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## GED 101: Getting Down Basics!

**GED Annual Conference 2022** 



#### In this session, we will...

- Discuss the basic content of the GED exam
- Introduce you to Educator resources such as the Performance Level Descriptors and High Impact Indicators
- Share more resources for both you and your students
- Introduce you to GED Manager/Prep Connect
- Discuss how to get the most out of the GED Score Report
- Answer your questions!



### An Overview of the GED® Test

Getting Started





#### The GED® Test

- Available in English and Spanish
- A wide array of accommodations are available:
  - Including extended time, additional breaks, reader/recorder,
     private room, screen reader (JAWS) and many more
  - Visit the <u>GEDTS Accommodations Information Page</u>



#### **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	



#### Variety of Item Types

Multiple-choice

Fill-in-the-blank

Drag-and-drop

Hot-spot

Drop-down

Extended-response (Language Arts)



#### 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



#### Extended Response on RLA

A constructed response item includes:

- One or more source texts
- Texts offer two positions on a given topic
- A prompt that provides instruction on what the students is expected to do



#### 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



#### 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



#### Overview of Mathematical Reasoning Test

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





#### **Overview of Social Studies Test**

#### Content

- 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





#### 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





#### GED Score Levels Explained

GED College Ready scores improve the chances for college success.

145



**GED Passing Score** 

To pass the GED test, students need a score of 145 on all four subjects.

165 – 174



**GED** College Ready

At 165 or higher, students may qualify to bypass placement testing and remedial (non-credit) courses in college.

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GED College Ready + Credit

At 175 or higher, students may qualify for up to 10 college credit hours at participating colleges.

Learn more at <a href="GED.com/collegeready">GED.com/collegeready</a>





### Many colleges have already adopted the ACE® Credit Recommendations

- Approximately 250 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
  - Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- Additional Colleges in AL, AZ, KS, MA, MO, NJ, OR, RI, WA



#### **Our Graduates Are** Interested in College







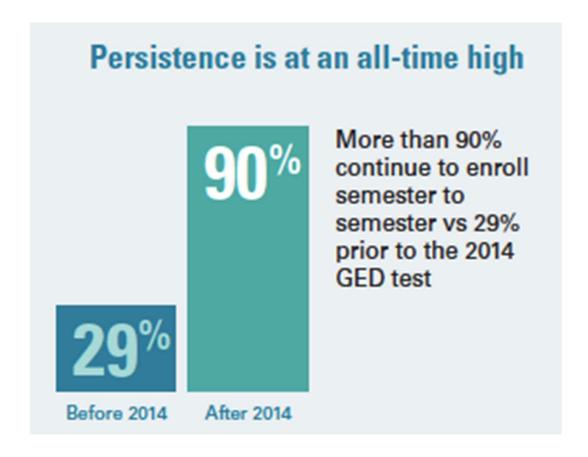
Enroll in college within a year of earning their GED credential



Enroll in college within 4 years of earning their GED credential



#### Persistence!



- Congrats, all your hard work is paying off!
- This number currently surpasses overall community college persistence rates





# Important Tools for the Classroom

Reasoning through Language Arts, Mathematical Reasoning, Science, and Social Studies









#### Performance Level Descriptors

- Four Performance Levels
  - Below Passing
  - HSE
  - GED<sup>®</sup> College Ready
  - GED<sup>®</sup> College Ready + Credit
- What skills are demonstrated at each level
- What skills need development to advance to the next level
- For more, visit the <u>GED</u>
   <u>Teaching Resources</u> page



Want to know what your student's scores mean? Find out with these Performance Level Descriptors. Each explains the skills a student demonstrates in order to score into each performance level on the GED<sup>®</sup> test and the GED Ready<sup>®</sup> practice test.

#### GED. Test Performance Level Descriptors

The four performance levels for the GED<sup>®</sup> test are Below Passing, Passing for High School Equivalency, GED<sup>®</sup> College Ready, and GED<sup>®</sup> College Ready + Credit.

