GED TESTING POLICIES AND SCHEDULE
EFFECTIVE: SEPTEMBER 2012

The following testing policies are in compliance with the American Council on Education and the Texas Education Agency's rules and regulations:

1. The GED candidate will be required to show positive proof of identification before being allowed to test. An un laminated social security card and one of the following types of identification is required:
   a. State issued or Government issued Current and Valid (NOT EXPIRED): driver's license, identification card, or passport displaying a recent photograph.

   The candidate's signature will be compared with the signature on the license or I.D. card.

2. Accommodations are available for students with documented disabilities – Call Blanca Padilla, GED Chief Examiner at 486-2525 for additional information and application.

3. Minimum Age: Must be 18 years old. The following are also eligible:
   a. A person who is 17 years old, is not enrolled in school (must present a letter of withdrawal from the last school attended), and has written parental or guardian permission to test. Seventeen-year-olds who are married, who have entered military service, who have been declared adults by the court, who are homeless, or who have otherwise legally severed the child-parent relationship are not required to present written parental or guardian permission to be tested.
   b. A person who is at least 16 years old and is: (1) recommended by a public agency that has supervision or custody of the person under court order; (2) in a Job Corps training program; or (3) ordered by a justice or municipal court settling a truancy case. NOTE: Judges may recommend 16-year-olds if the judge is acting in lieu of a probation officer.

4. St. Philip's College does not maintain student scores or records for GED candidates. All official score reports and certificates are processed through the Texas Education Agency-GED Unit. Transcripts and verification letters can be obtained at the TEA-GED website, www.texged.com select Get Certificate Copy.

5. GED Candidates must sign-up in person with the required documentation for the mandatory registration session on pre-scheduled Mondays in the Welcome Center, second floor, room 207A. Seating capacity is limited, candidates are accommodated on a first come first served basis, and door opens at 8:00 am. Candidates must attend the registration session before the test date in which they wish to test.

The GED Testing Center enforces the following Policy: College Policy prohibits students from bringing their children to classes and laboratories. This Policy is to protect the rights of the other students in the class from noise and distractions.

GED Candidates are not permitted to bring purses, pencils, pens, tote bags, cameras, cell phones, portable music players, hand-held electronic games, food items, text books (including dictionaries), notebooks, supplies, jackets or coats, hats, or other nonessential items to their seats in the testing room. All such items will be collected and stored in lockers in front of the room at the owner's risk. The testing staff or testing center is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
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The GED exams are administered in the following order:

**Tuesday:**
- **8:00 a.m., Language Arts, Writing (2 hour time limit)**
  Part 1, 75 minutes, multiple choice 50 items
  Part 2, 45 minutes, essay
- **10:30 a.m., Mathematics Test (90 minute time limit)**
  Part 1, 45 minutes, 25 items, calculator
  Part 2, 45 minutes, 25 items, no calculator

**Wednesday:**
- **8:00 a.m., Science (80 minutes)**
  Multiple choice, 50 items
- **9:30 a.m., Social Studies (70 minutes)**
  Multiple choice, 50 items
- **10:45 a.m., Language Arts - Reading (65 minutes)**
  Multiple choice, 40 items

NO ONE IS ALLOWED IN THE TESTING ROOM ONCE THE DOOR IS CLOSED - NO EXCEPTIONS

6. Testing fees: **$110** for the entire battery, **$20** retest by sub-test, and **$15** transfer fee for an out of state transfer. These fees are to be paid during the registration process ONLY. Payment vouchers from organizations will also be collected at this time. A **$10.00 fee** will be imposed for missed GED Sessions. This is to reduce the number of people not honoring their scheduled appointments for the GED Exam. **ALL GED FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

7. **GED Exams can only be taken three times in one calendar year (January 1-December 31).** In all cases of retesting, a different form of the test will be used and a fee of **$20.00 per sub-test assessed**. The GED Official Practice Test is offered on Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **free of charge** and recommended for students wanting to retest. Students must complete the entire test battery before retesting on a sub-test.

8. When an applicant has tested elsewhere and wishes to retest, he/she must present an official copy of his/her scores earned. If a candidate has tested in another state the **$15 TEA processing fee will be assessed.**

**Changes to the GED® Test**

The 2002 GED Testing Series will be replaced beginning January 2, 2014. Incomplete or insufficient GED scores from the 2002 series will no longer be valid after December 31, 2013. We encourage you to complete your preparation and testing as soon as possible.

**Effective January 1, 2002, the minimum passing standard score on the GED Tests will be no score less than 410 on EACH of the five tests, with an average of 450 (2250 total) on the five tests in the battery.**

**January 1, 1997 through December 31, 2001, GED candidates had to make a total score of 225 (45 average) on all five tests with no sub-test score less than 40.**

**Prior to January 1, 1997, GED Passing Scores were 40 on each test OR a total score of 225 on all five sub-tests.**

FEES AND SCHEDULE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 486-2525 OR 486-2532

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