



Session Objectives



- Explore key components and structure of the GED[®] test
- Review student outcomes and research data
- Overview of the GED® test
- Explore tools for the classroom
- Provide an overview of content and key strategies
- Share resources from the GED® Website

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Purposes of the GED® test





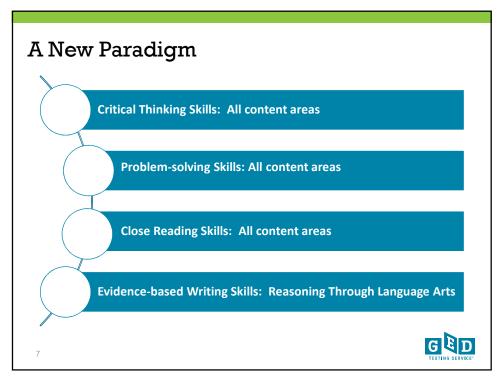
 To provide evidence of readiness to enter workforce training programs or postsecondary education

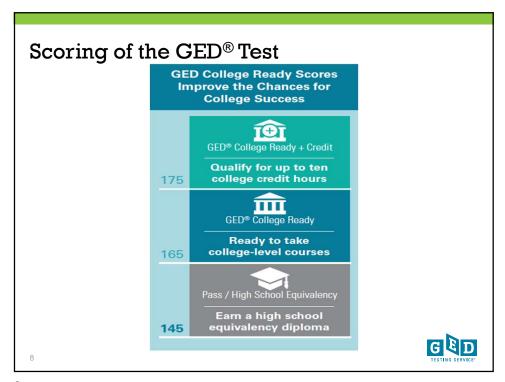


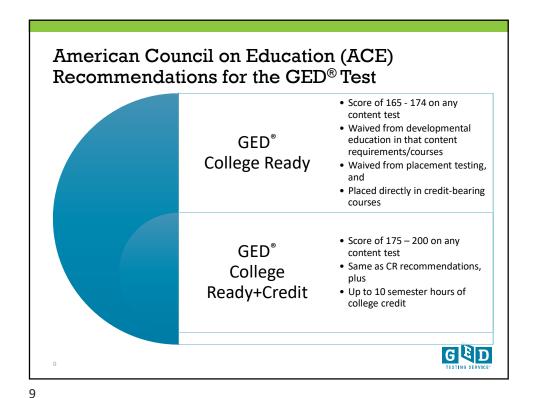
 To provide actionable information about a candidate's academic strengths and weaknesses

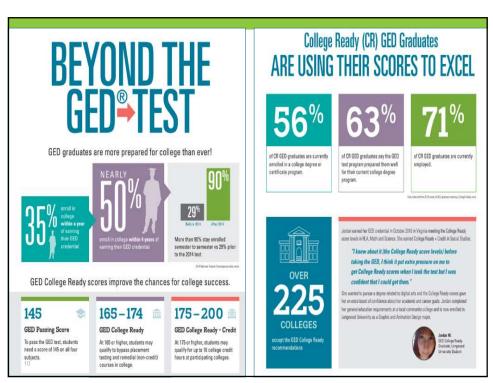












National Test-taker Data: 2014-2019

	Math	RLA	Science	Social Studies	Battery - First Attempt	Battery - Multiple Attempts
Passed	85%	89%	93%	90%	61%	86%
(145 or higher)	03 /0	09 /0	93 /0	90 70	0170	00 70
College Ready	6%	12%	11%	14%	20%	
(165 or higher)					in at least o	one content.
College Ready+ Credit	2%	2%	2%	3%		% one content.
(175 or higher)						

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Many colleges have already adopted the ACE® Credit Recommendations

- Approximately 225 colleges across the U.S. have implemented one, or both, of the recommendations (CR and/or CR+credit)
 - Colorado Community College System (both recommendations)
 - Connecticut Public College System
 - Georgia Technical College System
 - Illinois Community College System
 - Kansas Board of Regents (2 & 4-year colleges)
 - Kentucky Community College System
 - Ohio Community College System
 - Virginia Community College System
- Additional Colleges in AL, AZ, KS, MA, MO, NJ, OR, RI, WA





