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General Educational Development (GED)

The Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth Office of Adult Education is charged with administering the General Educational Development (GED) Tests in Michigan. To speak with someone or to learn more about GED Testing, call: (517) 373-1692 or visit www.mi.gov/adulteducation.

Overview of the GED Testing Program

The General Educational Development Tests were developed and administered beginning in 1942. Today there are more than 3,200 Official GED Testing Centers worldwide. Each jurisdiction sets the number and location of the testing centers. The following data represent Michigan's GED 2006 program:

- 9,839 candidates passed the battery & eligible to receive a GED Certificate
- 120 Official GED Testing Centers available are to civilians
- 46 Official GED Testing Centers are located in state correctional prisons & camps

What are the GED Tests?

The GED Tests are internationally recognized to measure major academic skills and knowledge in core content areas that are learned during high school. When an adult passes the 7.5 hour GED Test battery, the resulting GED credential certifies that he or she has attained the knowledge and skills associated with high school completion. The GED Tests battery includes the following subject areas:

- Language Arts, Reading
- Language Arts, Writing
- Social Studies
- Science
- Mathematics

To pass the GED Tests, a candidate must attain an overall average of 450 or greater (equivalent to a standard score total of 2,250 or greater). Each individual content area test score must be 410 or greater. GED candidates who obtain a passing score and are eligible to receive a GED credential have proven they are able to read, compute, interpret information, and express themselves in writing at a level meeting or exceeding that of at least 40 percent of graduating high school seniors.

The GED Tests are offered in English, Spanish, and French. Special accommodations are available for documented physical, attention or other disabilities. More information is available by contacting your local testing center or by visiting www.gedtest.org.