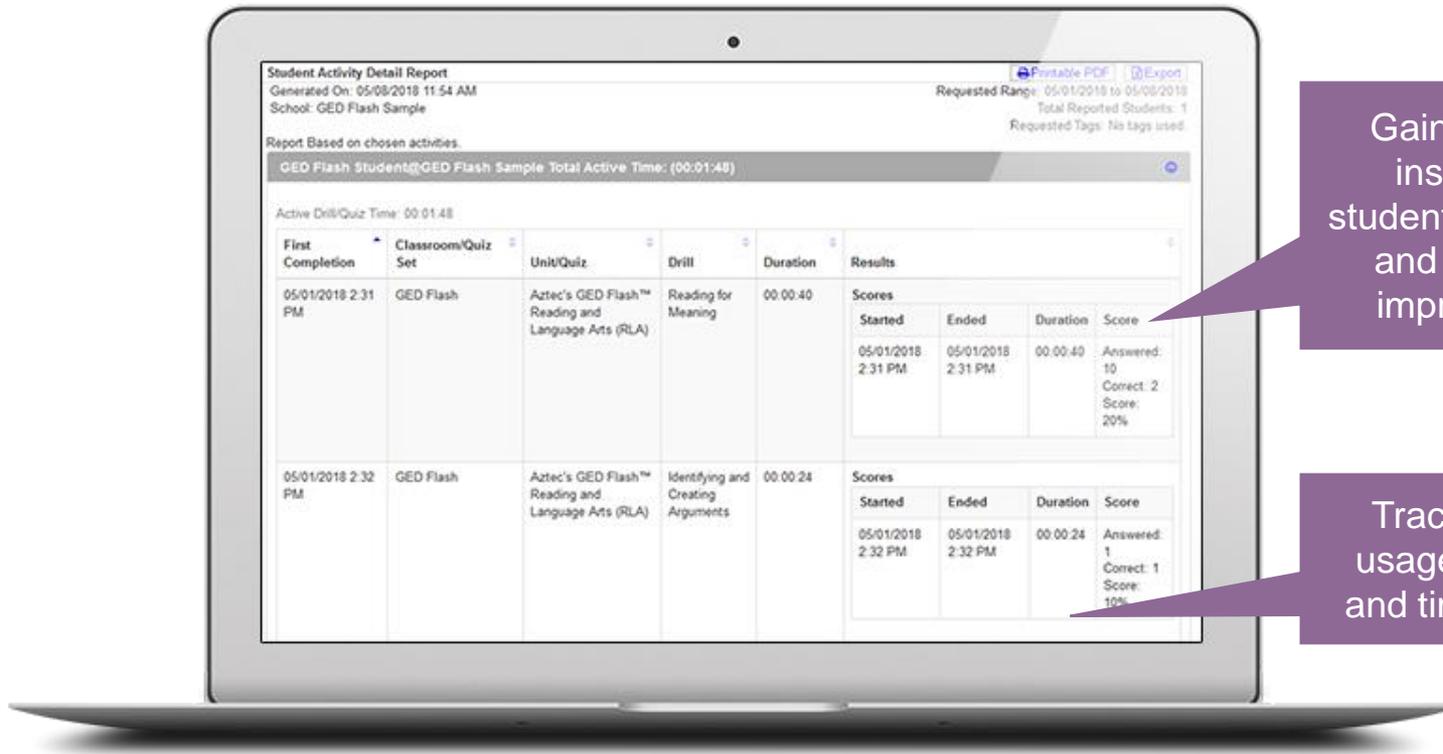
Instant feedback with step-by-step explanations provide additional teaching opportunity and reinforcement

1,000's of practice questions across the four GED test subjects

Questions are aligned to and cover the exact skills from the test

Detailed Reporting and Insights

A robust dashboard provides valuable insights about each student's performance and areas for improvement.

