

South Dakota GED® Testing Jurisdictional Requirements (Updated May 2016)

Title of credential: High School Equivalency Certificate

Requirements for Issuance of Certificate

Educational status:

An individual eligible for testing

- a. Has not graduated from a United States high school accredited by a regional association.
- b. Is not currently enrolled in a high school nor required to be enrolled. (An individual enrolled in a high school GED preparation program must be unenrolled while testing.)

Age requirements:

Minimum age for testing without restrictions is 18.

- a. 16- and 17-year-old *home school* students may test upon submission of the Alternative Instruction waiver and verification from the Department of Education that the Public School Exemption is on file.
- b. 16- and 17-year-old students who are *in school* may test upon the school district's submission of the Alternative Instruction waiver.

Fees:

- a. \$32.50 for each test (\$130 total)
- b. \$10 for each re-take
- c. \$6 for each practice test
- d. \$15 for duplicate transcripts/diplomas (original are free)

Minimum test scores:

The 2014 GED® test is based on a scale of 100 to 200. The minimum passing score to earn a high school equivalency certificate is **145** on each of the four sections of the test.

Identification:

Test-takers must present valid and current photo identification on the test day at the state-approved testing center. A valid driver's license or other form of government-issued identification that shows name, date of birth, signature, and photograph are acceptable forms of identification. The identification should match the demographic information provided during test registration.

Residency:

Testers are not required to be South Dakota residents.

Retesting:

After the initial testing attempt, an examinee may retest two times in the same subject with no wait time. After a third attempt, an examinee must wait at least sixty (60) days before trying again.

Transcripts:

Original transcripts and certificates are supplied without charge by GEDTS. Duplicate documents are fulfilled through GEDTS Credentialing Service and can be requested by accessing www.ged.com.

Accommodations:

Accommodations for GED® testing are available for eligible candidates (based on diagnoses of learning disabilities, or physical, emotional, or other disabilities) and are determined on an individual basis. Test-takers are encouraged to seek appropriate accommodations. Visit [GED Testing Service Accommodations](#) for further information and forms.