



Adult Education
Minneapolis Community Education

Minneapolis Adult Education is an Official Pearson VUE® Test Center

Registration: All candidates must register and schedule testing in advance by phone at 1-877-EXAM-GED (877-392-6433) or online at GED.com. Candidates cannot register in person. An email address is required in order to register.

Testing Locations: Testing is offered most weeks when Minneapolis Public Schools are in session at North Campus (1250 W Broadway, MPLS, 55411) or South Campus (2225 E Lake St, MPLS, 55407).

Payment: All candidates must create a GED profile at GED.com and pay for the test in advance with a credit, debit, gift card or voucher. The cost is \$30 per test or \$120 for all four tests. Agencies that wish to help individuals pay for the test must purchase vouchers through Pearson VUE. Information is available at pearsonvue.com/vouchers. Vouchers are available for the full battery or for individual tests. Discounts are sometimes available. Contact GED Testing Service for more information (877-392-6433).

Identification: A current government-issued photo ID is required in order to test (e.g., MN ID card, driver's license, passport, government ID). There are no exceptions.

Age Waivers: Candidates must be at least 19 years of age and not currently enrolled in high school. Anyone 17-18 years of age must receive an age waiver from the State of Minnesota before testing. Individuals under the age of 17 are not eligible to take the GED. Visit education.state.mn.us for more information.

Accommodations: Accommodations must be requested and approved through GED Testing Service.

Subjects: The GED® has four tests or modules: Reasoning Through Language Arts; Mathematical Reasoning; Science; and Social Studies. See reverse side for more details.

Scoring: A minimum score of 145 out of a possible 200 on each test is necessary to pass and receive a high school equivalency credential. Two additional performance levels are also possible. Scores between 165-174 indicate GED College Ready® (used to signify readiness to enter credit-bearing, college-level courses). Scores between 175-200 indicate GED College Ready + Credit® (which may qualify students for up to ten hours of college credit).

Test Results: Test results are available 24-48 hours after testing. Individuals can access their own scores by logging into their GED profile at GED.com. Official transcripts issued by the Minnesota Department of Education will be mailed to individuals after passing all four modules.

Retesting: Candidates may take each test three times during a calendar year (Jan-Dec) with no waiting between tests. If a candidate does not pass an individual test after three attempts they must wait 60 days before retesting. Retests must be paid for and scheduled through GED.com.

North Campus: 612.668.1863 / South Campus: 612.668.3800
Email: mpsabe@mpls.k12.mn.us / Web: abe.mpls.k12.mn.us

Computer Skills: The GED must be taken on computer at an Official Pearson VUE® Test Center. Candidates will need basic computer skills in order to pass the test. It is recommended that candidates be able to type at least 20 words per minute. Visit gedtestingservice.com for a free online tutorial.

Test Format & Content

Multiple Choice: Choose from one of four answers.

Fill-in-the-Blank: Type a word, number or short phrase within a statement or to answer a question.

Drag and Drop: Drag small images, numerical expressions, words or short phrases to drop targets on the computer screen.

Hot Spot: Click on a specific place on an embedded image to select an item based on its characteristics or plot or select points on a graph or map.

Drop-Down: Choose from a drop-down menu of 5-8 choices to complete a statement; the selection will then appear as part of the text.

Short Answer: Type a few sentences or a short paragraph in response to text and/or a graph, chart or image.

Extended Response: Type a writing sample that will be scored on three aspects: 1) Analysis of arguments and use of evidence to support those arguments; 2) development of ideas and organizational structure; and 3) clarity and command of Standard English usage.

	Social Studies*	Science	Language Arts	Math
Time	1 hour, 30 minutes	1 hour, 30 minutes	2 hours, 30 minutes (includes a 10 minute break)	2 hours
Content Areas	Civics & Government 50% US History 20% Economics 15% Geography and the World 15%	Life Science 40% Physical Science 40% Earth & Space Science 20%	Non-Fiction & Informational 75% Fiction & Literature 25%	Algebraic Problem Solving 55% Quantitative Problem Solving 45%
Writing Required?	Yes One Extended Response (about 25 minutes)	Yes Two Short Answer Questions (about 10 minutes each)	Yes One Extended Response (about 45 minutes)	No
Calculator Required?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

* Starting March 1, 2016, the extended response portion of the social studies test will no longer be given and the maximum test time will decrease by 15 minutes.

Calculator and Scratch Paper: An online calculator (model: TI-30XS) will be made available during portions of the test. An erasable white board will also be provided for use during testing.

More Information: The website GED.com has links to frequently asked questions, tutorials and practice tests. There is a \$6 charge for each practice test.

Prep Classes: Minneapolis Adult Education offers free GED preparation classes. Classes are held in the morning and evening hours. North Campus: 612.668.1863 / South Campus: 612-668-3800

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