- Performance Level Descriptors Chart View in Spanish

  Breaks down the descriptors for all four subjects by performance level in an easy-to-read chart.
- Assessment Target Comparison Chart View in Spanish
   Compares the official indicator code Janguage with the Janguage test taker

Reasoning +=	Mathematical Reasoning	- x +=
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Below PassingView in SpanishPassing ScoreView in SpanishCollege ReadyView in SpanishCollege Ready + CreditView in Spanish



#### High-Impact Indicators Relationships

- Show relationships among High Impact Indicators
- Demonstrate

   interconnectedness across
   content areas
- Develop skills available for use across a range of learning contexts



#### Relationships Between the High Impact Indicators and Other Indicators

The High Impact Indicators are a list of key skills assessed on the GED® test that, if emphasized in instruction, can help instructors make a significant impact on student skills and performance. This document shows the relationship between the High Impact Indicators and other indicators assessed on the GED® test. Adult educators can use this resource to create instructional plans that address the maximum number of skills in the limited time they have available with students. Providing instruction in a single High Impact Indicator area can help students broaden and deepen their skills, enabling them to apply those skills in multiple ways and in a variety of contexts across all of the content areas covered by the GED® test.

Note: High Impact Indicators appear in BOLD type

Reasoning Through Language Arts - High Impact Indicators

High Impact Indicator RLA	Related Indicators from Other Content Areas				
	Social Studies	Science	Mathematical Reasoning		
R.3.1: Order sequences of events in texts. Primarily measured with literary texts.	SSP.3 a. Identify the chronological structure of a historical narrative and sequence steps in a process. SSP.3 b. Analyze in detail how events, processes, and ideas develop and interact in a written document, determine whether earlier events caused later ones or simply preceded them.  SSP.3.c: Analyze cause-and-effect relationships and multiple causation, including action by individuals, natural and societal processes, and the influence of ideas.  SSP.3 d. Compare differing sets of ideas related to political, historical, economic, geographic, or societal contexts; evaluate the assumptions and implications inherent in differing positions.	SP.3.b Reason from data or evidence to a conclusion SP.3.c Make a prediction based upon data or evidence	MP.1 a. Search for and recognize entry points for solving a problem.  MP.1 b. Plan a solution pathway or outline a line of reasoning.  MP.1 d. Recognize and identify missing information that is required to solve a problem.  MP.1 d. Recognize and identify missing information that is required to solve a problem.  MP.1 e. Select the appropriate mathematical technique(s) to use in solving a problem or a line of reasoning.  MP.2 c. Recognize the important and salient attributes of a problem or a line of reasoning.  MP.3 a. Build steps of a line of reasoning or solution pathway, based on previous step or givens.  MP.3 b. Complete the lines of reasoning of others.		

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#### What Makes Indicators High Impact?

- Important skills that are used across content areas
- May currently receive light coverage in classroom
- Lend themselves to straightforward instruction
- https://ged.com/educ ators\_admins/teachin g/teaching\_resources



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#### An Example

Social Studies

Identify the chronological structure of a historical narrative and sequence steps in a process

RLA
Order sequences of events
in texts

Science

Reason from data or evidence to a conclusion

**Mathematics** 

Search for and recognize entry point for solving a problem and plan a solution pathway



