

General Education Development (GED)

Important facts:

- The GED consists of four exams: English, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
- These exams cover skills and content that cover the equivalent of three years of successful high school coursework. **They are challenging exams.**
- The GED cannot be accommodated or modified for youth receiving SPED services.
- To qualify for the GED, youth must meet the following minimum requirements:
 - Be at least 18 years of age
 - Be 1+ (about 8 credits) behind on-track to graduate
 - Demonstrate an 8th grade+ reading level in English

<p>Youth on Long Term Units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth must meet the requirements above• Youth must demonstrate regular enrollment/attendance to school• Youth must have submitted work at grade level for educational team to assess <p><i>*LHS may ask for up to 6 weeks of attendance and academic engagement before recommending GED</i></p>	<p>Youth on Intake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth must attend school regularly and adhere to the school program for 6 weeks• This allows time for records and intake• We ask the youth to focus on the routine of school and demonstrating their learning <p><i>*If a youth started the GED process prior to enrolling with LHS, the MDT can adjust the terms above to move the student sooner</i></p>
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Process for enrolling in and earning GED at Lord High School:

- If the youth meets the requirements, an MDT meeting convenes to discuss the placement. The MDT considers attendance, behavior, academic progress, and demonstrated skills in academic areas.
- If the MDT agrees to GED, the LHS team will begin practice/placement tests and enroll them in GED Academy. *** If the practice/placement tests disclose significant gaps, the MDT may reconvene to reconsider placement*
- Youth engages in all academic programming they are enrolled in (5 classes per day at LHS) and follows the curriculum provided by teachers.
 - Youth must complete 3-5 (depending on the class) *passing* assessments in their core classes before taking the practice exam again
- Youth is provided access to GED Academy online and a GED Workbook for on unit
 - The GED Academy can be accessed during elective classes or classes which have already been passed with an official GED test
 - All other classes must be attended, and class work completed, to earn progress toward additional tests.
- Youth who score 160 on a practice test will sit the official exam in that subject
- When a subject exam is passed, the youth will continue to attend school and use that period to focus on GED academy in their remaining subjects