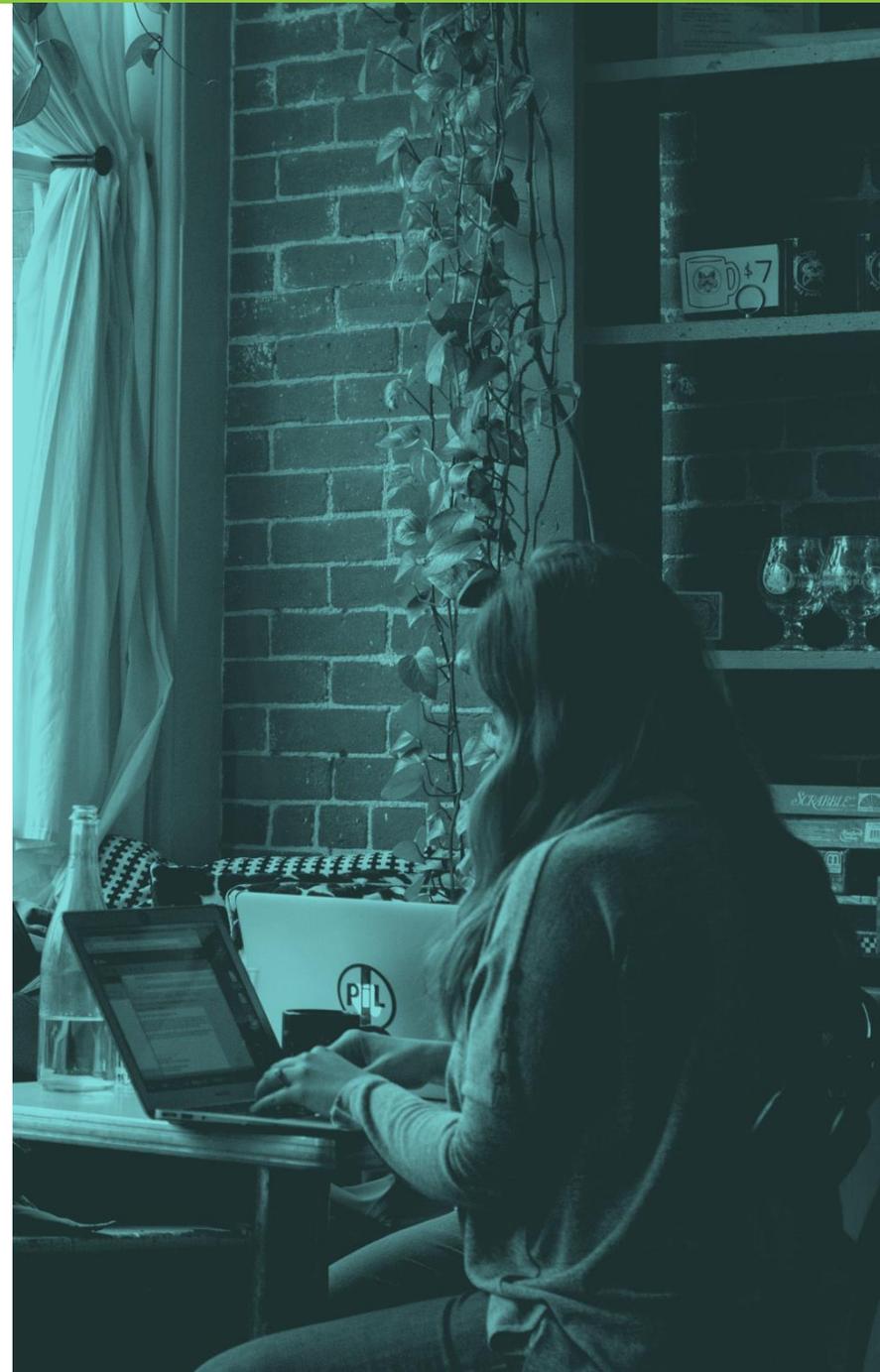


Gain valuable insights on students' strengths and areas for improvement

Track student usage progress and time-on-task

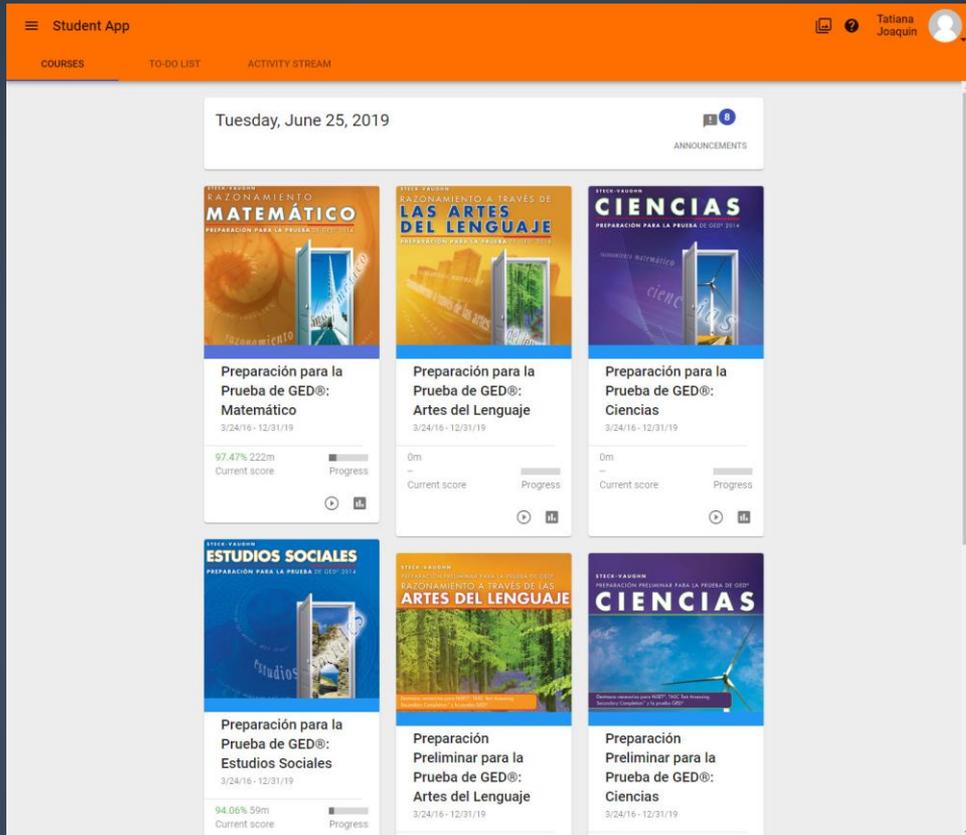
GED Flash Promotion!

- We currently have a promotion on GED Flash for 10% off
- Use code **Flash10SS** when ordering through Aztec
- To learn more, speak to Aztec after this session or visit their booth



Paxen Learning

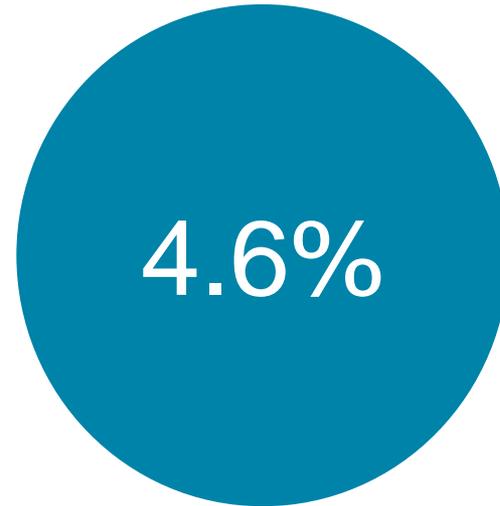




Paxen Focus in Spanish

What % of students take at least one GED® subject test in Spanish?

