

Online Proctored GED® Test Update Webinar for Educators

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Agenda Topics

- Welcome
- Stats Update
- Pilot and Next Steps for O.P.
- Student Eligibility & Communications
- Whiteboard Tool
- Retakes and Retesting Reminders
- Retakes in the Future
- Underage Testers
- Spanish-Language Testing Next Steps
- Additional Information/ Educator Resources

OP Pilot Update – Testing Numbers

As of this morning, August 4:

- Student's earning a GED credential: 1,445
 - Students have credentialed in every GED-offering state
- Total subject tests/modules delivered: 8,900+

Pilot Phase and Next Steps for O.P.

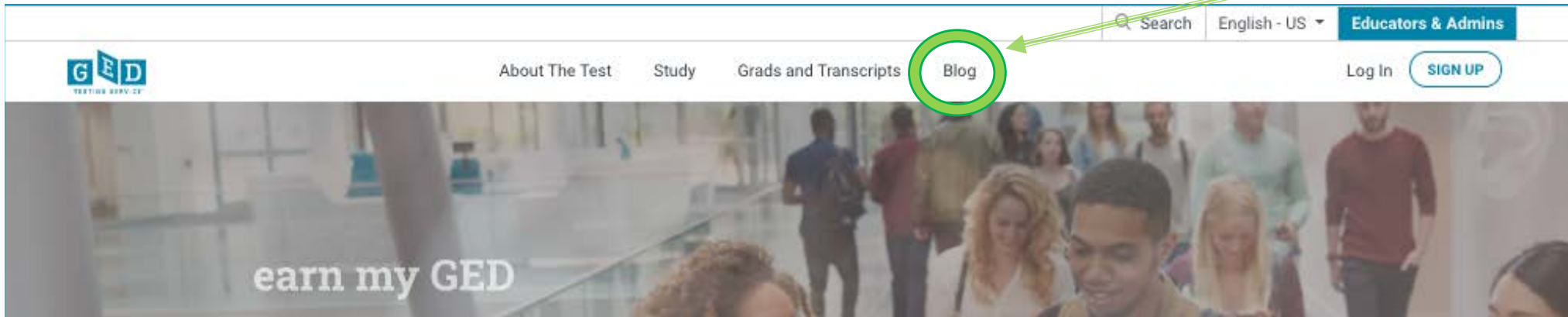
- Pilot phase continues as the O.P. option become more robust, and conversations about policies and state rules/laws continue
- Pilot phase is expected to continue through August, and will transition to a more long-term offering when it is codified and added formally by state agreements and contracts
- Important note to ease your worries...
 - **GEDTS will not end O.P. delivery as an option in your state between the transition period from pilot to longer-term testing option.**
 - A few states may determine not to utilize O.P. beyond the pilot, but with the resurgence of COVID-19 cases we believe that most all or all states will desire to keep O.P. as a testing option for students

Student Eligibility & Communications

- Most all states have turned on auto-eligibility for students who score a GED Ready “Green” score
 - Exceptions as of Aug. 5
 - CT, DC, SC have unique state approval processes
 - PA has a more rigorous state residency requirement – students must submit proof of residency to the state GED office
 - OH testing is on hold at the state’s request while they continue to evaluate the testing option against state rules and requirements
- Comms:
 - Currently students see O.P. information and registration information once they score “green”.
 - All students in TX now see O.P. messaging and information on their GED.com accounts – regardless of GED Ready status
 - Beginning sometime the week of August. 17th all students in auto-eligible states will see O.P. messaging and information in their GED.com accounts

Student Eligibility & Communications (cont.)

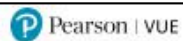
- Comms:
 - Students can see general O.P. information on the GED student blog



Whiteboard Tool

- For test security reasons, students may not use physical scratch paper or dry erase boards on O.P.
- TT now have access to this additional functionality/tool in addition to the Scratch Pad tool on all test subjects
- With this new tool, student can copy/paste questions, draw shapes and lines, zoom in and out, erase/clear, or resize and move the whiteboard around the screen.
- It is important that students and educators understand the tool and can practice before testing day.
- Students will see screenshots and details on how to use the tools on the “Test Day” section of their GED.com accounts.

<https://home.pearsonvue.com/onvue/whiteboard>



Using the whiteboard during your OnVUE exam

A [practice online whiteboard](#) is available at the bottom of the page.



Get familiar with the whiteboard before your exam

Access the whiteboard by clicking the whiteboard icon at the top of the screen during your exam.

You can use the whiteboard for scratch work, using tools such as text, shapes, colors, and zoom, as well as multiple formatting features. You will have a practically endless canvas to work on, so there's no need to erase your work as you move through your exam.