GED® Test

Test	Time	Notes
Reasoning through Language Arts	150 minutes	Includes 45 minutes for extended response (timed separately) and a 10 minute break
Mathematical Reasoning	115 minutes	Part 1 – calculator not allowed; Part 2 – calculator allowed
Social Studies	70 minutes	
Science	90 minutes	

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The GED® test

- Available in English and Spanish
- A wide array of accommodations available
 - Including zoom-text, alternate color palettes, Braille, screen reader, extended time, paper testing for special circumstances
- Test administered is delivered via computer. The exceptions to this is if a test-taker has a documented disability that will prevent them from testing on computer.

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Variety of Item Types

Multiple-choice
Fill-in-the-blank
Drag-and-drop
Hot-spot
Drop-down
Extended-response (Language Arts)

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GED® Ready

Realistic practice opportunity	Computer based and same platform as GED [®] test
Standardized and normed	Same norming and standardization study as official test
Predictive	Tells students if they are likely to pass
Half-length	4.25 hours in length

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GED® Ready

- Feedback and links to study suggestions (focused study plans)
- Instructional feedback extended response (RLA) scored by adult educators
- Online scoring tools (provide writing scores, feedback, and suggestions for improvement)

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Three Score Level Indicators on GED Ready®

Not Likely to Pass	Too Close to Call	Likely to Pass
100-133	134-144	145-200
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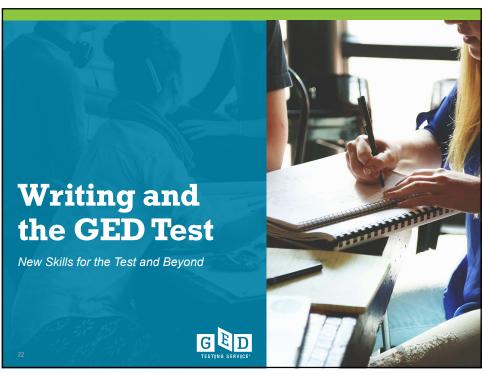
Overview of RLA Test

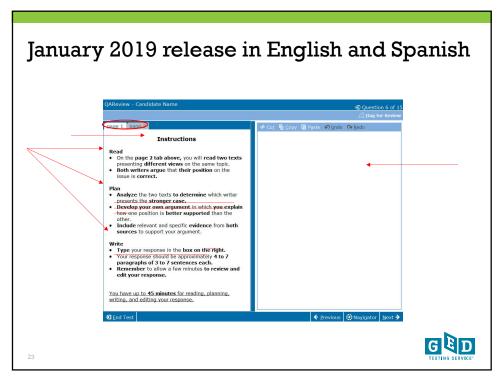


- Content Integrated reading and writing
 - Close reading
 - Clear writing
 - Editing and understanding the use of standard written English in context
- Source texts 75% nonfiction; 25% fiction
- Passage length 400-900 words
- Range of text complexity, including texts at the collegeand career-ready level
- Technology-enhanced items and extended response

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Purpose of Extended Response

To provide test-takers with an opportunity to demonstrate

- Knowledge of writing conventions in English
- Understanding of what they've read
- How well they use evidence to build arguments
- Their ability to clearly communicate their thinking *in* their own words



The Three Traits

- **Trait 1:** Creation of Arguments and the Use of Evidence
- Trait 2: Development of Ideas and Organizational Structure
- Trait 3: Clarity and Command of Standard English
 Conventions



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Know What is Expected

When you write . . .