- a. 0 – 2%
- b. 3 – 5%
- c. 6 – 10%
- d. More than 10%

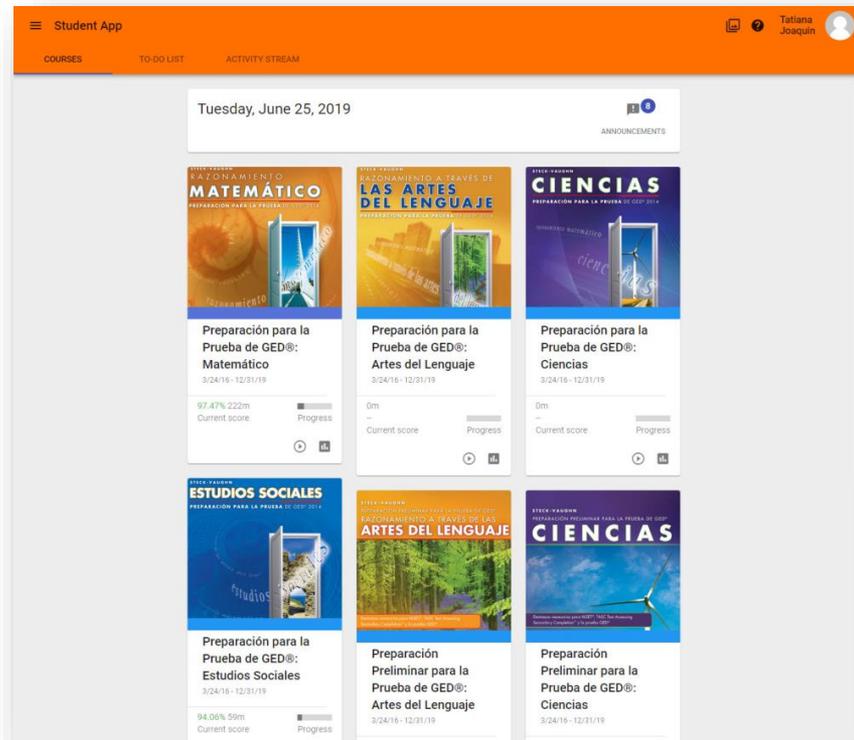


What % of GED® test-takers are Hispanic or Latino?

- a. 0 – 10%
- b. 11 – 24%
- c. 25 – 35%
- d. More than 35%



Teachers wanted more GED® prep materials for their Spanish-speaking students



GED Testing Service partnered with Paxen Publishing to promote Paxen Focus Spanish digital courseware, which is based on content from Steck-Vaughn books

Online courses with audio, video and interactive content developed specifically for adult learners

PAXEN
FOCUS



100%
Aligned to
the GED®
Test

Real-time monitoring of students' performance, skills mastery and time on task

PAXEN FOCUS

Gradebook - 3) GED Test Prep All Subjects

ID	Name	Score	Minutes	Overall Completion	GED Language Arts												
					Formative Assessment Reading	Formative Assessment Language	Formative Assessment Extended	Unit 1 Student Book U.S. Determine	Unit 1 Workbook U.S. Determine	Unit 1 Student Book U.S. Summarize	Unit 1 Workbook U.S. Summarize	Unit 1 Student Book U.S. Determine	Unit 1 Workbook U.S. Determine	Unit 1 Student Book U.S. Summarize	Unit 1 Workbook U.S. Summarize		
10	L. Dabell	91.81%	149	38%	83.33%	68.75%	100%	60%	78.57%	80%	85.71%	100%	80.76%	80%			
11	Josiah, Osualdo	81.82%	148	25%	78.57%	81.25%	100%	60%	78.57%	80%	78.57%	100%	100%	80%			
12	Colbert, Charles	80.91%	147	25%	85.83%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%			
13	Carlos, Charlette	74.86%	140	25%	75.14%	75%	100%	60%	78.57%	80%	78.57%	80%	82.0%	80%			
14	Lal, Woody	68.64%	217	25%	66.66%	68.75%	100%	60%	64.28%	40%	64.28%	60%	31.25%	80%			
15	Shel, Abbie	21.87%	84	25%	12.5%	43.75%	0%	20%	35.71%	20%	14.28%	20%	14.28%	20%			
8 students					71.85%	185	27%	68.88%	72.91%	80.83%	70%	72.61%	68.66%	70.23%	73.93%	67.7%	72.22%

0:34 / 1:02



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Paxen Focus Spanish courseware eliminates the language barrier and allows our students to focus on the content.

- Principal, Post Correctional Facility

The lessons are engaging and students can easily follow the content from one topic or skill to the next. Built in tests and quizzes give instructors the ability to gauge students' progress so that when necessary, they can fill learning gaps that are evident.

- Instructional Specialist, Palm Beach County

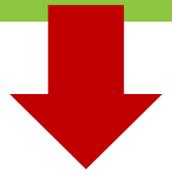
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To learn more about Paxen Focus in Spanish:

Email customerservice@paxenpublishing.com and be sure to include the state where your program is located

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Free Classroom Materials

We've developed a wealth of free resources to help your students pass the GED® test. Whether you are looking for tutorials, reference sheets, scoring tools, or videos to use in the classroom, you'll find it here.

[Learn more](#)



Teaching Resources

Use these resources to guide your GED® instruction. You can get detailed information on the skills students need to demonstrate to pass, what is being assessed in each content area, and more.

[Learn more](#)



Pilot Study Research Questions

- Do test takers
 - Understand what they need to do to complete the task?
 - Comfortably interact with the computer?
 - Use the space in the response box?
 - Use the onscreen Answer Guidelines?
 - Navigate the tabs successfully?
 - Prepare for the test?
 - Have a MYGED® account?
 - Use the resources on GED.com?

