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Welcome to GED

GED® 101: Getting Down to Basics!

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Today's Session will cover:

Basic content of the GED Exam

Educator and Student Resources

GED Manager/Prep Connect

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An Overview of the GED® Test

- Getting Started

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The GED® Test

- A wide array of accommodations include:
  - Extended time
  - Additional breaks
  - Reader/recorder
  - Private room
  - Screen reader (JAWS)
  - Visit the GEDTS Accommodations Information Page

Available in English and Spanish

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Variety of Item Types

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

The 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	

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 college- and 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 student is expected to do

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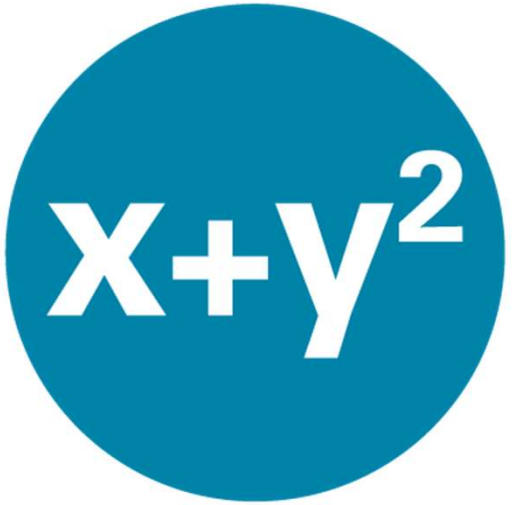
Overview of Mathematical Reasoning Test

- 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



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

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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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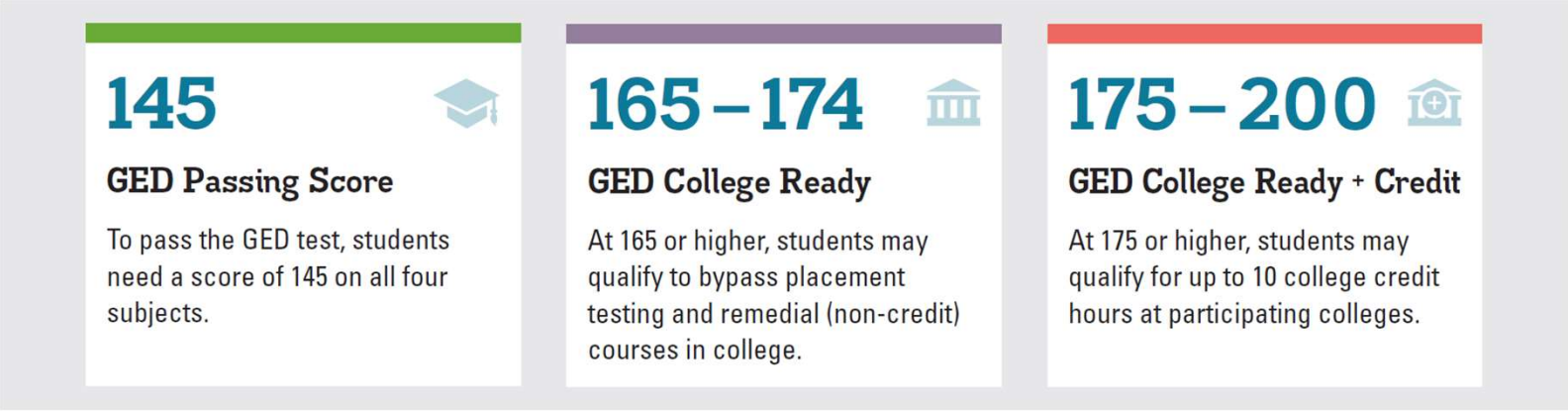
GED Score Levels Explained

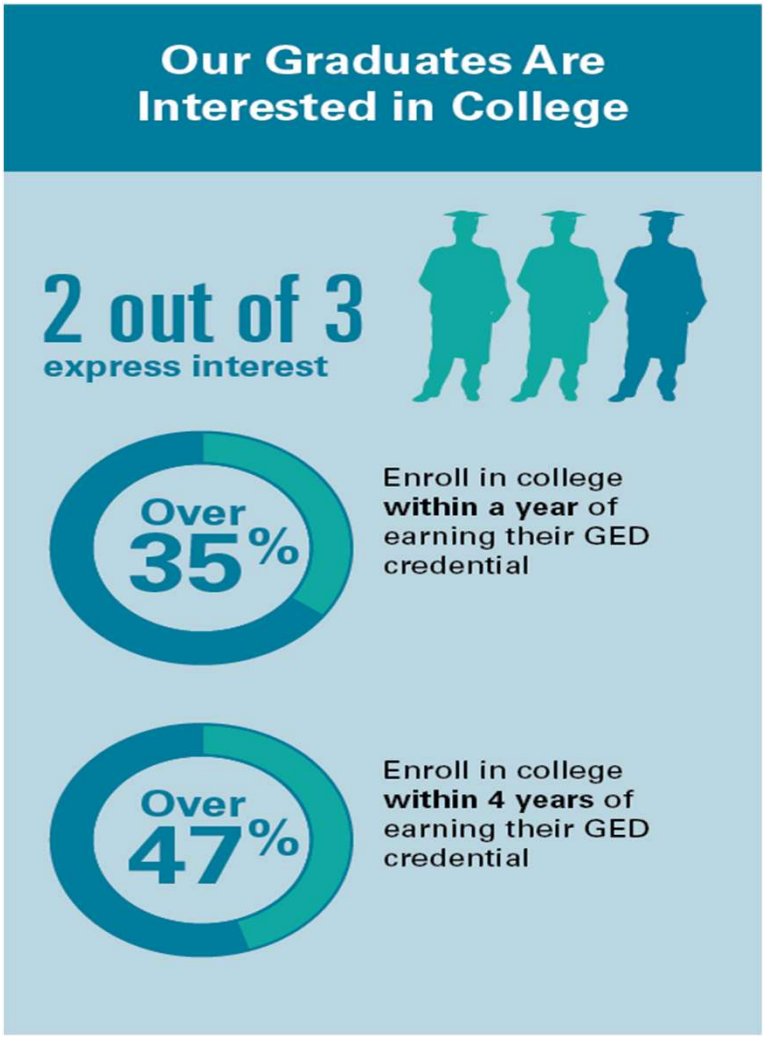
GED College Ready scores improve the chances for college success.



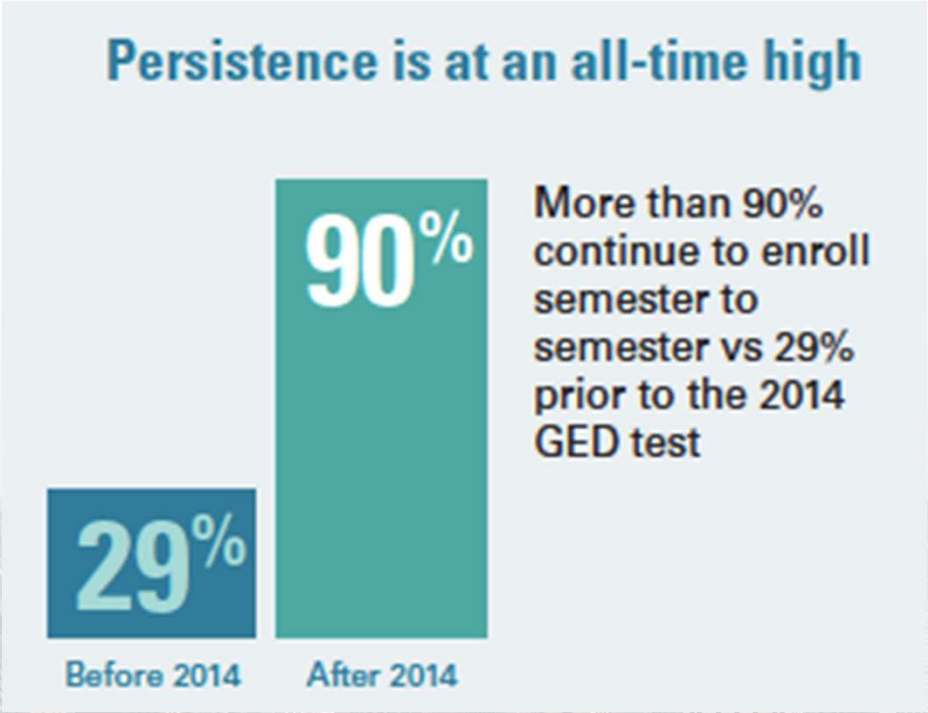
Learn more at GED.com/collegeready

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
2 out of 3
express interest
Over 35%
Enroll in college within a year of earning their GED credential
Over 47%
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

