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## **Passing Score for GED Test Recalibrated**

PIERRE, S.D. – GED Testing Services (GEDTS) has announced a recalibration to the GED Test passing score and the addition of two new performance levels.

The passing score for high school equivalency is moving from 150 to 145. The program will also include two optional levels above high school equivalency to signify college readiness.

South Dakota will retroactively apply the new performance levels to test-takers who have tested since Jan. 1, 2014. Students who earn scores between 145-149 prior to the new passing score will be eligible for this high school equivalency credential.

In addition to the 545 South Dakota students who earned a credential since Jan. 1, 2014, an estimated additional 78 will be awarded the credential due to the change in cut score.

GEDTS will notify affected students. All students can expect to see their updated scores and information in their MyGED account on March 1.

The scoring enhancement is a result of detailed analysis of educational outcomes of GED program graduates compared to high school graduates over the past 18 months. The outcomes data show GED graduates are performing as well as, and in many instances outperforming, high school graduates in terms of not needing remediation when entering postsecondary programs.

For more information, please visit: [www.GEDtestingervice.com/score-changes](http://www.GEDtestingervice.com/score-changes). For a list of testing centers in South Dakota, please visit: [http://dlr.sd.gov/workforce\\_training/ged.aspx#testingcenters](http://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_training/ged.aspx#testingcenters).