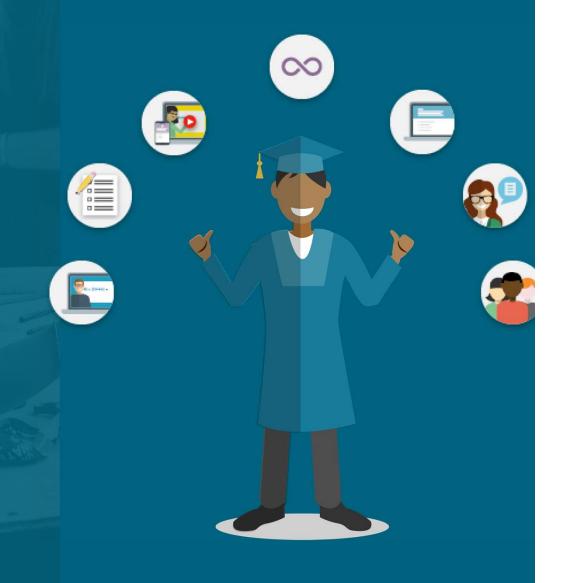
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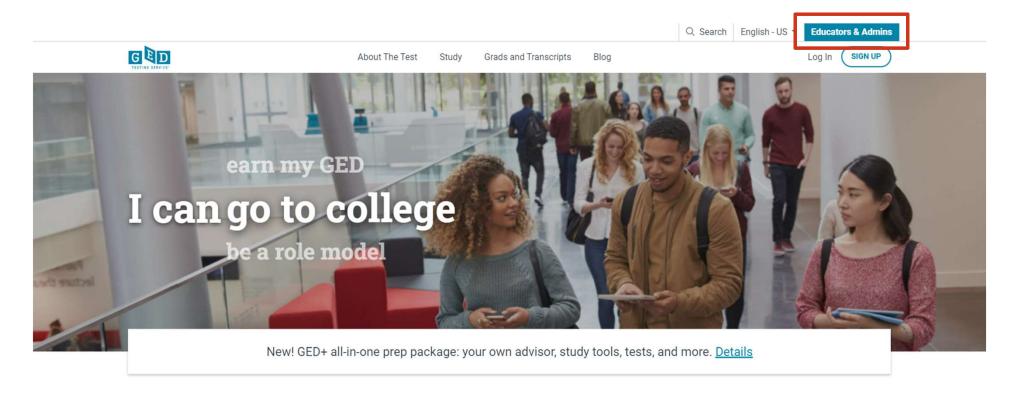


# Student & Educator Resources





#### Home for GED® Educator Resources



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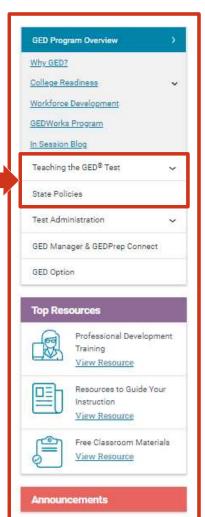


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We understand that COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has impacted your classroom and GED students. To help you continue to teach your students from a distance, we've put together some helpful resources.

#### **GED Program Overview**



#### Why GED?

For more than 75 years, the GED has been a path to a better future for millions, the only high school equivalency program with proven outcomes and accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and employers.

Learn More



#### College Readiness

GED students who attain scores on any subject within the College Ready or College Ready + Credit score levels may be eligible for college credit or certain exemptions.

View GED College Ready Details



#### Workforce Development

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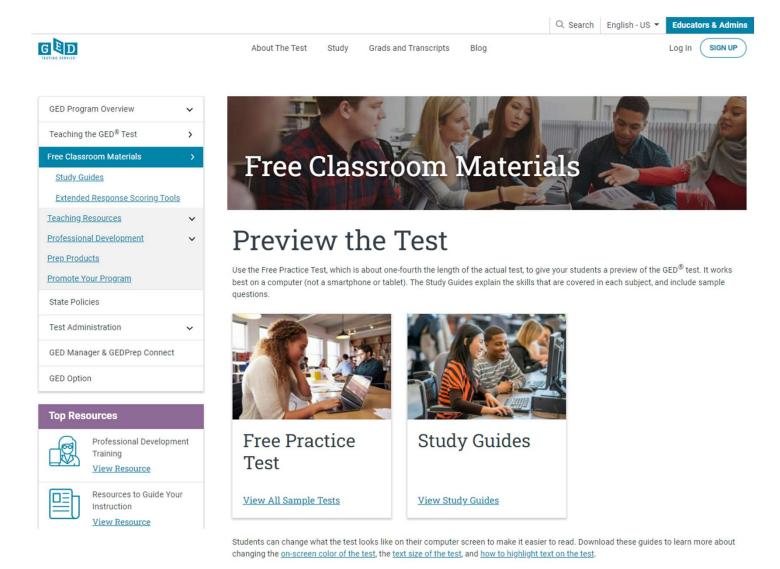
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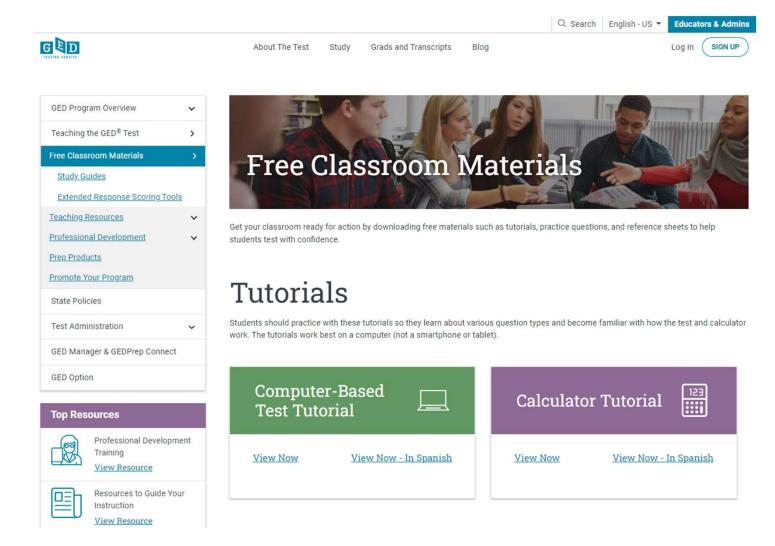
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#### Reference Sheets