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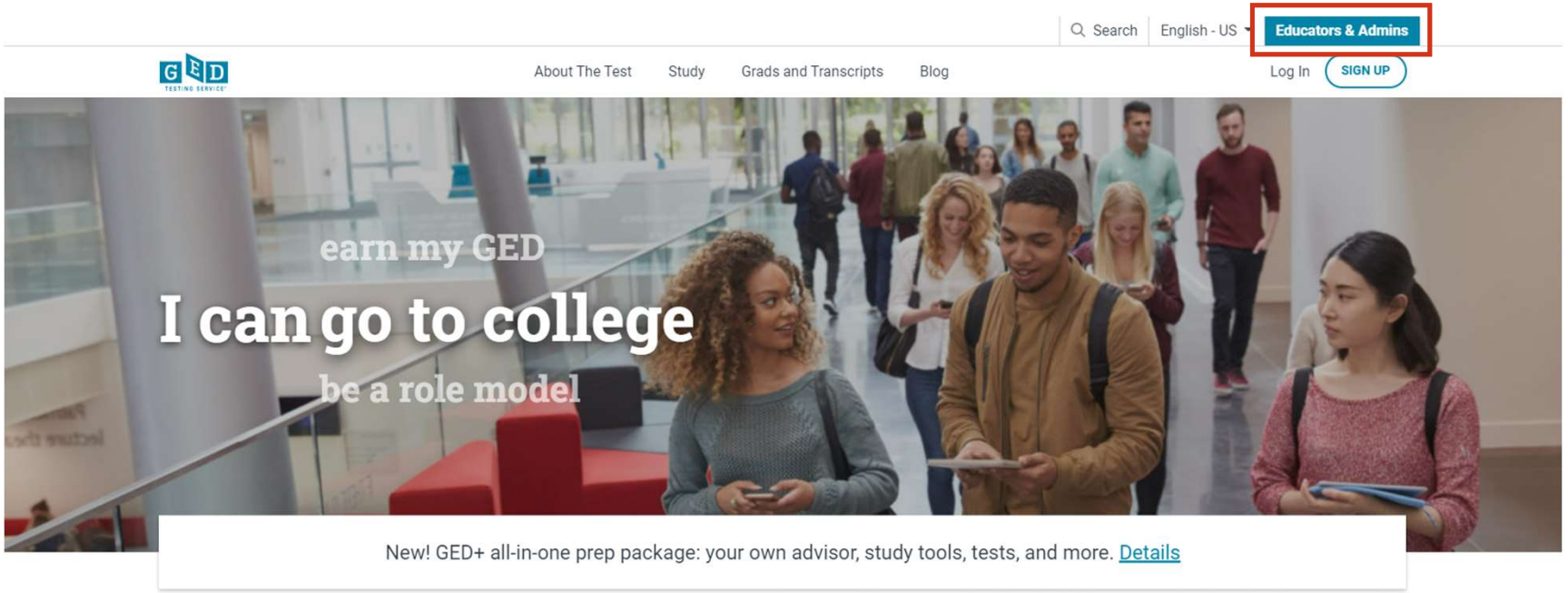
Educator and Student Resources

