

Preparing for the GED

The GED tests your knowledge of several high school subjects:

- * English
- * Social studies
- * Science
- * Language Arts and Reading
- * Math

A new version of the GED is coming out in 2014 (it hasn't been updated since 2002). GED preparation materials and tests are available in English and in Spanish.

Options for GED Preparation and Studying

- * **Adult education classes** at local colleges and adult ed centers

The **Jointure Community Education** in Somerset, NJ offers GED preparation at no cost. To sign up and find out more, contact instructor Doris Stevens at 732-249-6410 x339.

The **Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission** also offers GED classes - contact Marie Kisch at 908-806-2795 x11

- * **A private tutor** (likely to cost between \$20 and \$30 an hour)

* **GED books** -- borrow from library and skim through in bookstores. Since the test is all new in 2014, you'll want to make sure you use the most current editions of the books.

* **Online library resources.** **Learning Express** is offered by Bernardsville Public Library (and by every public library in the state of NJ). GED study guides and practice tests are available. You will need a library card to log in. Go to www.BernardsvilleLibrary.org, then click Collections & Resources → Research & Learning → Practice Tests

- * **Other online resources** that provide practice tests include

- GEDOnline.org
- GEDpractice.com
- TestPrepReview.com (created by educators, provides free practice test questions)
- GEDtestingservice.com (the official GED practice test)
- State of New Jersey information about the GED:
www.state.nj.us/education/students/adulted
Here you will find answers to frequently asked questions about the GED, as well as instructions for how to apply online.

How to Register for the Test

If you have never taken the test before, you can register **online** at www.GED123.org

If you have already been tested in New Jersey, you need to call Raritan Valley Community College and request to complete the Demographic Form on-site (**in-person**).

Where to Take the Test

Raritan Valley Community College (in Somerville) offers GED testing for Somerset County.

Phone: 973-526-1200 x8422

To sign up for sor scheduled testing dates (**you must pre-register**), visit

www.raritanval.edu/gedtesting

Additional testing locations (outside Somerset County) can be found online at gedtestingservice.com/testers/locate-a-testing-center

What to Bring to the Test

Remember! You must bring **one** primary ID (either a passport, driver's license, INS documents, military ID, alien registration card, citizenship papers)

AND

two secondary forms of ID (health insurance card, Social Security card, credit card, marriage certificate, military discharge papers, utility bill)

Dealing with Test Anxiety

Everybody gets nervous when they have to take a test. The trick is to keep the anxiety at a manageable level - so that you control it, it doesn't control you. If you are tense and anxious before and/or during the test, here are some techniques to try:

- * Do enough preparation and studying so that you know you're as prepared as you can be.
- * When you feel anxious, take four deep, slow breaths. This will help your body relax. If you have to do this 15 times, that's okay!
- * Talk to yourself as if you were talking to a friend. Encourage yourself with positive self-talk. "I can do this." "I studied hard. This test will be okay!" "What's the worst that could happen? If I have to take it again, I can do that."
- * Take your time.
 - Read the directions carefully and make sure you understand them.
 - Pace yourself! If a question is too hard, skip it for now.
 - Work on the easy stuff first. It will boost your confidence. (9/13)