**Steps to Earn Your Arkansas High School Diploma**

**Earn Your GED® Credential**

- Go to your nearest Adult Education/GED® Testing Center.
- For a free GED Ready™ test, take the TABE and score a 9th grade level.

• Adult Education teachers will help you prepare.
• Take and pass the GED Ready™ test at an Adult Education Center.

For more information on GED Testing

email: GED@arkansas.gov  
call: 501-682-1980  
visit: ArCareerEducation.org/AdultEducation
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.