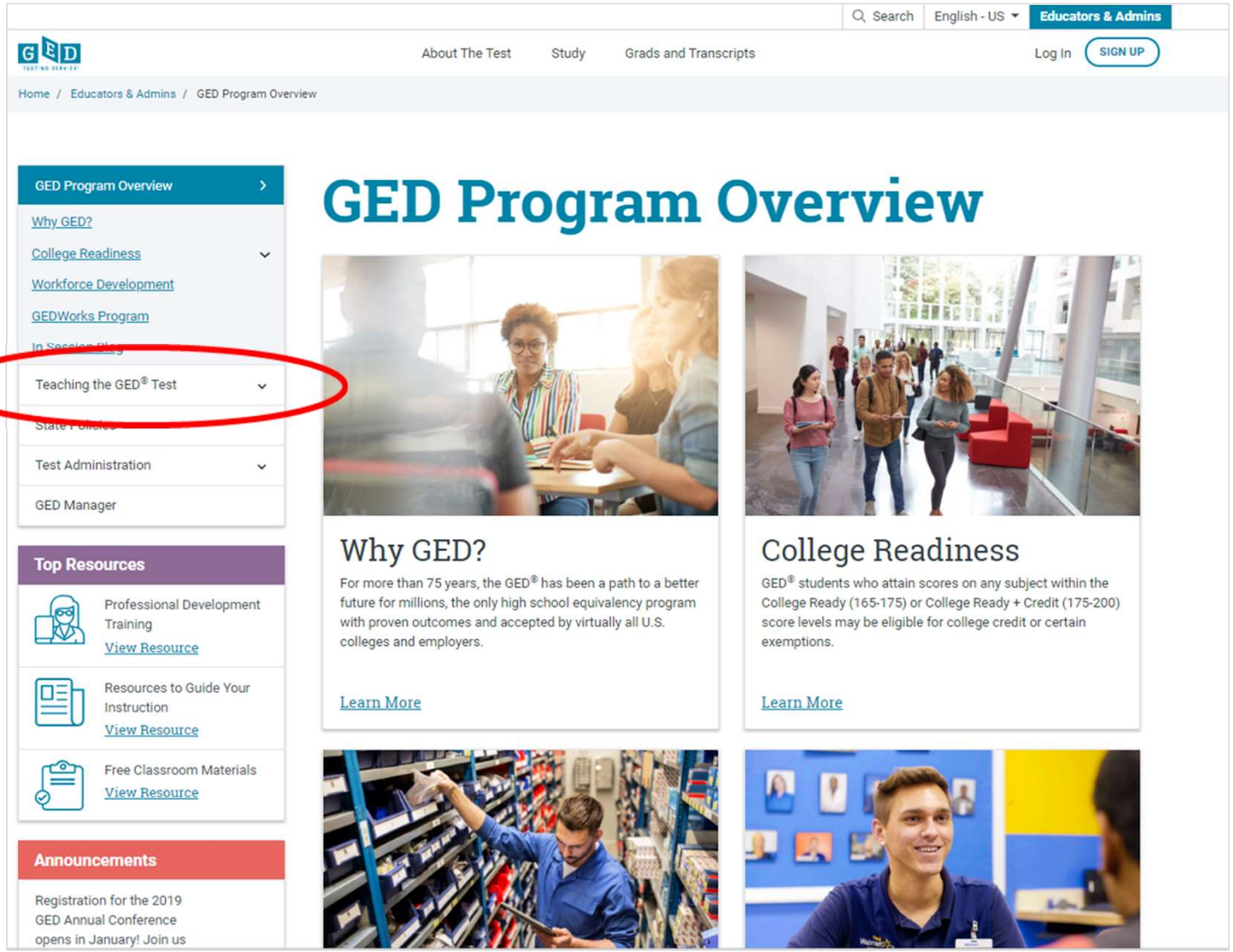
- Free online tools to support success

Home for GED® Educator Resources



Visit www.GED.com

Click on Educators and Admins



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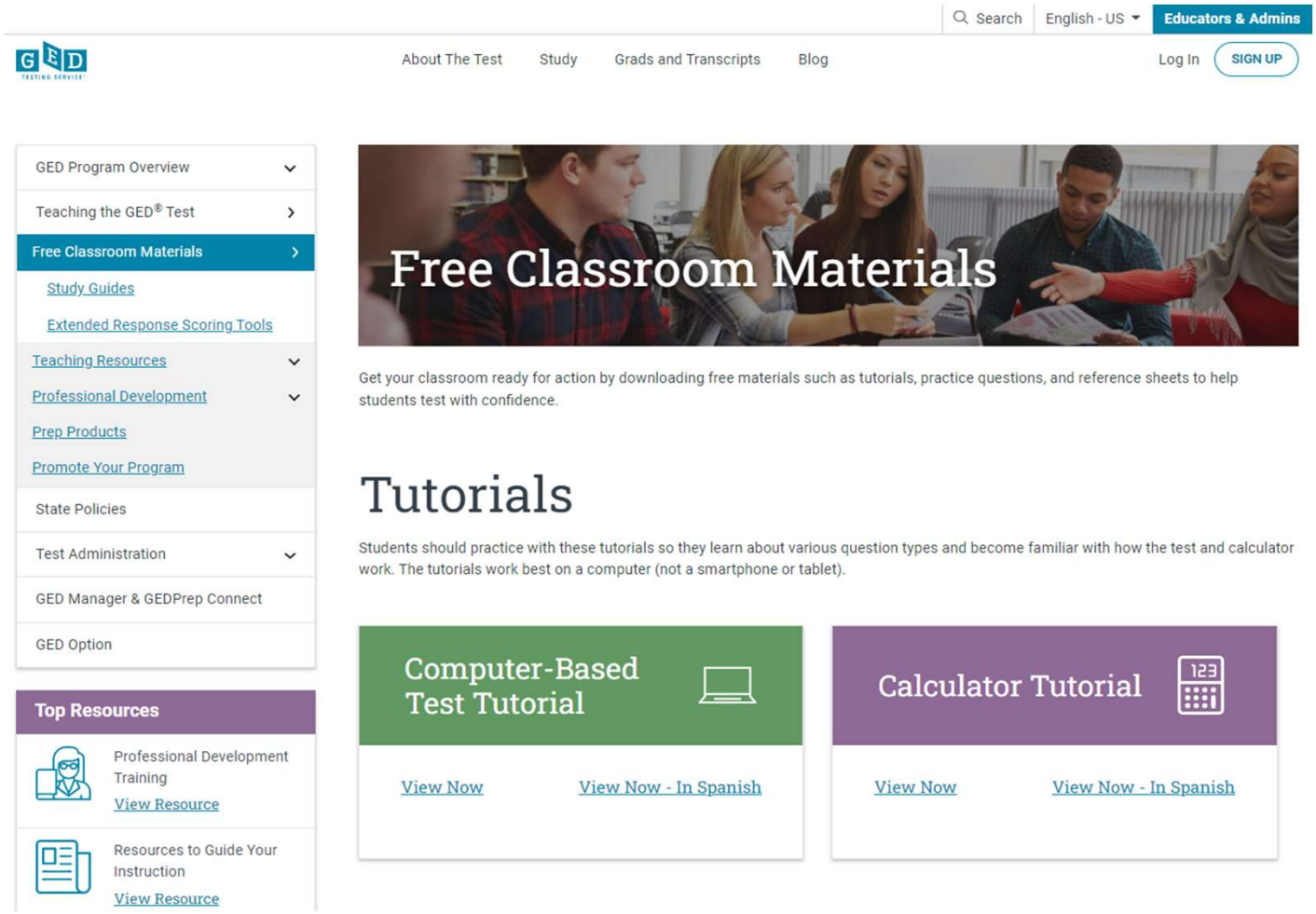
Free Classroom Materials



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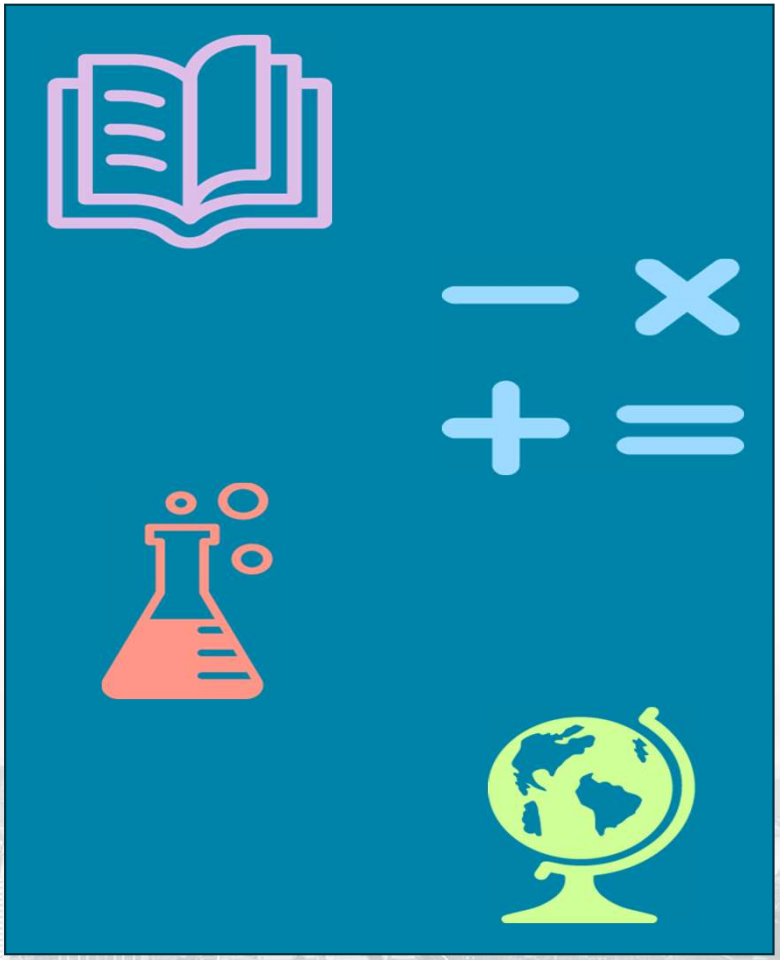
Important Tools for the Classroom

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



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Performance Level Descriptors

- Four Performance Levels
  - Below Passing
  - HSE
  - GED® College Ready
  - GED ® College Ready + Credit
- What skills are demonstrated at each level
- What skills need development to advance to the next level
- For more, visit the GED Teaching Resources 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® test and the GED Ready® practice test.

