




GED & GED Ready Data and Best Practices



Realistic Practice, Immediate
Feedback and Customized Skill
Diagnostics





GED Background

The Official GED Test

In 2014, the fifth test series was released. Everyone around the world uses this test, except for Canada.

Four Modules: Math, Social Studies, Science, and Reasoning through Language Arts

All modules must be passed in order to earn a high school equivalency. This is a diploma in the State of Maryland.



GED Background

GED Scoring

Score Scale of 100 to 200

Passing/High School Equivalency: Minimum of a score of 145 on each content area module.

GED College Ready Score of 165-174 on any given content module shows student is ready for college level courses.

GED College Ready+ Credit Score of 175 and above on any given content module can allow students to earn college credits



GED Data

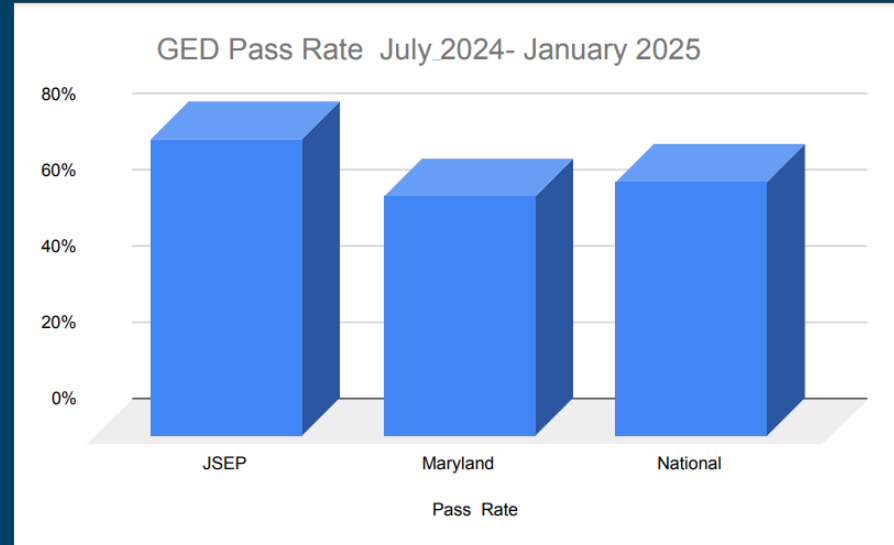
The first part of the 2025 Fiscal Year
(July 2024-January 2025)

JSEP Compared to State of Maryland and Nationwide Pass Rate

JSEP GED Pass Rate: 78%

Maryland GED Pass Rate: 63%

National GED Pass Rate: 67%





GED Ready - The Official GED Practice Test

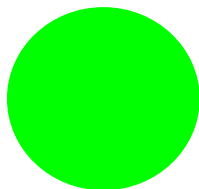
- GED Ready Practice tests are written and designed by the creators of the actual exam.
 - The GED Ready is aligned academically with the actual GED.
 - The GED READY resembles the content, test environment and conditions of the actual GED.
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Prepares Students for the Actual GED

- Questions on the GED Ready are just like the real ones on the GED test
- The GED Ready is also the only practice test that tells you how you will do on the actual test
- Once students finish taking the GED Ready Practice Test, learners will receive an indicator of how likely they are to pass the real GED

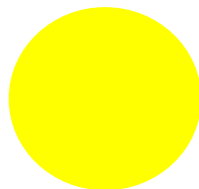


Scores Are in Three Zones



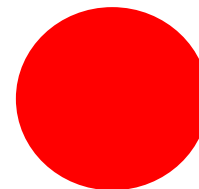
Green Zone
145-200

It means that they are most likely to pass the official GED test.



Yellow Zone
134-144

It means that the student just needs a little more practice before attempting to take the actual test.



Red Zone 100-
133

It means the student is not likely to pass the GED test.



GED Preparation

Industry standard indicates GED Readiness minimum is 145. According to current GED data, around 80% of students who take the GED Ready practice test and achieve a “likely to pass” score on it, go on to successfully pass the actual GED test; this indicates that a high correlation between a good GED Ready score and passing the official GED exam.

The GED Ready Creates A Custom Study Plan

- After taking a GED Ready, a custom score report can be printed that shows students exactly what areas they need to improve on.
- You can link the score report to a specific study material and it will even point out the exact chapters and pages that the student needs to study



Example of A Score Report

Score Report: GED Ready® Reasoning Through Language Arts

Score: 138

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You're close, Jonathan! Your GED Ready Test results show you have some skills to work on.

To increase the possibility of you passing, use your personal study plan, below. Study each skill you need to work on in the checklist and review your written response.