With the online whiteboard, you can:

- Copy/paste exam questions into the whiteboard text box so you can see them while you work
- Draw different shapes and lines as needed
- Pan across the whiteboard, zooming in and out to use different areas to do your work on the same whiteboard screen
- Erase or clear to start something new, but don't worry: your work will be accessible in every section during your entire exam
- Resize or move the whiteboard around your screen

Opening and closing the whiteboard

During an OnVUE testing session, you can open and close the whiteboard as many times as you wish.

Any work that you enter will remain available, even if the whiteboard is closed. When it's reopened, you can start where you left off.

Copying information from the whiteboard

The whiteboard will allow copy and pasting to and from the exam.

Please note: the clipboard will be cleared at the start and end of the exam for security reasons.

Whiteboard content loss

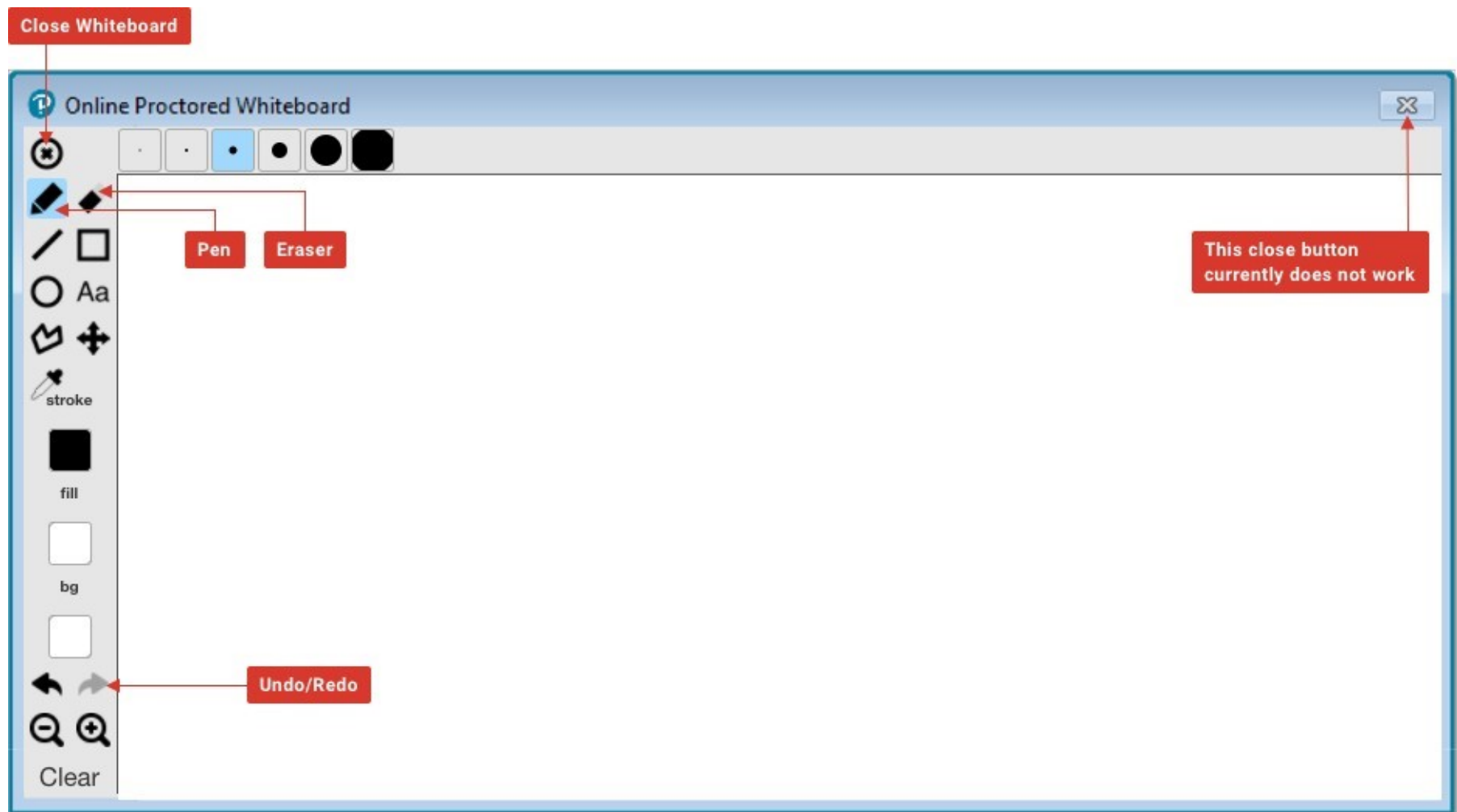
If connectivity is lost during the exam, the whiteboard will be wiped clean.