GED® Test Performance Level Descriptors

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

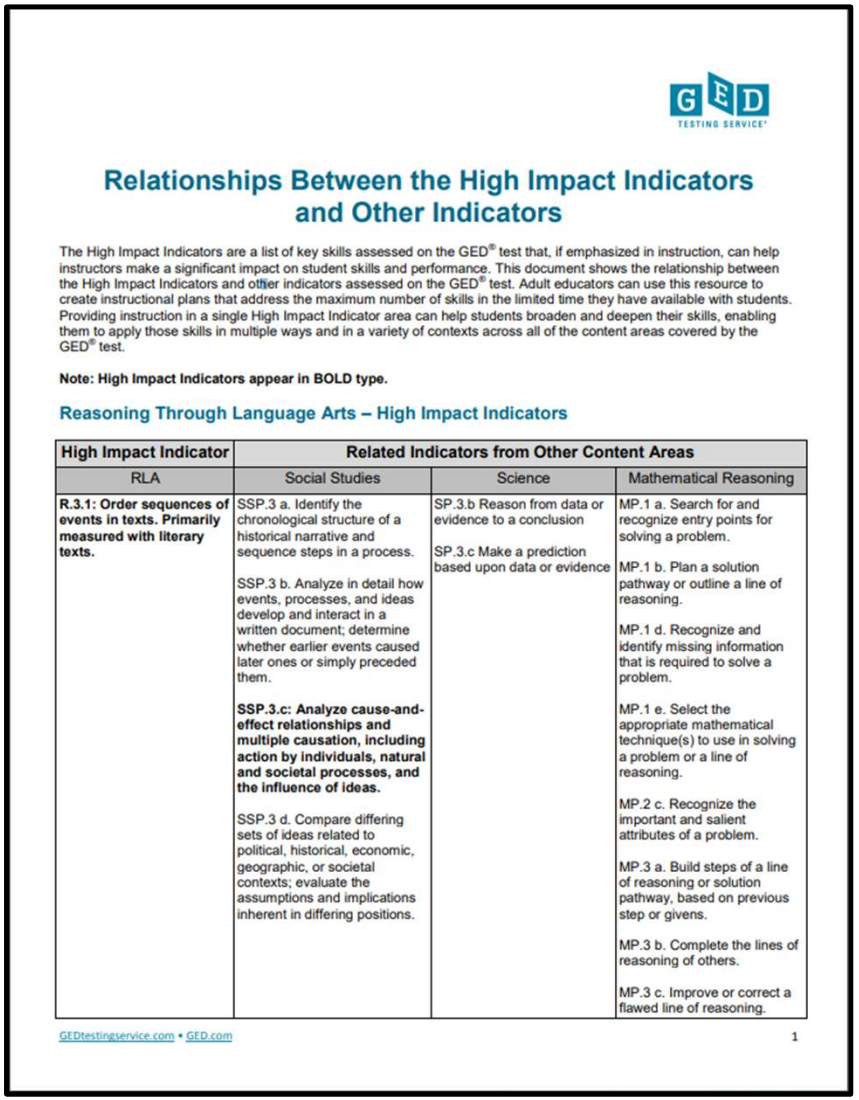
- Performance Level Descriptors Chart – View in Spanish
  Breaks down the descriptors for all four subjects by performance level in
- Assessment Target Comparison Chart - View in Spanish
  Compares the official indicator code language with the language test-take
- Performance Level Descriptors - View in Spanish
  A full listing of all Performance Level Descriptors for all four subjects.

Mathematical Reasoning

Below Passing	View in Spanish
Passing Score	View in Spanish
College Ready	View in Spanish
College Ready + Credit	View 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

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Note: High Impact Indicators appear in BOLD type.

Reasoning Through Language Arts – High Impact Indicators

High Impact Indicator	Related Indicators from Other Content Areas		
RLA	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 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. 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. MP.3 c. Improve or correct a flawed line of reasoning.

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

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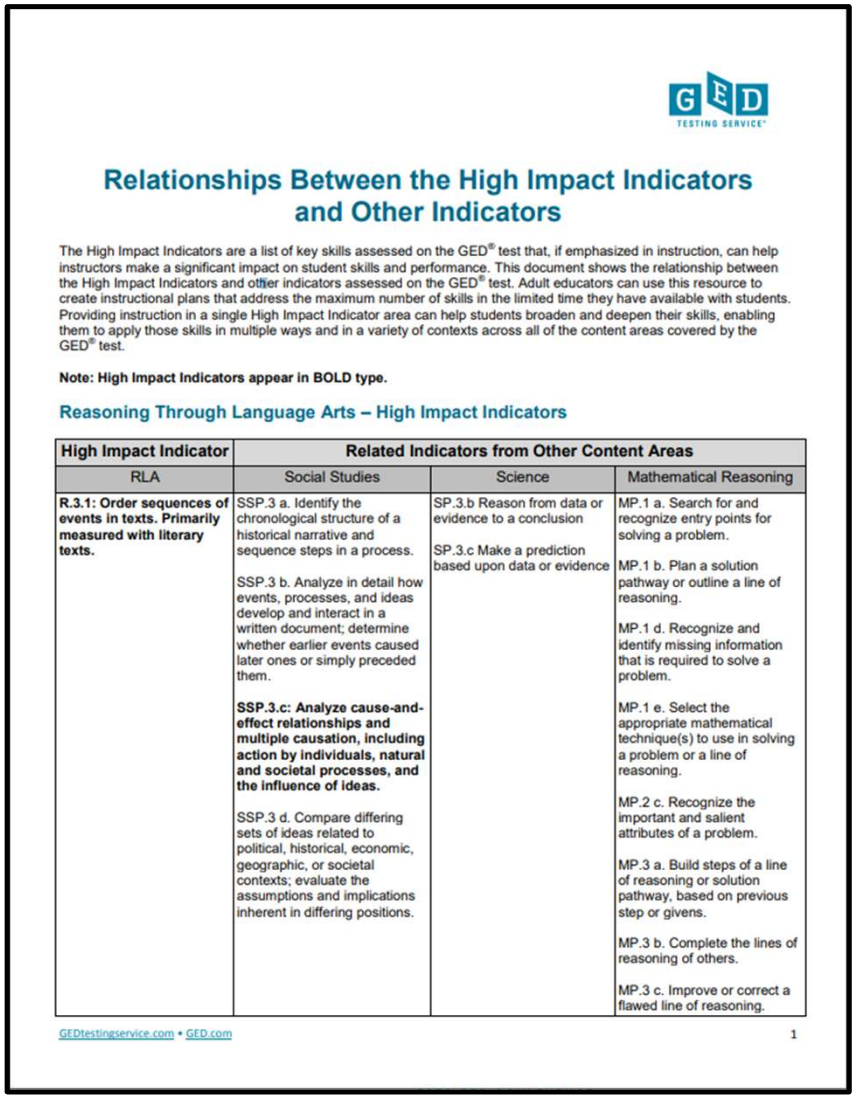

