



GED Prep Information for Students

Congratulations on taking the step to start (or restart!) preparation for the GED high school equivalency test. Please read below about the test and our services. We look forward to working with you!

Questions? Contact the office at 806-775-3636 (voice only) or 806-475-0102 (voice or text).

Next Steps

- 1. Did you register with Literacy Lubbock? If not, that's your first step.**
 - Contact the office using the information above.
- 2. Make a GED.com account.**
 - If you haven't done so yet, make your GED.com account. You **MUST** choose Literacy Lubbock as your Test Prep Center if you plan on having us pay for your practice test.
- 3. Schedule practice testing.**
 - We will pay for you to take practice testing on the GED website—it doesn't cost you a thing! This only applies if you've chosen Literacy Lubbock as your Test Prep Center though.
 - Practice testing gives you a personal study plan. It's made with only you in mind, so it's your roadmap to finishing the GED quickly.
 - You can take the practice test during tutoring hours at our sites. Or you can make an appointment to take the practice test at our office.
 - If you have a computer or laptop with internet, ask for a code to take the practice test from home. The test will not work on a phone or tablet; it must be a computer or laptop.
- 4. Attend tutoring to get one-on-one help with GED subjects.**
 - The current schedule for in-person tutoring is at <https://literacylubbock.org/resource-page/>.
 - Online tutoring is available by appointment.
- 5. Study, study, study!**
 - Find online study material at <https://literacylubbock.org/resource-page/>.
 - Many students also buy a study guide, but it is not required. We offer the Kaplan GED Prep book for a discounted price of \$10 (Amazon sells it for \$20!). Our tutors like this book, but you can use any study materials.
- 6. When you feel ready, schedule the official GED testing.**
 - More information is below.

7. Once you pass the four GED tests, it's time to celebrate!

- Let us know when you complete the GED so that we can celebrate your accomplishment and mark that you have completed our program!
- We host a GED graduation ceremony each year, and we encourage you to attend for the cap and gown graduation experience. The graduation is not required, but it *is* fun!

About our Tutoring

- Literacy Lubbock provides free classroom or one-on-one tutoring to prepare you for GED testing.
- Our tutors are volunteers. They are motivated to help you pass the GED, and they donate their time to help you. Please thank your tutors for their service.
- If a site closes unexpectedly or a volunteer cancels, our schedule may change without advance notice. We do our best to keep a regular schedule and to let students know about changes, but we ask for your understanding and flexibility.
- Our services follow the City of Lubbock and Lubbock ISD emergency procedures. If there is bad weather or an emergency that causes the city or schools to close or open late, we will follow their schedule.

Tips for Success

- Don't wait to get started. It's totally normal to feel overwhelmed! But don't let that stop you from reaching your dreams. You miss 100% of the shots you don't take, so why not take a shot?
- It's normal for students to need more than one chance to complete the GED. If you don't pass on the first try, don't worry! You can try again *plus* you'll know how it feels to take the test.
- Like any learning experience, the more time you dedicate, the better the result. Attend tutoring as often as you can, at least once per week if possible. The more you study, the faster you reach goal!
- Talk with your tutors about how to study at home. Again, the more time you study, the faster you will get there! GED Flash is a website with excellent practice questions that you can do from a smartphone. Contact the office for a free account.
- Communication with tutors is *really* important. Be clear with tutors about what you understand and what you don't understand. Ask questions! We are here to help you.
- **Don't. Give. Up.** It is easy to get discouraged, and you may have other obligations that make it difficult to continue. If you need to take a break from tutoring, that's OK. You can restart when you're ready but the important thing is to never give up!

About the GED

- There are 4 separate tests:
 - Math
 - Language Arts (reading and writing)
 - Science
 - Social Studies

For details, go to

https://ged.com/about_test/test_subjects/.

- When you feel ready to take one of the subject tests, schedule your test using GED.com. Currently, the only testing location in Lubbock is the Dream Center (1111 30th St.). The Dream Center staff cannot schedule the test for you. **You must schedule the test yourself on the GED.com website with your login information.**
- Each subject is taken separately and costs \$36.25, making the total cost \$145. You pay GED.com separately for each subject, so you don't pay the full \$145 at one time. When funding is available, we can help active students with testing fees. Contact the office for more information about GED Scholarships!
- If you don't pass a GED test the first time, you can try again! The retest will cost \$16.25.
- You might be able to take online GED testing from home if you have strong internet and the right computer equipment, including a camera and microphone. The GED company will watch you and listen during testing to prevent cheating. You cannot have any interruptions, and you cannot use scratch paper. More information is here: <https://ged.com/take-the-ged-test-online/>. For most students, the best option will be testing at the Dream Center where staff can take care of all the technical requirements and provide a quiet space.

About GED.com

- GED.com is the website for the company that owns the GED test. On the website, you can find practice testing, study resources, and scheduling to take the official GED tests.
- In your GED.com profile, choose Literacy Lubbock as your Test Prep Center so that we can check on your progress.
- If you took GED practice testing or parts of the official test since 2014, you already have a GED.com account. **Do not start a new account.** Contact GED customer service if you need help finding your account.