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#### For Your Students Testing Online (OP):

Testing at home, with our Online Proctored (OP) testing platform:

Different rules regarding calculators, scratch pads, and retakes

- Students should prepare for OP testing when they know this is their preferred testing experience.
- For more details:

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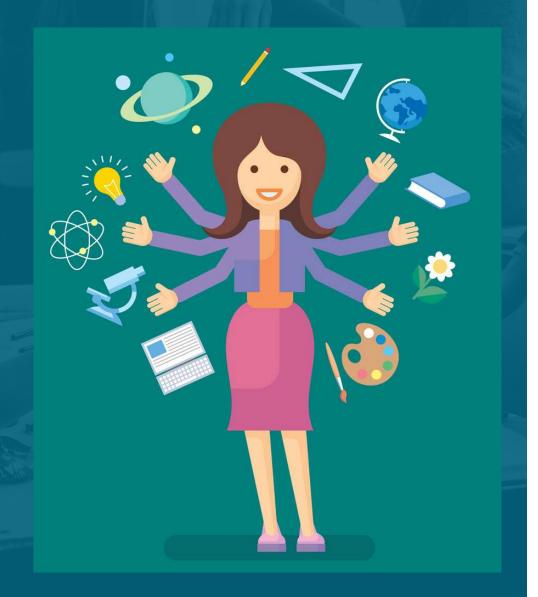


# Important Resources for the Educators

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Educator Handbook

In Session Educator Newsletter





#### **Professional Development**

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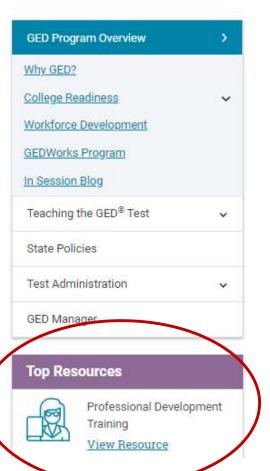
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### Professional Development

As teachers, your expertise and commitment is vital to the thousands of students have created training resources to guide your GED instruction.



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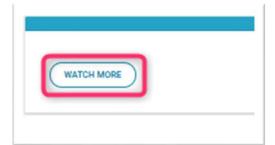
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Sentence Starters to Speak With Empathy Understood