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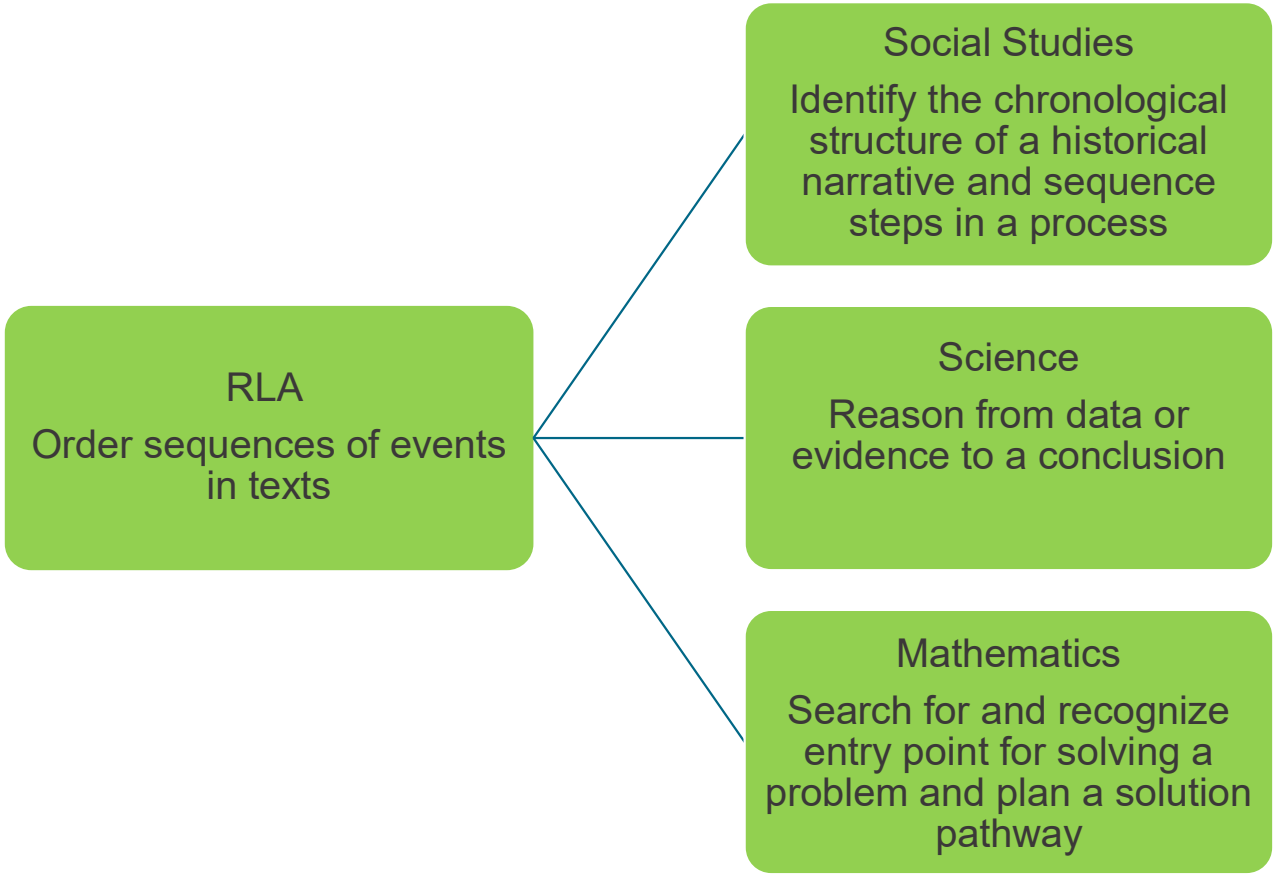
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Where Can You Find These Resources?

Your **teaching resources page at** www.ged.com, click on the "Educators & Admins tab, or

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

For Your Students Testing Online (OP):

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

- Different rules regarding calculators, scratch pads, and retakes
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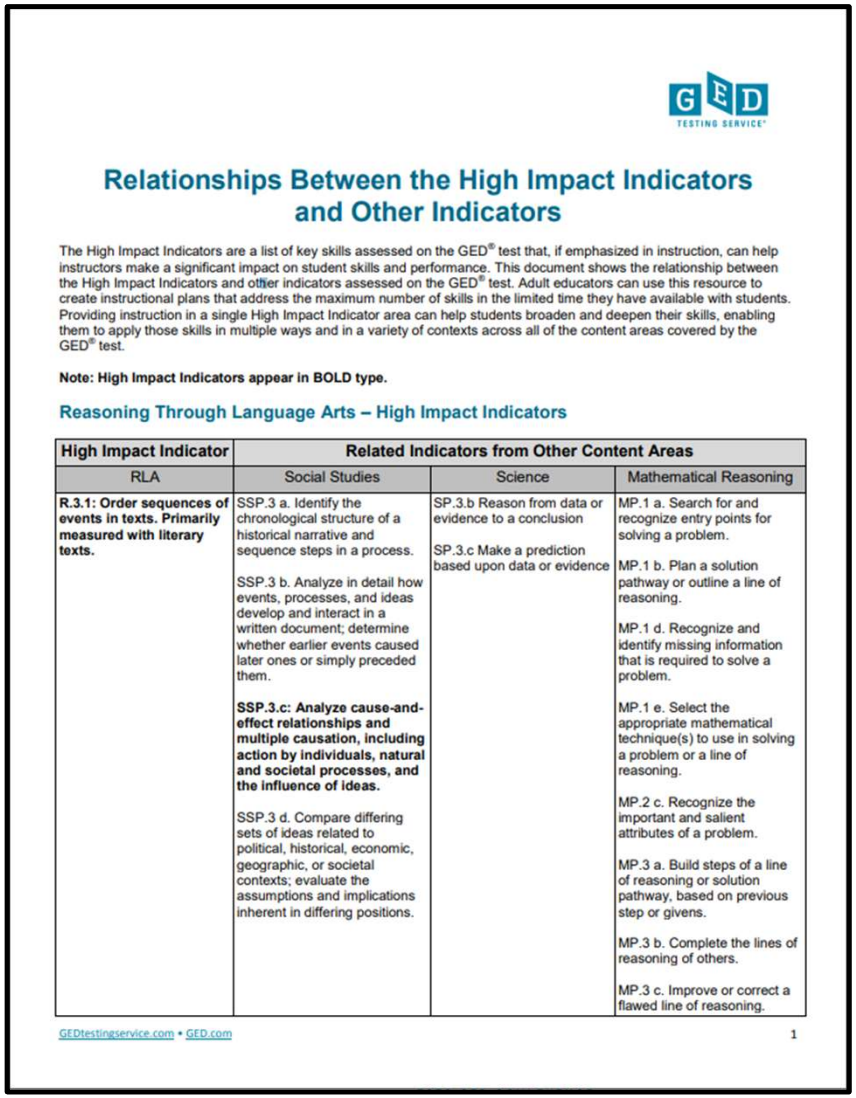