- determine which position presented in the passage(s) is better supported by evidence from the passage(s)
- explain why the position you chose is the better-supported one
- remember, the better-supported position is not necessarily the position you agree with
- defend your assertions with multiple pieces of evidence from the passage(s)
- build your main points thoroughly



Don't Forget the Little Stuff

Expose students to a structured approach to the writing task and help them understand that they need to:

- Write a <u>complete</u> response, not just a short paragraph (300-500 words)
- Provide commentary on the evidence cited (explain the "why")
- Fully develop two or three ideas, rather than mention a lot of things without detail
- Leave five minutes at the end for proofreading—that is one of the things evaluated



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Overview of Mathematical Reasoning Test

- Content
 - 45% Quantitative Problem Solving
 - Number operations
 - Geometric thinking
 - 55% Algebraic Problem Solving
- Texas Instruments TI 30XS Multiview[™] (calculator allowed on most items
- Integration of mathematical practices
- Formula page, symbols, and calculator page provided





Mathematical Reasoning





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Teach the Big Ideas in Algebra

- Variable
- Symbolic Notation
- Equality
- Ratio and Proportion
- Pattern Generalization
- Equations and Inequalities
- Multiple Representations of Functions





Help Students . . .

- Build their reading skills
- Increase their conceptual knowledge in math
- Build math vocabulary
- Depend less on rote memory and more on conceptual knowledge
- Encourage perseverance when solving problems



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Overview of Social Studies Test



- 50% Civics and Government
- 20% United States History
- 15% Economics
- 15% Geography and the World
- Themes
 - Development of Modern Liberties and Democracy
 - Dynamic Responses in Societal Systems
- Social Studies Practices analyzing, thinking, reasoning
- Technology-enhanced question items



Building Student Knowledge and Critical Thinking Skills

Social Studies



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Social Studies Themes

			Social Studies E	xample Topics	
		Civics & Gov't (50%)	US History (20%)	Economics (15%)	Geography & World (15%)
Themes	Development of Modern Liberties and Democracy	Types of modern and historical governments Structure and design of U.S. government	Key historical documents Civil War and Reconstruction	Key economic events that shape American government and policies	Development of classical civilizations
Focusing	Dynamic Responses in Societal Systems	Political parties, campaigns, and elections Contemporary public policy	World War I & II Cold War	Fundamental economic concepts Economic causes and impacts of war	Borders between peoples and nations Human migration

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Overview of Science Test

- Content
 - Life Science 40%
 - Physical Science 40%
 - Earth and Space Science 20% Themes
- Themes
 - Human Health and Living Systems
 - Energy and Related Systems
- Science Practices reasoning and thinking scientifically
- Question types Technology-enhanced items



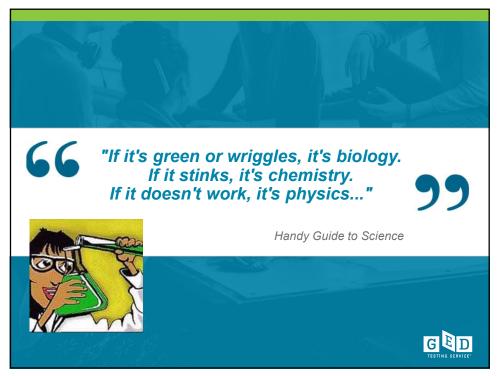
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Building Student Knowledge and Critical Thinking Skills

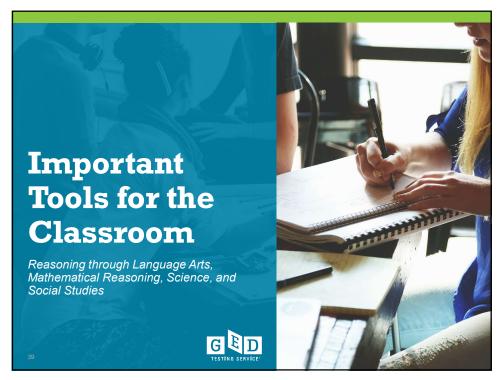
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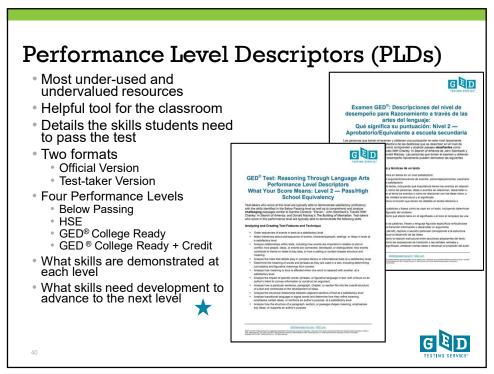