Math Skills Calculator Prohibited

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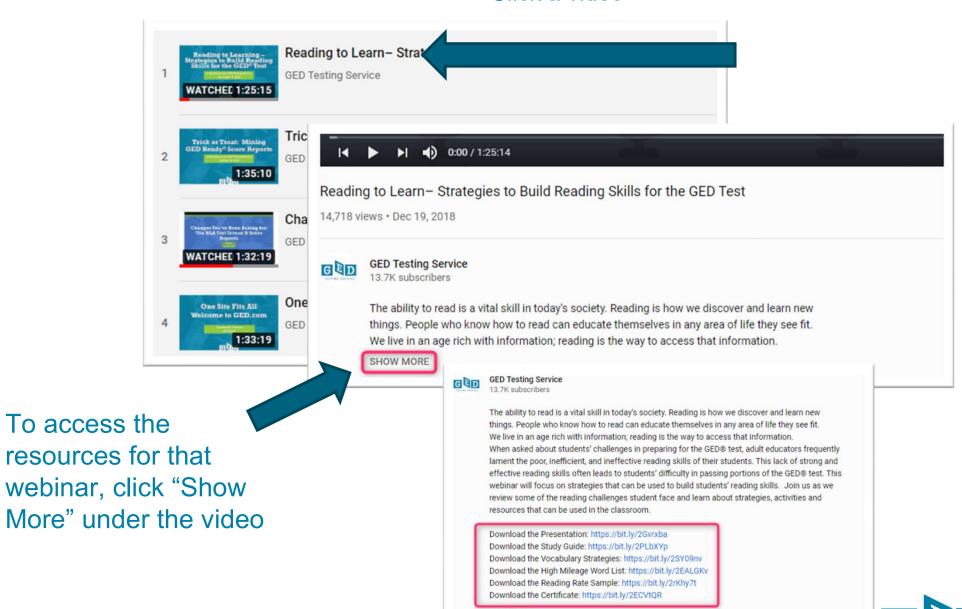
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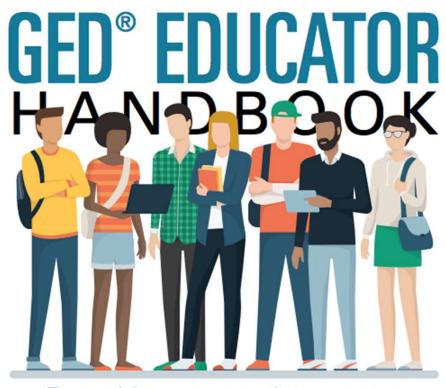


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#### **New Educator Handbook!**