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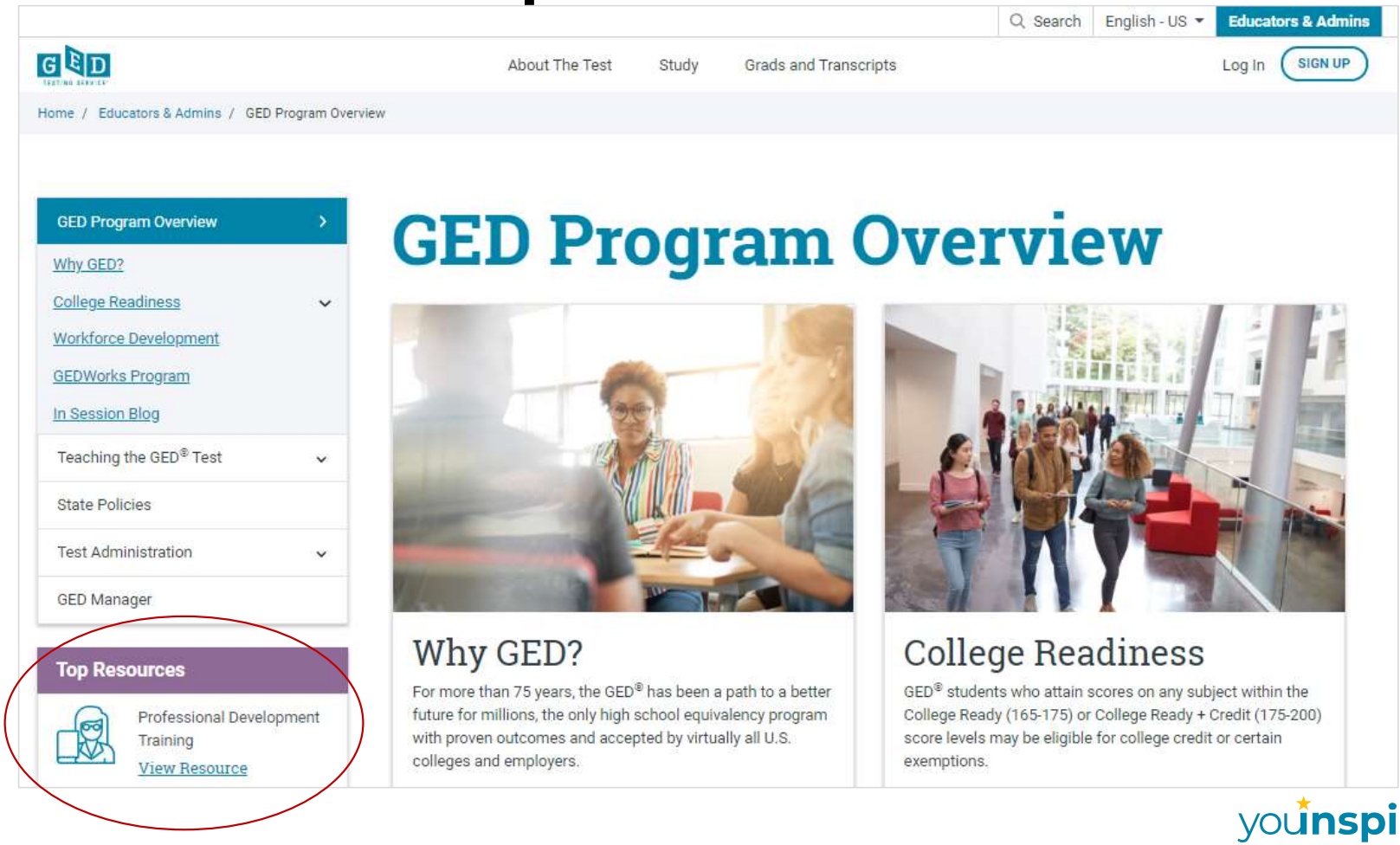
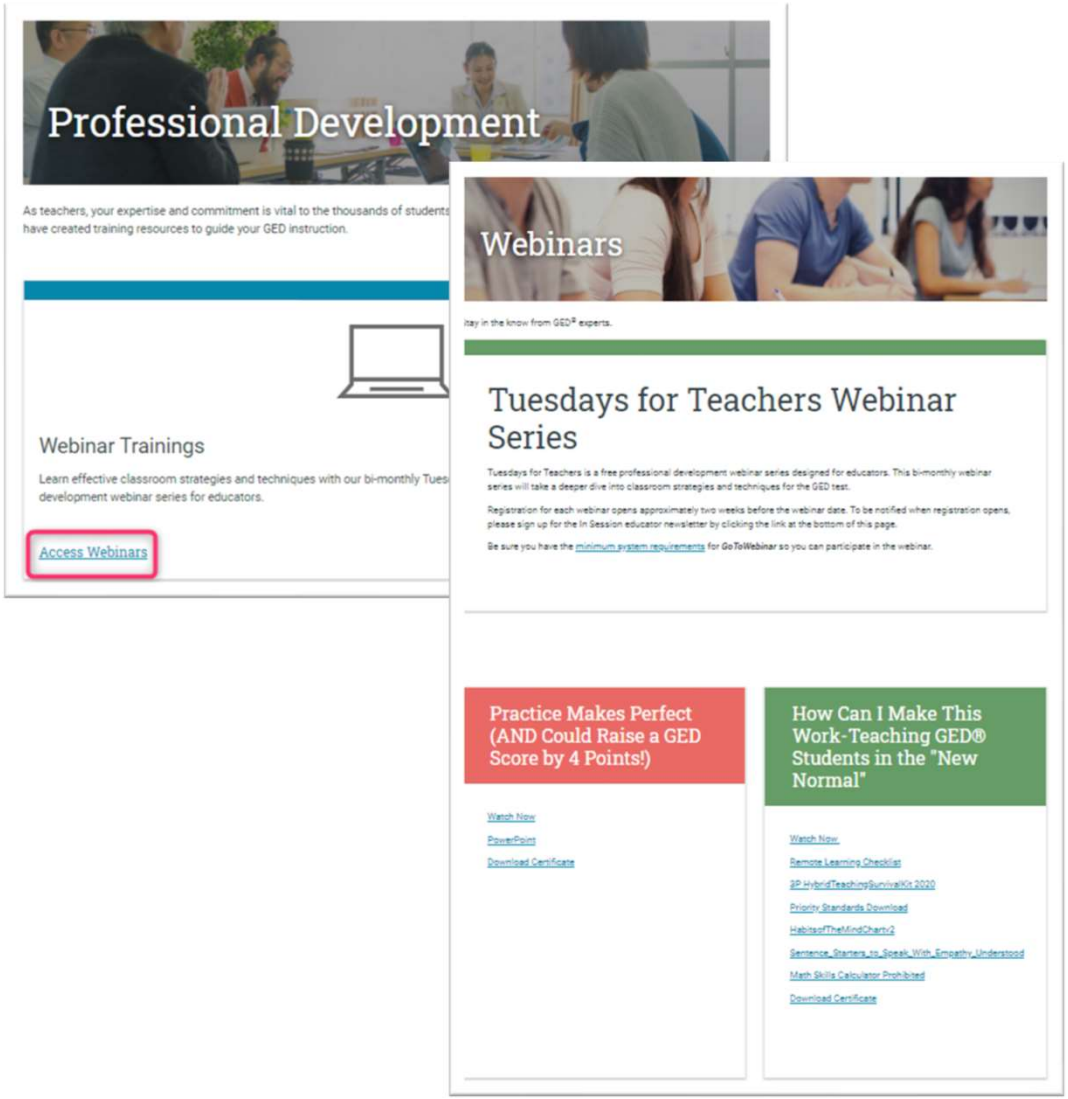
Important Resources for the Educator

- *Professional Development*
- *Educator Handbook*
- *In Session Educator Newsletter*

Professional Development





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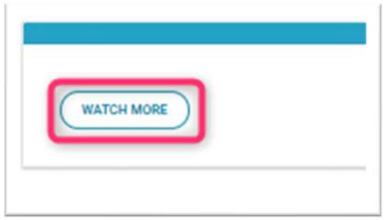

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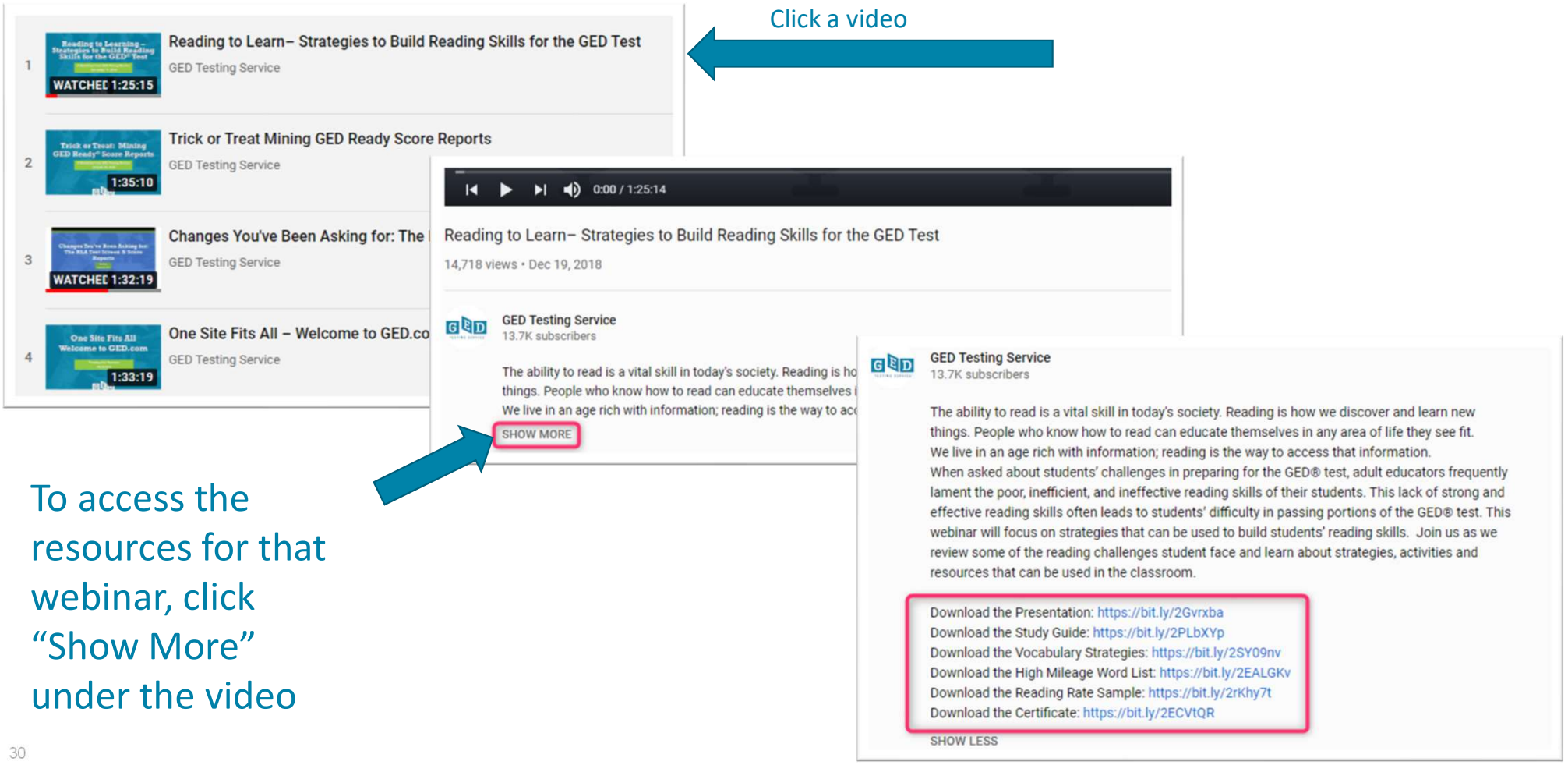

