PROHIBITED ITEMS AT THE GED® TESTING CENTERS

- All electronic devices such as cellular phones, hand-held computers/ personal digital assistants, headsets, and watches.
- Wallets, purses, hats, backpacks, and coats.
- Scarves, ties, and any large jewelry may have to be removed or adjusted.
- Food and open beverages are prohibited in the testing room.

SCORING & RETESTING

The following is the scoring range for each test module:

- ✓ Passing Score   145-164
- ✓ GED® College Ready   165-174
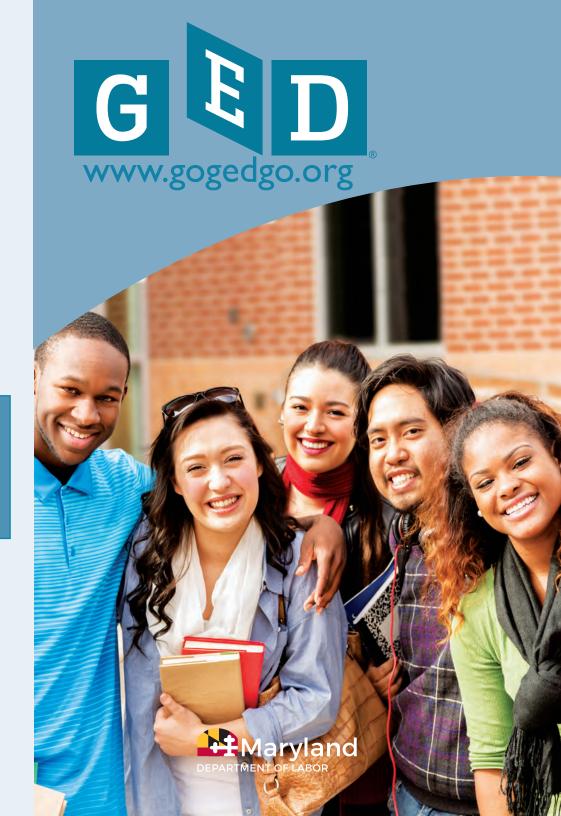- ✓ GED® College Ready + Credit   175-200

Testers are limited to a total of three tests per module per calendar year. If additional retests are needed, the tester must wait until January 1 of the following year to schedule.

WEBSITE RESOURCES

- Maryland GED® Office – **www.gogedgo.org**
- GED® Testing Service – **www.ged.com**
- GED® Maryland State Policy Page
  www.gedtestingservice.com/testers/policy_md
- Free Practice Test
  www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/freepracticetest

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THE BENEFITS OF PASSING THE GED® TEST

- Earn Your High School Diploma
  - In Maryland you earn your High School Diploma when you pass the GED® test.
- Increase Your Earning Potential
  - According to the 2014 Bureau of Labor Statistics (persons age 25 and over), those with a high school diploma earn $9,360 more annually than those without a high school diploma. Over 30 years, that equals $280,000.
- Further Your Education
  - Go on to attend a training program, trade school, community college, 4-year college, or more.
- Get a Job or Better Job
  - According to the 2014 Bureau of Labor Statistics, those with a high school diploma have a 3% lower unemployment rate than those without a high school diploma.
- Fulfill a Personal Goal with Positive Lifelong Impact

THE GED® TEST

The GED® test is a high school equivalency exam offered only on computer at approved testing centers. The test covers four content areas:

- Mathematical Reasoning (Math) – 115 minutes
- Reasoning through Language Arts (RLA) – 150 minutes
- Science – 90 minutes
- Social Studies – 70 minutes

The test is available in English and Spanish; however, the RLA module must be taken in English. Testers will receive test scores within 24-48 hours of testing.

PREPARING TO TAKE THE GED® TEST

Potential test-takers can prepare to take the GED® test through one or all of the following methods:

- Attend a GED® preparation class at an adult learning program. Go to **www.labor.maryland.gov/gedmd/programs.shtml** and click on the area where you live to find a GED® preparation program in your community.
- Take the GED Ready® to determine your readiness to take the GED® test.
- Purchase GED® study materials and prepare to take the GED® test on your own. Go to **www.ged.com** and click on "Get Study Materials."

ELIGIBILITY TO TEST IN MARYLAND

- You must be a Maryland resident. Bring one of the following when you test:
  - Valid (not expired) Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) Driver's License or Learner's Permit
  - MD MVA Identification (ID) Card
  - Active Duty Military Identification Card
- Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and not enrolled in or attending any school. Candidates under 19 years of age must submit a School Withdrawal/Exemption form for the GED® office approval after creating your GED® account. To retrieve the school withdrawal verification form, go to **www.gogedgo.org** and click on "School Withdrawal/Verification Forms."

IDENTIFICATION WAIVER

If you are a Maryland resident and none of the previously mentioned forms of identification are attainable, you may apply for an Identification Waiver. Go to **www.gogedgo.org** and click on "Test Information" for more details.

REGISTERING AND SCHEDULING

- Go to **www.ged.com** to create an account.
- Select a test center location to schedule a date and time to test. **(Schedule no more than two modules a day.)**
- If you are requesting GED® test accommodations, you will check the appropriate box during the registration process. Instructions will be sent to you.
- Make payment for the testing module(s) with any major credit card, debit card, or gift card. The cost for the first test per module is $11.25. Go to **www.gogedgo.org** and click on "Test Information" for Maryland's GED® Testing fee structure.

LIST OF GED® TEST CENTERS

For a list of test center locations, go to **www.gogedgo.org** and click on "Test Center Location."