Everything you need to prepare students for the GED test











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# GED Manager Overview

Roles: Jurisdictional, Student Authorized View Role, and Corrections Role





# **GED Manager**

Test Administrators

Jurisdictional

Access

**Educators** (GEDPrep Connect)

Student Authorized View

**Corrections** 



# Common Capabilities Across All Three Roles:



Student Search



**Student Test Activity Report** 



**Passers Report** 



Student Score Reports: GED Ready and GED operational tests



# GED Prep Connect

Background, accessing students, and connecting to new students

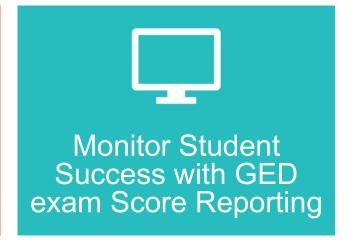


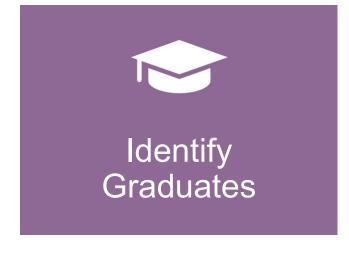


## What can GED Prep Connect Do For You?





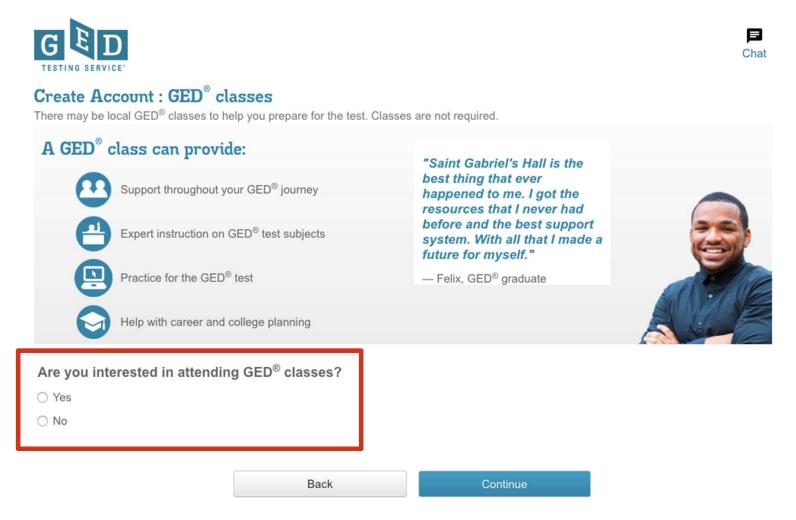








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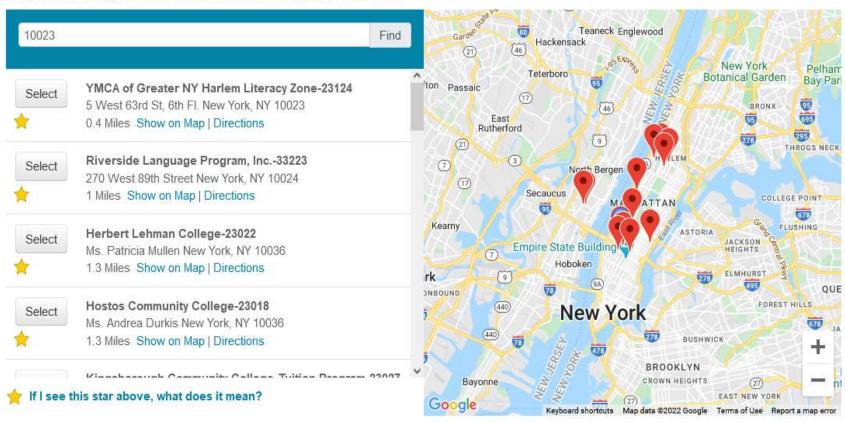




# If yes, student is routed to GED Test Prep Center Selection page

#### Local GED® Classes

Choose a GED® Test Prep Center to get expert help preparing for the test. By choosing a center, you agree the center may contact you about enrolling in their program. Choosing a center is optional and is not required to receive adult education services. After you have chosen a center, you can remove or change your center at any time by clicking the button "Remove selection" or by going to Edit Profile.





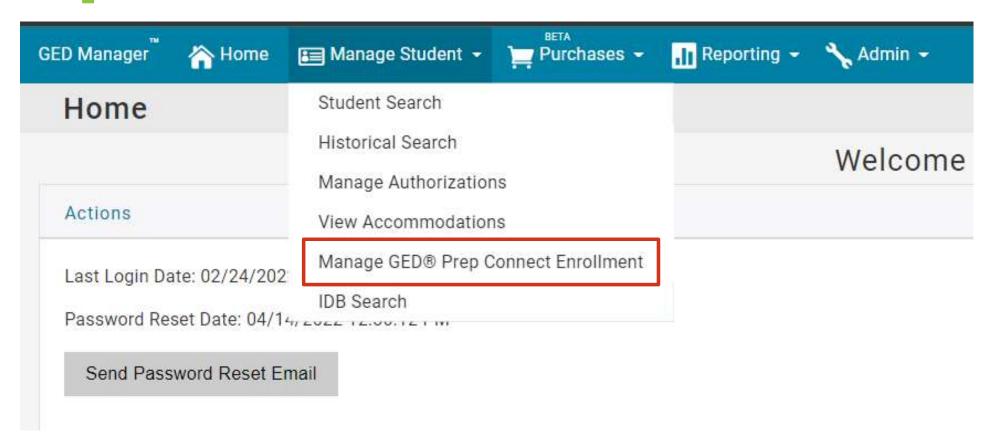


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For a deeper dive into GED Manager, please join us at 1:30pm in room M103 today!