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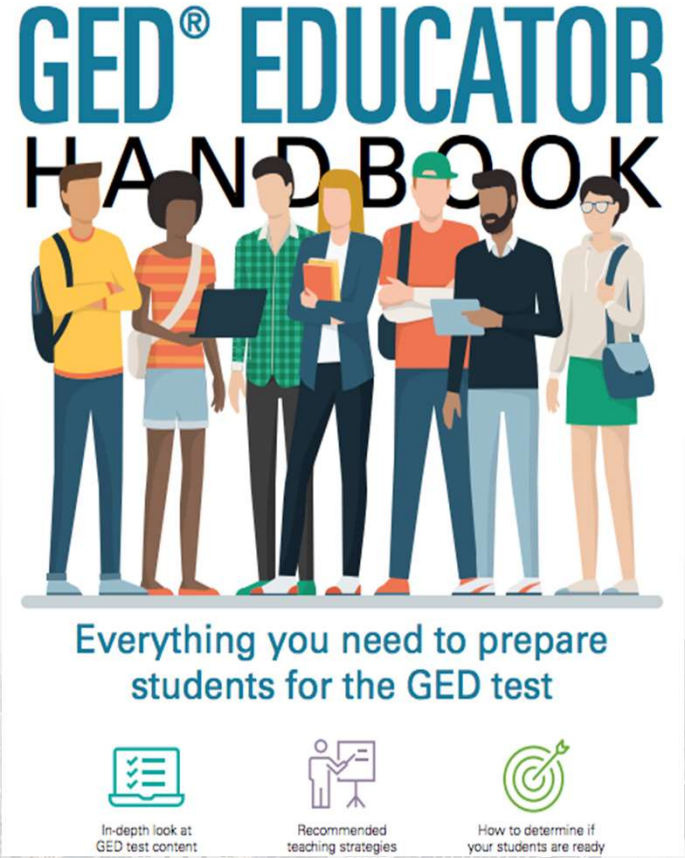
Educator Handbook!



Download at GED.com/educator_handbook

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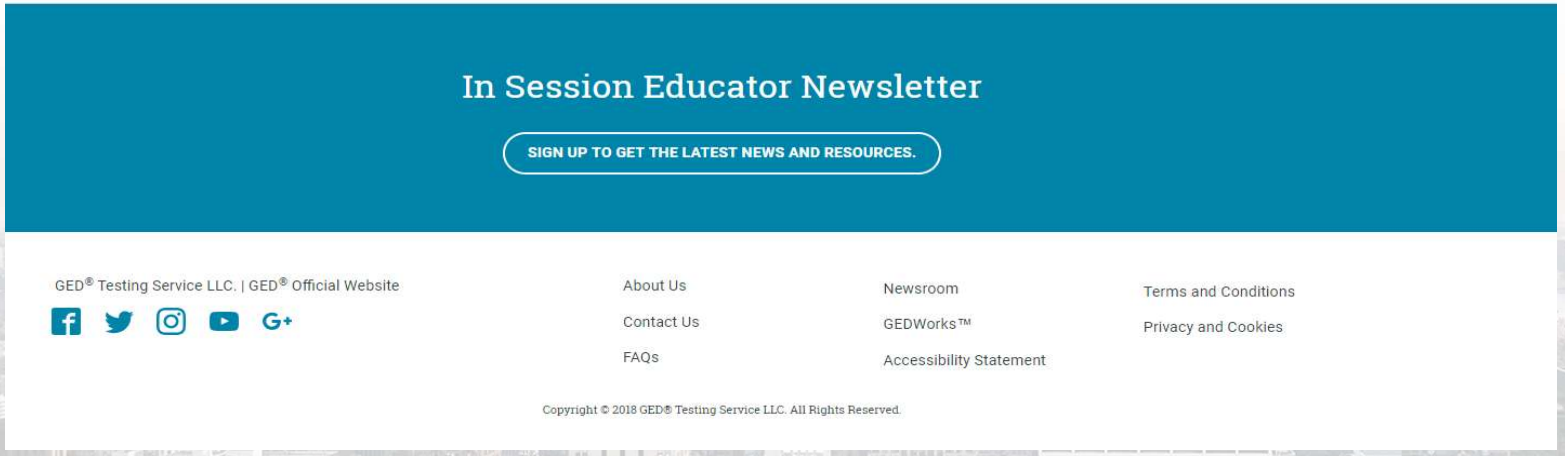


A list of some of the resources available in Spanish

Student Resources:

- GED Practice Test
- Study Guides
- GED.com (entire website)
- GED+
- Test Taker Brochure
- Tutorial for Computer-Based Test
- Tutorial for Calculator
- Calculator Reference Sheet
- Mathematics Formula Sheet
- Extended Response Answer Guidelines
- GED Spanish Prep

Educator Resources:

- Educator Guide
- High Impact Indicators
- Performance Level Descriptors (and chart)
- Assessment Target Comparison Chart
- Extended Response Scoring Tools
- Extended Response Classroom Practice
- Extended Response Classroom Poster