			Science Content Topics					
			Life Science (40%)		Physical Science (40%)	Ε	arth & Space Science (20%)	
Themes	Human Health and Living Systems		Human body and health Organization of life Molecular basis for heredity Evolution	•	Chemical properties and reactions related to human systems	•	Interactions between Earth's systems and living things	
Focusing	Energy and Related Systems	•	Relationships between life functions and energy intake Energy flows in ecologic networks (ecosystems)		Conservation, transformation, and flow of energy Work, motion, and forces	•	Earth and its system components Structure and organization of the cosmos	





How to Use PLDs in the Classroom

https://ged.com/educators_admins/teaching/teaching_resources/plds/

Use PLDs to:

Tip 1: Assess student's current skill level

Tip 2: Determine when students are ready

to test

Tip 3: Shape learning activities

Tip 4: Add perspective to lesson plans



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Assess where your students are



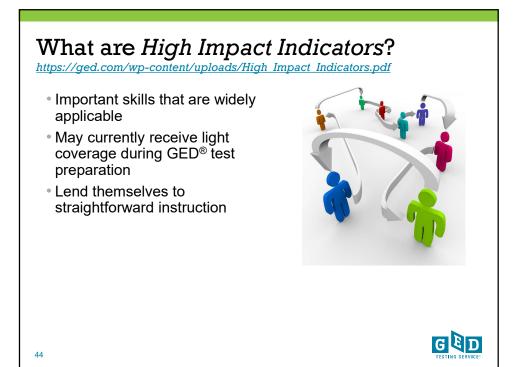
CAN USE AS A **BASIC CHECKLIST** TO DETERMINE CURRENT SKILL LEVELS (DIAGNOSTIC BASED ON OBSERVATIONS)