The screenshot displays the GED Ready@ - RLA - Candidate Name interface. At the top right, it shows 'Time Remaining 00:44:51' and 'Question 1 of 1'. Below the header, there are navigation tabs for 'page 1', 'page 2', 'page 3', and 'page 4', with 'page 4' selected. A 'Highlight (J)' button is visible. On the right side, there are buttons for 'Flag for Review' and 'Answer Guide'. The main content area displays the title 'Diamond Mining: Harmful to the Environment' by Tavin McLeavitt. Two numbered paragraphs are shown. The first paragraph discusses the impact of diamond mining on 10 million people and the environment. The second paragraph discusses the environmental impact of mining, including soil pollution and habitat destruction. Below the text, there is a response box with a red circle around it. A yellow box highlights the instruction: 'In your response, analyze the two articles to determine which position is best supported. Use relevant and specific evidence from both articles to support your response.' At the bottom, there are navigation buttons for 'Previous', 'Navigator', and 'Next'.

January 2019 release in English and Spanish

QAReview - Candidate Name Question 6 of 15
Flag for Review

page 1 page 2

Instructions

Read

- On the **page 2 tab above**, you will **read two texts** presenting **different views** on the same topic.
- Both writers argue** that **their position** on the issue is **correct**.

Plan

- Analyze** the two texts **to determine** which writer presents the **stronger case**.
- ~~Develop your own argument in which you explain~~ how one position is **better supported** than the other.
- Include** relevant and specific **evidence** from **both sources** to support your argument.

Write

- Type** your response in the **box on the right**.
- Your response should be approximately **4 to 7 paragraphs of 3 to 7 sentences each**.
- Remember** to allow a few minutes **to review and edit your response**.

You have up to **45 minutes** for reading, planning, writing, and editing your response.

End Test Previous Navigator Next

4. Voucher Search Field

GED Manager [Home](#) [Manage Student](#) [Reporting](#) [Admin](#) marlita.johnson@ged.com [Default Account](#) [Log Out](#)

Student Test Activity Report

Please enter at least three characters or make a selection on a search field below to start your search.

GED Prep Connect Enrollment Status Testing Activity Date Range: to Exam Subject Jurisdiction

Last Name First Name City Phone Number DOB Email GED ID VUE Reg ID Credential Status **Voucher**

Test Event Number Test Medium Test Missing

[Print Score Reports \(1000 rows max\)](#) [Export \(1000 rows max\)](#) Rows Per Page

Name	Email	Testing Activity	Date	Test	Subject	Score	Credentialed	Test Missing	GED® Test Prep Center	GEDWorks	Vouchers
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My Scores Redesign

Highest GED Scores

You need to score at least 145 on each subject to pass and scoring higher can have additional benefits. [Learn more >](#)

Language Arts	Social Studies	Science	Math
No Score Not Taken SCHEDULE TEST			

[VIEW ALL TEST SCORES](#)

Most Recent GED Ready Practice Test Scores

After taking your practice test, if you're likely to pass then schedule your test right away. If not, read your score report and see exactly what skills you need to brush up on.

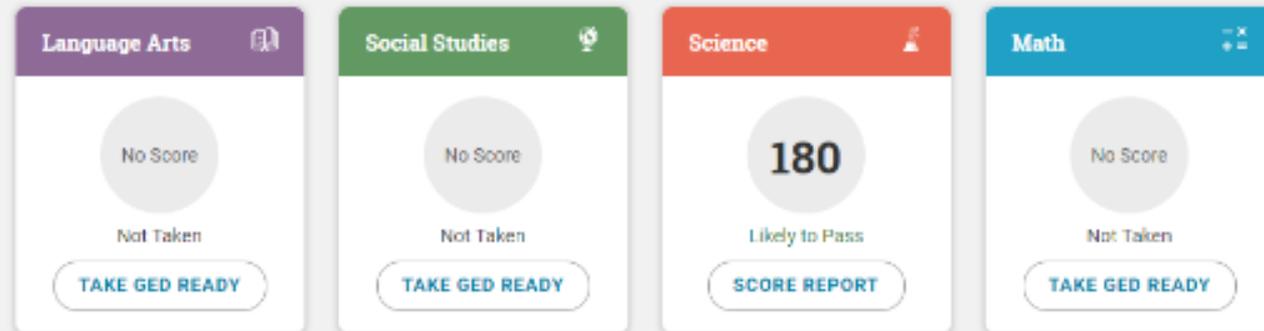
Language Arts	Social Studies	Science	Math
No Score Not Taken TAKE GED READY	No Score Not Taken TAKE GED READY	180 Likely to Pass SCORE REPORT	No Score Not Taken TAKE GED READY

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My Scores Redesign continued....