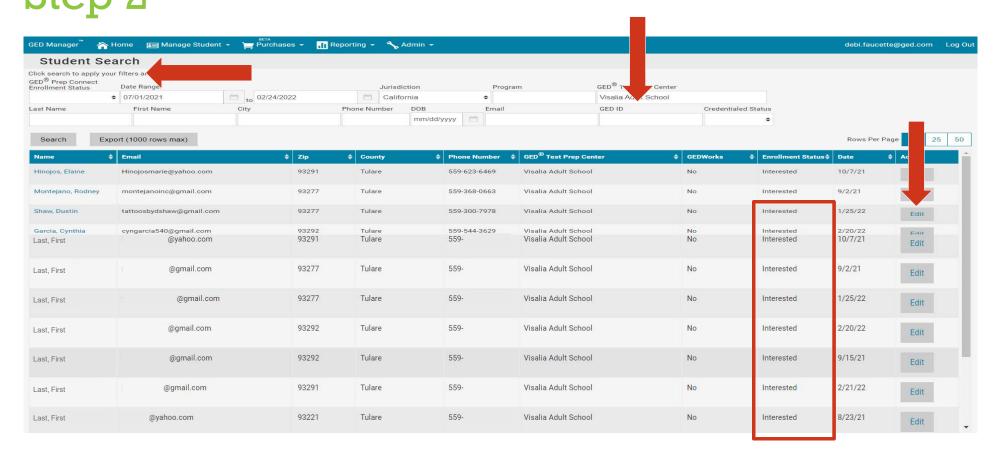


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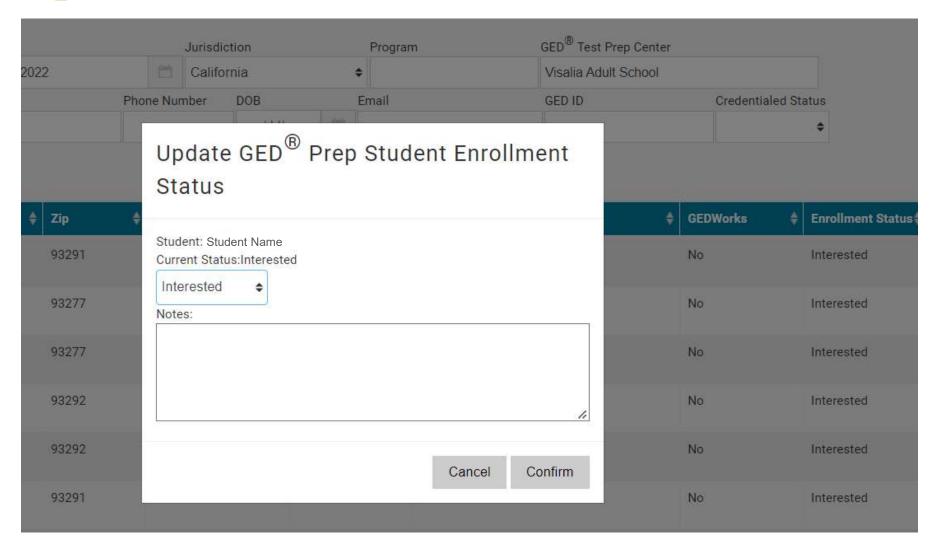


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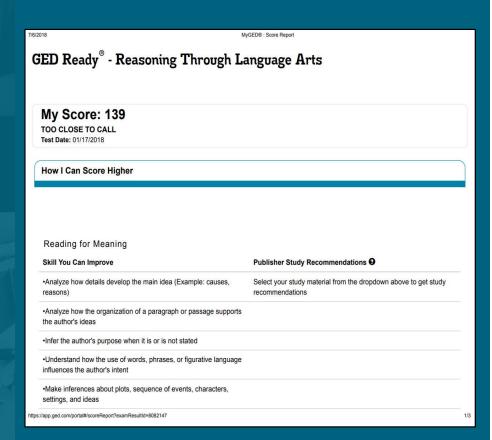