Please note: The whiteboard feature can only be used with your computer's mouse or trackpad. If you have a touchscreen laptop, you cannot use a stylus, your finger, or other writing apparatus to write on the whiteboard. The whiteboard also cannot be used with a disconnected tablet or second monitor.

Tool	Tool Name	Tool Purpose
	Pan	Write or draw text, lines, or shapes; you can choose from several thicknesses and color settings.
	Erase	Erase content on your whiteboard; you can choose from several thicknesses and settings.
	Line	Draw lines; you can choose the type of line and the thickness.
	Rectangle	Create boxes or grids.
	Circle	Create circles or ovals (e.g., for Geometry or Venn diagrams).
	Text	Enter text and take notes; you can resize and expand the text box and copy/paste exam questions into the whiteboard text box so you can see them while you work.
	Free Shape / Polygon	Draw free-form shapes.
	Move / Pan	Pan and move across the whiteboard; this allows you to move and work across any part of the whiteboard.
	Color Selection / Eyedropper	Color selector / dropper.
	Stroke / Text Color	Choose or change the text color.
	Fill Color	Choose or change the fill color of a shape.
	Background Color	Choose or change the background color of the entire whiteboard.
	Undo / Redo	Undo change or mistake, or redo to bring back deleted content.
	Zoom In / Out	Zoom in and out on any area of the whiteboard.
	Clear	Clear all content on the whiteboard.
	Close	Close the whiteboard.

Students and Educators Can Practice with the Whiteboard

<https://home.pearsonvue.com/onvue/whiteboard>



Calculator – On-Screen Only for O.P.

- Handheld calculators are not allowed
- On-screen calculator same as GED Ready
- Tutorial available on GED.com under
“Free Classroom Materials”

The screenshot shows the GED website interface. On the left is a navigation menu with categories like 'GED Program Overview', 'Teaching the GED® Test', 'Free Classroom Materials', 'Study Guides', 'Extended Response Scoring Tools', 'Teaching Resources', 'Professional Development', 'Prep Products', 'Promote Your Program', 'State Policies', 'Test Administration', and 'GED Manager'. The 'Free Classroom Materials' section is highlighted. Below the navigation menu, there's a banner for 'Free Classroom Materials' with a photo of students. Underneath, there's a 'Tutorials' section with a green box for 'Computer-Based Test Tutorial' and a purple box for 'Calculator Tutorial'. The 'Calculator Tutorial' box is circled in green. A large blue arrow points from the text 'Free Classroom Materials' in the list above to the 'Calculator Tutorial' link. At the bottom, there's a 'Preview the Test' section.

Current Retest, Retakes and No-Show Rules for O.P. Reminder

- Retests – due to a failed test launch/technical issues before the test is launched and the student does not see test items – are allowed on O.P.
- Retests – due to an internet connection or VUE system issue, once verified, where students have seen test items – are allowed only in a test center
- Retakes – due to a failed test attempt – must be done in a test center. Students may request voucher on their GED.com account for a discounted retake in a test center
- Discounted retakes (moving from a test center to O.P.) do not apply
- No-shows – failure to show up for appointment will result in forfeit of testing fees/voucher.
 - Reminder: students may cancel or reschedule up to 15 minutes before their scheduled appointment with no penalty

Future Plans for O.P.

- Retakes: We are working on publishing additional test forms, and configuring systems to allow for at least one retake per subject in the coming months
- Accommodations: Additional accommodations are being added periodically, based on the accommodations roadmap
- Underage testers: We are currently working with states to determine process and eligibility. We anticipate this option – at least for 17 year old's – to be available later this month.
 - Each state will determine eligibility by age. A few states could prohibit testing for those under 18, or for those under 17.

Future Plans for O.P. (continued)

- Spanish-Language Testing:
 - Spanish-language test forms are ready for O.P. testing; however, the full testing experience isn't yet available in Spanish language
 - GED.com experience is completely translated
 - Parts of the O.P./OnVUE experience are currently not available in Spanish (some check-in steps, and greeters/proctors most likely are not bilingual at this time).
 - A parallel Spanish-language OnVUE experience may not be fully built until Q1. 2021.
 - We are currently exploring options and collecting feedback from programs and educators
 - Ultimately states will provide guidance to GEDTS and either ban or allow Spanish-language GED testing in O.P. with some English-language test process components