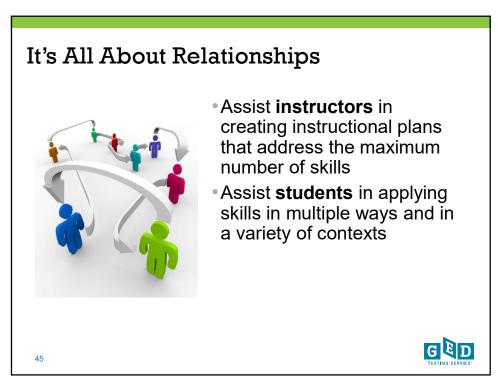


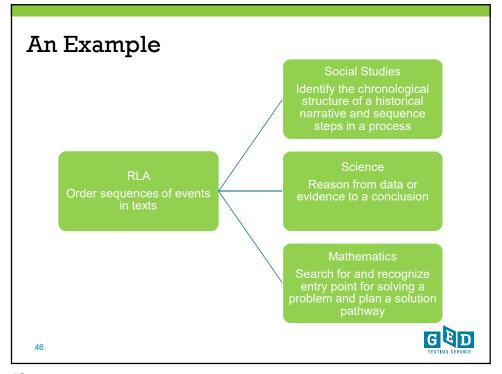
IDENTIFY WHERE TO FOCUS IN ORDER TO DEVELOP SKILLS AT THE NEXT LEVEL

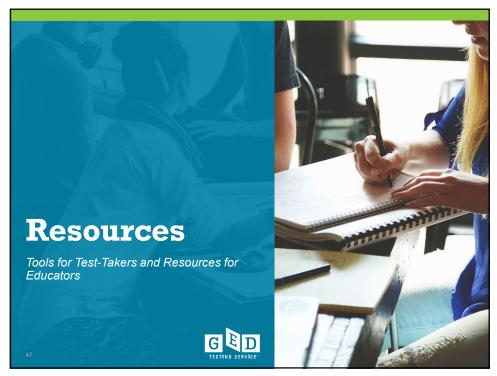


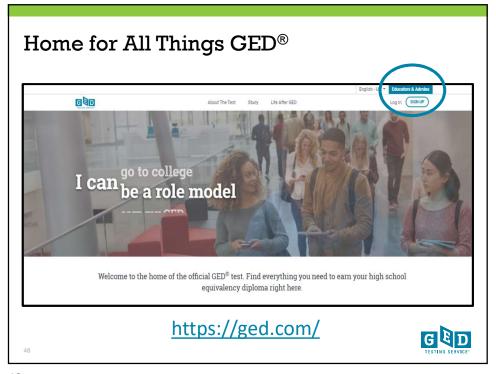












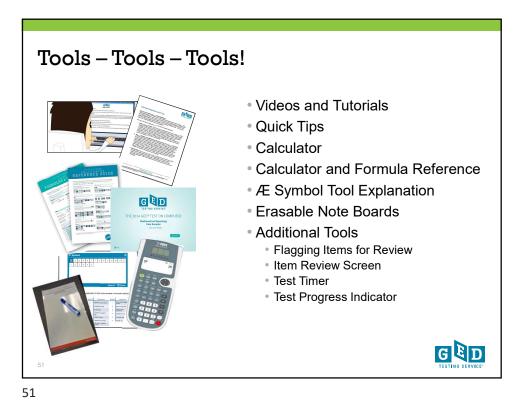
3 Things Every Educator Should Do

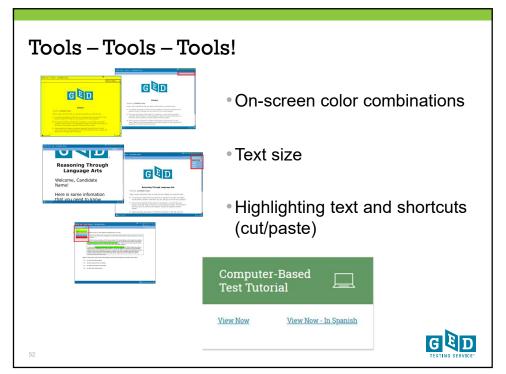
- 1. Bookmark and utilize GED.com Educators & Admin
- Create a student account at GED.com and familiarize yourself with the student experience in order to help your students (use a non-work email address, your first name, and the word CANDIDATE as your last name).
- 3. Take at least one subject of the GED Ready. Your SRM can provide you with a GED Ready voucher(s).

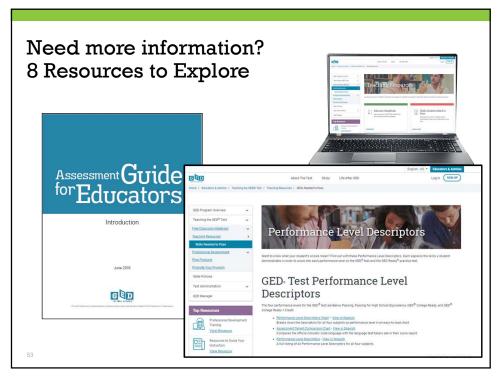
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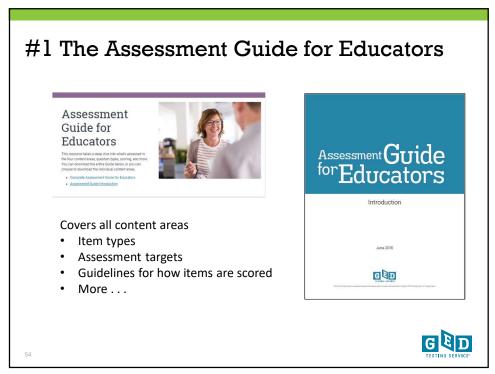
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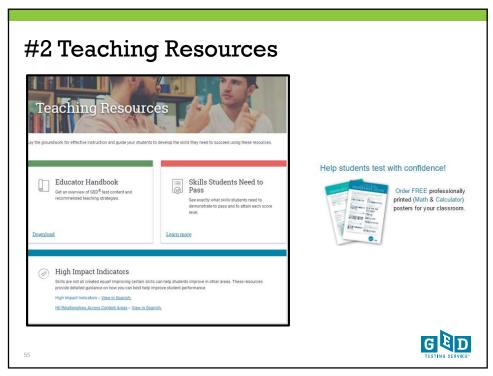
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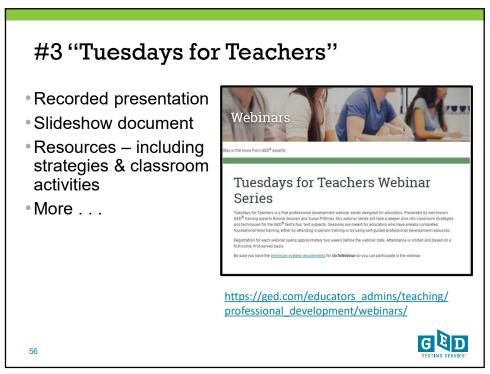