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FAQ

When will my scores be available?

Scores are typically posted within 24 hours of taking your GED test or GED Ready practice test. However, sometimes it can take up to 2 to 3 business days. You'll receive an email once your scores have been posted to your account.

What if I get 'not likely to pass' on my GED Ready practice test?

Use the score report to understand what areas you need to study to improve your score. If you're working with a prep center, ask your teacher to review your score report with

What do my GED test scores mean?

Scoring 145 - 164 means that you passed the subject. Scoring 165 - 174 means that you are ready to take college-level courses in that subject. Scoring 175 - 200 means that you could qualify for college credit for that subject. [Learn more >](#)

What if I don't pass one or more of the GED test subjects?

If you did not pass one of your GED test subjects, you are given two subsequent retests, with no restrictions between

My Scores Redesign continued....

What if I get 'too close to call' on my GED Ready practice test?

You're only a few questions away from 'likely to pass', so review your score report to see how you can improve your score and then schedule your test. If you're working with a prep center, ask your teacher to review your score report with you.

What if I get 'likely to pass' on my GED Ready practice test?

Looks like you're ready to schedule your test. Students who get a GED Ready score similar to yours and schedule their test within two weeks are more likely to pass.

How is the extended response scored on the Reasoning Through Language Arts GED Ready practice test?

The extended response cannot be scored on the RLA GED Ready practice test. Instead, you will receive information in your score report about what a typical written response should look like. You will also receive a copy of the question and your written response so that you can take it to your local prep center for scoring by a trained teacher.

Can I retest for a higher score if I passed?

Yes, you can retest if you are trying to be college ready or qualify for college credit. The discounted retest policy only applies to tests you did not pass.

I think I should have gotten a higher score. Is there a way to challenge my score?

Yes, it is possible for you to challenge your scores. The scoring system we use is very accurate. Very few test scores are ever adjusted after review. However, if you want to request a re-score, contact customer support at 1-877-EXAM-GED. You will be charged a fee of \$50 per exam score you want to challenge. If your score changes, you'll get your \$50 back. Otherwise, GED Testing Service will keep the fee.

Requesting Access to GED Manager

You can request access to GED Manager via:

https://ged.com/educators_admins/test_admin/ged_manager/ged_manager_request_form/

GED Manager Roles:

- **Jurisdictional** – this is the access at least one individual has at each test center. Allows the user to approve Age & Option exceptions, view student scores, run a passer's report.
- **Authorizations Only** – this access allows individuals to approve Age & Option exceptions, but not view additional student data/scores.
- **Student Authorized View** – this is the access adult education programs have. Allows you to view scores for students in your program who agree to share their scores with your program.
- **Corrections** – this is the access correctional staff members will need in order to register test-takers, view student scores and score reports.

Pearson VUE Proctor Recertification Reminder

- Pearson VUE test center administrator annual recertification is ongoing from August 1, 2019 – October 31, 2019.
 - All Pearson VUE test administrators must complete the annual recertification exam within this time frame.
- Notification to recertify was sent to test centers on August 1, 2019 and reminders will be sent during the recertification period.
- Recertification Exceptions:
 - Test administrators who certified between January 1, 2019 – July 31, 2019 are **not** required to take the recertification exam. This information was provided in the notice sent to test centers.



Now, all **DOC & FBOP** sites that are **GED Only** (no other **VUE** testing clients) have the ability to cancel/reschedule registrations that are past appointment date/time themselves in RegMan.

They can even cancel the appointment **AFTER** the exam has started.

Quick Reference Card and FAQ sheet can be found in **VSS**.

Windows 10 Update

- GED Test Centers will need to move to Windows 10 (64-bit) by **January 2020**.
- Correctional facilities have until January 2021 to move to Windows 10 (64-bit).
- Microsoft has announced they will discontinue extended support for Windows 7 on January 14, 2020.
- Failure to upgrade will be a security risk for test centers still using Windows 7 come January 2020.
- If you have any questions about these requirements or the process for updating, please contact **Pearson VUE's VSS Support team at 1-866-389-3665**. You will need to select option **3**.

Thank you!

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