# Using GEDPrep Connect: Easy as 1-2-3 Step 3





Make the Connection!
GED Ready
Score Reports
and Instruction





## GED Ready® - Assessing Readiness

Three Score Level Indicators on GED Ready®

Not Likely to Pass	Too Close to Call	Likely to Pass
100-133	134-144	145-200

#### GED Score Report:

- GED Ready<sup>®</sup>
- GED Exam



# **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

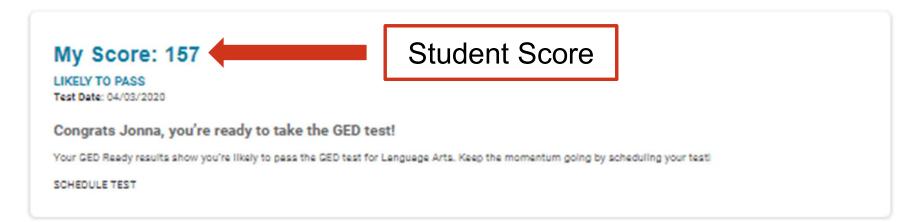


## A "Peek" at Score Reports

- GED Manager provides access to student score reports for both GED Ready and GED operational ("live") subtests
- There are several ways to access student scores to determine outcomes and to review score reports to help students improve their scores. A "peek" at the student score report follows...



#### GED Ready® Reasoning Through Language Arts





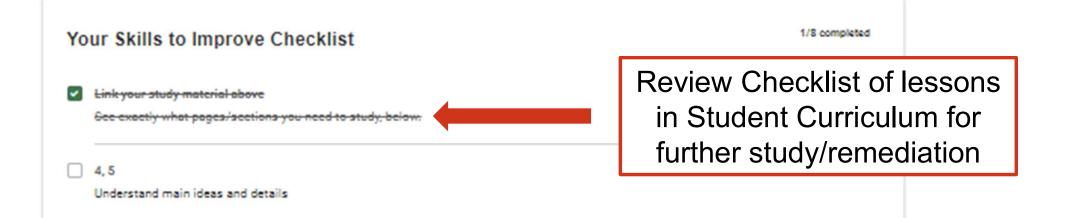


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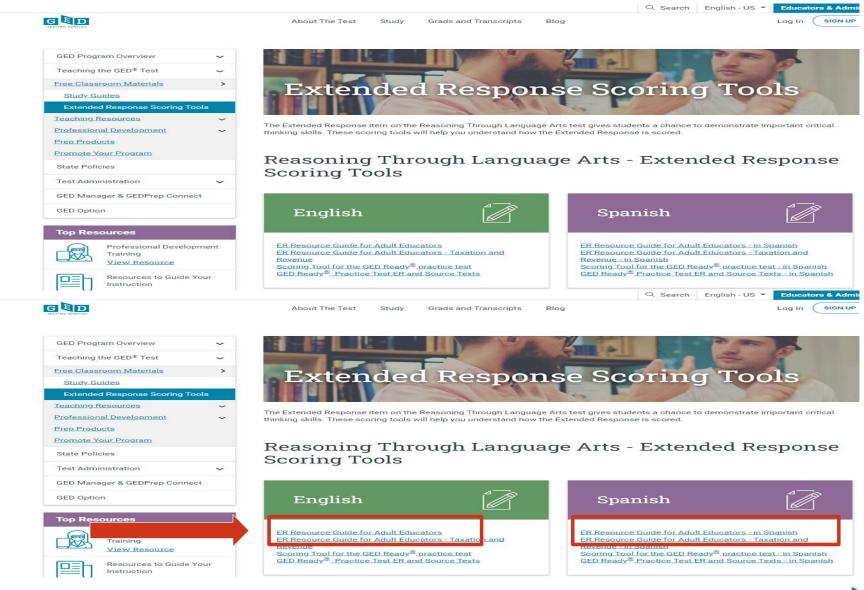
Scoreboost - Thinking Skills: Critical Thinking for Reading, Science, and Social Studies

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## Scoring the Extended Response





# GED Ready RLA Extended Response Scoring tool

- Educators score the Extended Response (ER) on the GED Ready Reasoning Through Language Arts (RLA) exam – it is intended to be an instructional tool to provide feedback to improve test taker outcomes
- Scoring tool is available in English and Spanish
- The tool guides Educators to assess student performance across all three traits
- More information on the ER traits assessed found in Chapter
   3 of the Assessment Guide for Educators



# More Student Resources



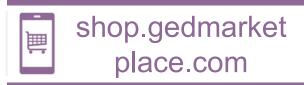
## **Study Materials**











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