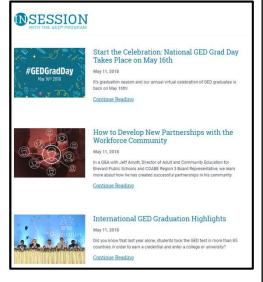








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- Easy sign-up
- Topics of interest to adult educators
- Focus on changes that impact you <u>and</u> your students



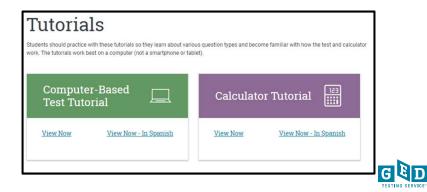
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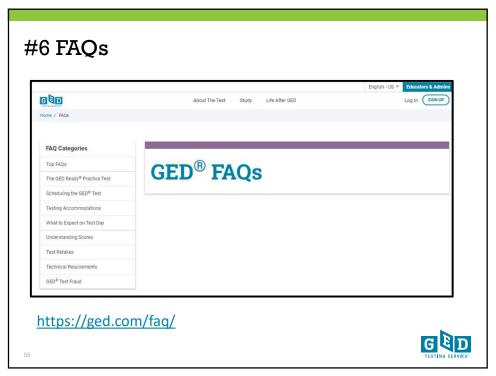


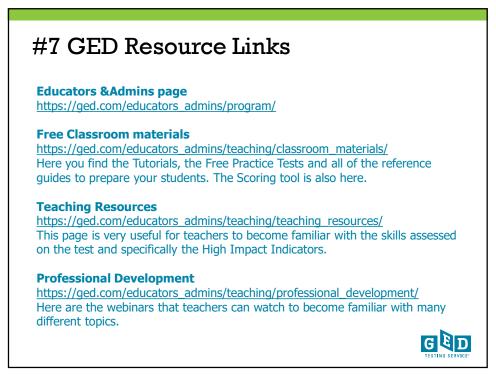
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#5 Tutorials

- Ensures no surprises on test day
- Opportunity to practice and build skills
- Familiarity can lead to better performance



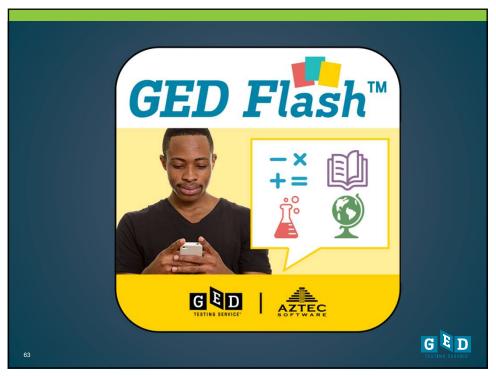


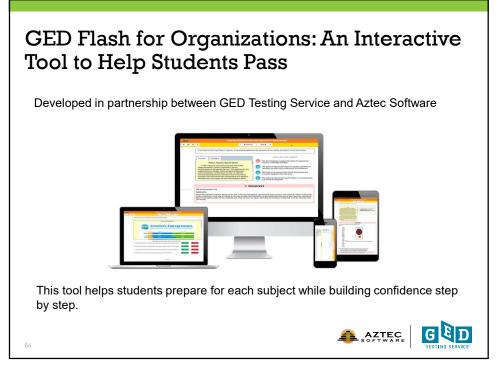


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