Steck-Vaughn 2nd Edition Complete Test Preparation for the 2014 GED® Test

Your Skills to Improve Checklist

Notes

- ☐ **Link your study material above**
See exactly what pages/sections you need to study, below.
- ☐ **Study pages 54–57; 74–75; 88–90; 107–108**
Analyze relationships within passages (Example: how a character may be influenced by

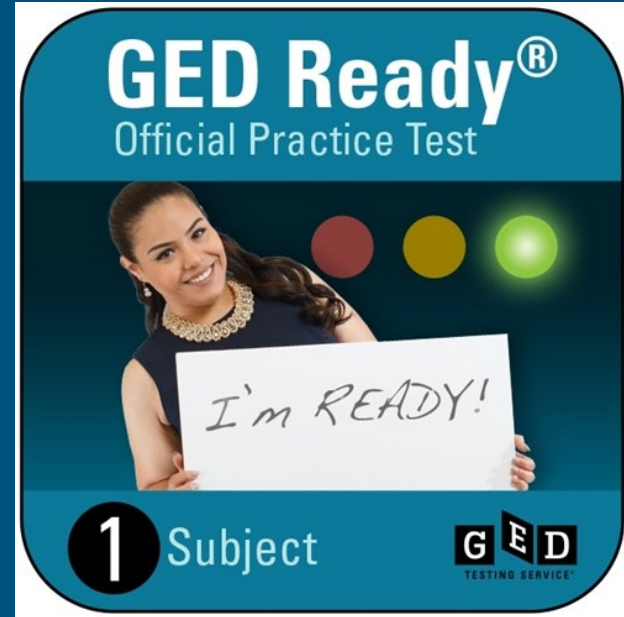
- ☐ **Study pages 64–65; 86–87; 95–96**
Determine the main idea
- ☐ **Study pages 64–65; 88–90; 95–96**
Identify the relationship between the main idea and details
- ☐ **Study pages 66–67; 113–114**
Analyze how details develop the main idea (Example: causes, reasons)
- ☐ **Study pages 86–87**
Determine which details support a main idea
- ☐ **Study pages 97–98**
Make generalizations based on evidence
- ☐ **Study pages 123–124**
Analyze how the organization of a paragraph or passage supports the author's ideas
- ☐ **Study pages 125–128; 248–264**
Identify the author's point of view and purpose (Example: to inform, to explain, to persuade)

Online GED Testing Requires Passing GED Ready

Online Proctored (OP) GED® Test:

Eligible testers may take their exams remotely at home or in another location while securely monitored by a trained online proctor. Testers must have a Green score within the past 60 days on the GED Ready® Test module, must be 18 or older, must have a computer, webcam, Internet access, and a private room to qualify. Testers must provide acceptable identification documentation.

The Official Maryland Department of Labor - GED Testing in Maryland website



GED READY

Best Practices in Neighboring States and Maryland Colleges

JSEP gathered information on
standards in neighboring
states/programs and Maryland
Colleges



College GED Programs



Some colleges in Maryland do Online GED Testing after their GED Prep Classes taught through the college.

Montgomery County is an example of this. Their website states:

"Schedule your online test within 60 days of scoring 'green' on a GED Ready practice test."

Other colleges in Maryland have in-person testing in testing centers on their campus for students enrolled in their GED Prep Classes.

The Community College of Baltimore County and Allegany College are both examples of this.

They still require the GED Ready before being permitted to take the actual GED test..

"Requiring the GED Ready before GED Testing is a pretty common practice throughout the State of Maryland."



Maryland Department of Labor - Division of Workforce Development & Adult Learning/ Correctional Education

Require students to score **at least a 145 on the GED Ready** in order to sit for the actual GED Test.



Virginia Department of Juvenile Services

Students must score at least **145**
on the GED Ready in order to qualify
to be administered the official GED



West Virginia Division of Corrections & Rehabilitation - Juvenile Services

They also require students to score a **145 or above on the GED Ready** in order to qualify for the actual GED.



Pennsylvania Office of Children, Youth and Families - Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services

The center reaches out to the county where the student is from to determine if GED testing is best for the student's future schooling. Requirements for preparing for the GED differ per facility. Some require pretesting, practice, and/or tutoring. GED Ready is not a requirement for all schools, but may be used in some centers.



Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families - Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services

Detention Centers in Delaware do not offer GED testing to their students.

Ferris School states that, "Eligible students may be enrolled in GED preparatory courses."

Unable to talk to anyone to get further information.



New York City Administration for Children's Services - Secure Detention - Horizon Juvenile Center

Require **GED Ready score of 150** in order to take GED Science, Math, and Social Studies. They want a "+5 filter."

Require a **GED Ready Score of 145** in order to take GED RTLA because the actual GED grades the essay where the GED Ready does not.

Aztec Online/GED workbooks support student preparation

JSEP 2025 Fiscal GED Data

JSEP data indicates that the higher the score a JSEP student earns on the GED Ready, the higher the probability he/she has of passing the GED.

A Data Subset of JSEP Student Scores show:

17% of students who scored the minimum 145 on the GED Ready met the GED Passing Threshold on the actual GED test.

83% of students who scored 149 or higher on the GED Ready met the GED Passing Threshold on the actual GED test.