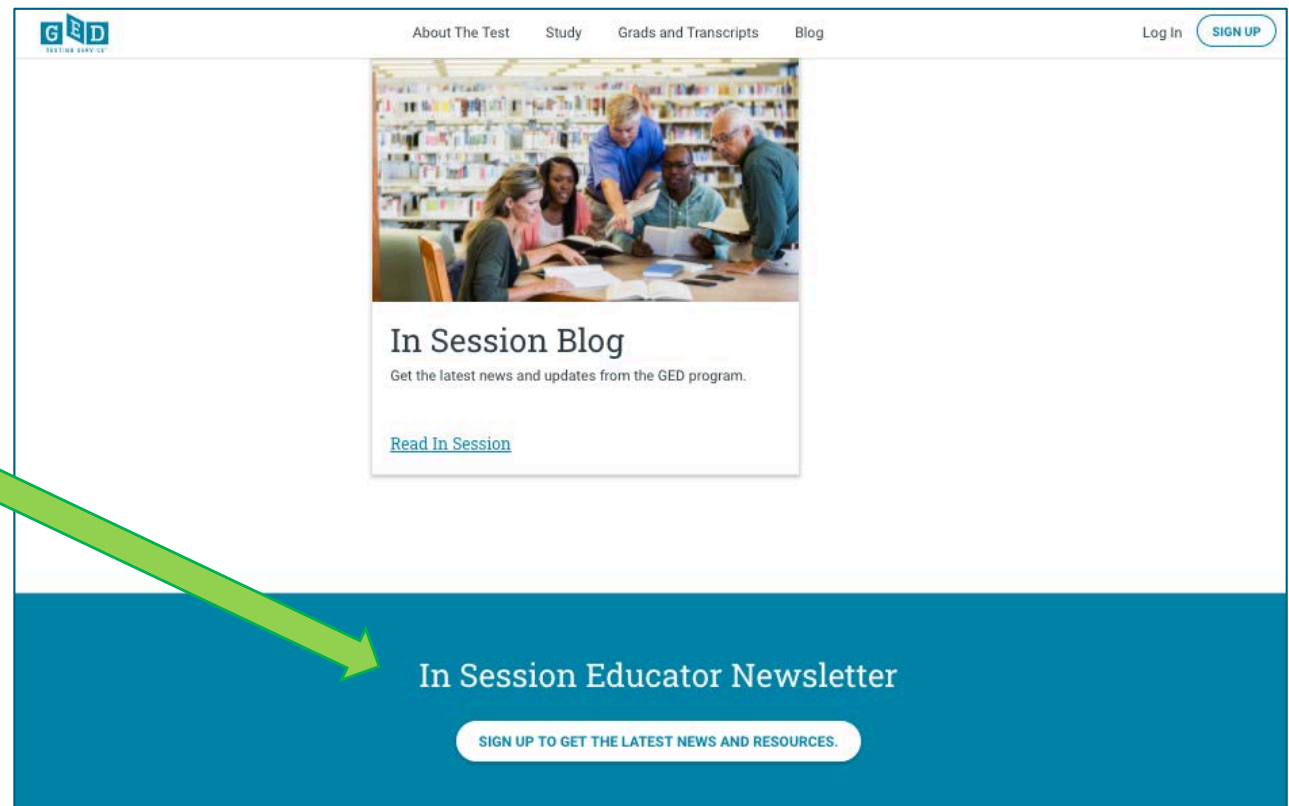
Educator Communications/Resources

GED.com/educators_admins/test_admin/

The screenshot shows the GED website's educator/admin portal. The browser address bar displays `ged.com/educators_admins/test_admin/`. The page has a top navigation bar with links for 'Gmail', 'YouTube', and 'Maps'. A search bar and language selector ('English - US') are also present. The main header includes 'About The Test', 'Study', 'Grads and Transcripts', and 'Blog'. A 'Log In' button and a 'SIGN UP' button are located in the top right corner. The sidebar on the left contains a menu with the following items: 'GED Program Overview', 'Teaching the GED® Test', 'State Policies', 'Test Administration' (highlighted with a right-pointing arrow), 'Become a Test Center', 'Managing Your Test Center', 'Administration Policies', 'Testing in Corrections', 'Test Center Support Lines', 'Test Accommodations', and 'GED Manager'. Below the sidebar, there is a 'Top Resources' section with two items: 'Professional Development Training' with a 'View Resource' link, and 'Resources to Guide Your Instruction'. The main content area features a large heading 'Online Proctored GED Test Pilot' followed by a subheading 'Information and additional resources related to student eligibility, testing considerations, timing/schedule of pilot and policies:'. Under the 'Webinars' section, there are links for 'Educator Webinar Part 1 - Password: 2n+@H8%\$', 'Educator Webinar Part 1 Slide Deck', 'Password for Webinar Part 2: 9C=V19X.', and 'Educator Webinar Part 2 Slide Deck'. The 'Policies and Fact Sheets' section includes links for 'Online Proctored Pilot and CBT Policy Differences', 'Online Proctored GED Test States by Phase', and 'State-By-State Info on Online Proctored GED Test'. The 'Demos' section has links for 'Full System Check' and 'Onscreen Whiteboard'.

In Session – The Best Way to Get Information Quickly/Reliably Delivered to You

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Conclusion