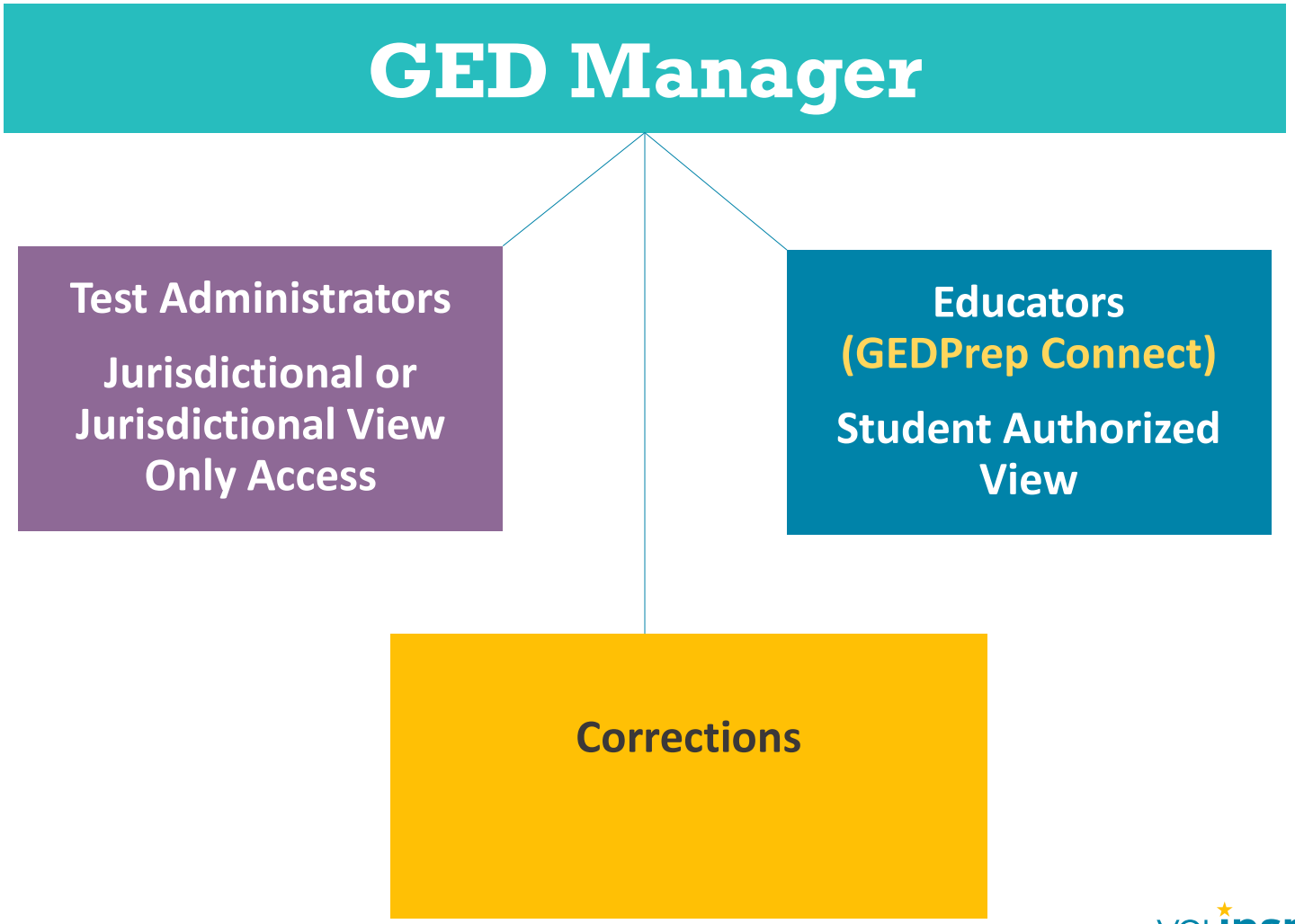
•The GED Program recognizes trusted publishers who develop curriculum materials that are 100% aligned with the GED test.
•Explore the variety of materials offered by each publisher and equip your students with the preparation they need to succeed.

Visit GED Partnering Publishers

GED Manager Overview

Roles:

- *Jurisdictional, Student Authorized View and Corrections Roles*
- *Reporting Features*
- *GED Direct*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Test Administrators
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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

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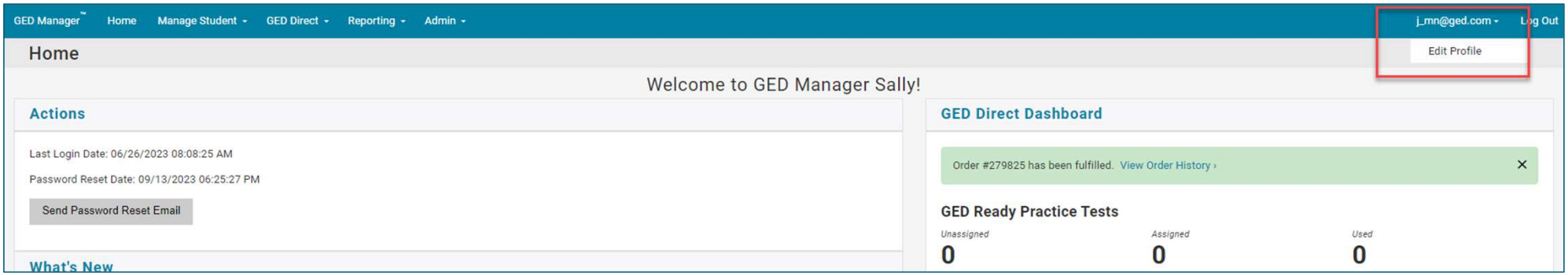
GED Manager
Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

GED Manager: New Edit Profile

- Users will see a new Edit Profile option when they click on their email address (upper right) once they log into GED Manager.



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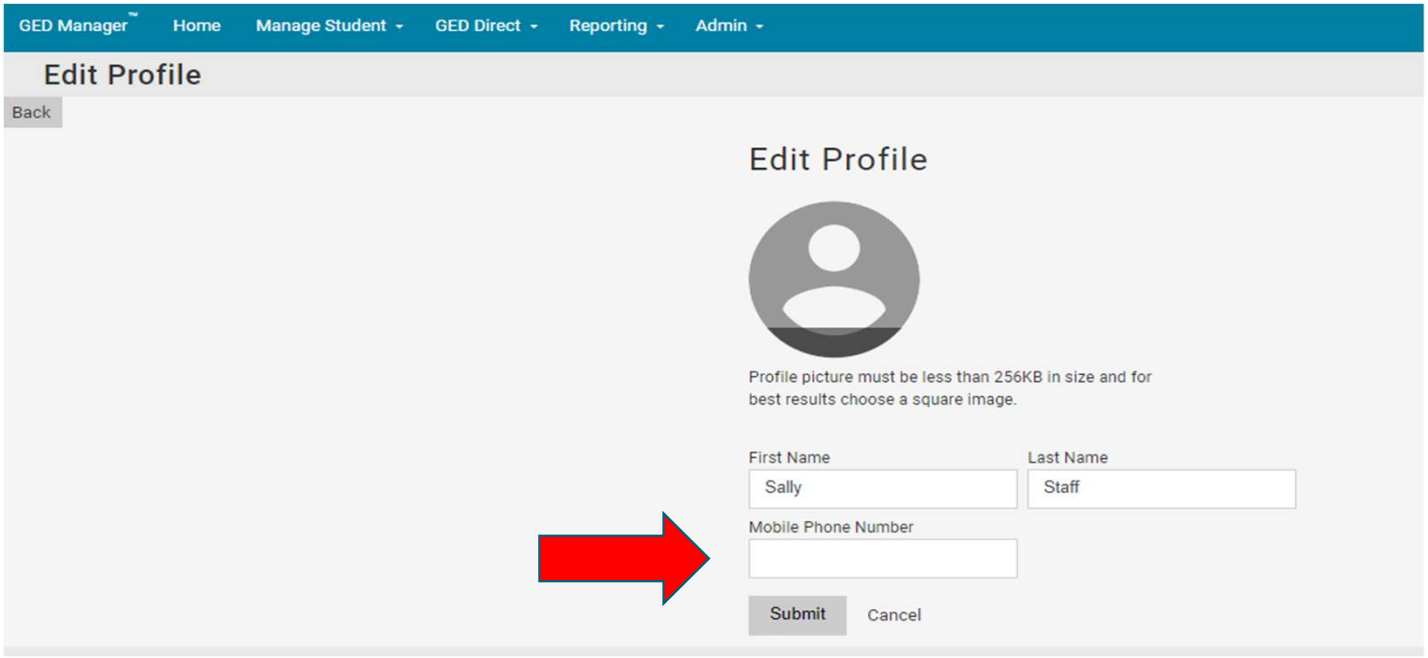
They will also be able to add their mobile phone number to be used in MFA.



GED Prep Connect

Background, accessing students, and connecting to new students

What can GED Prep Connect Do For You?

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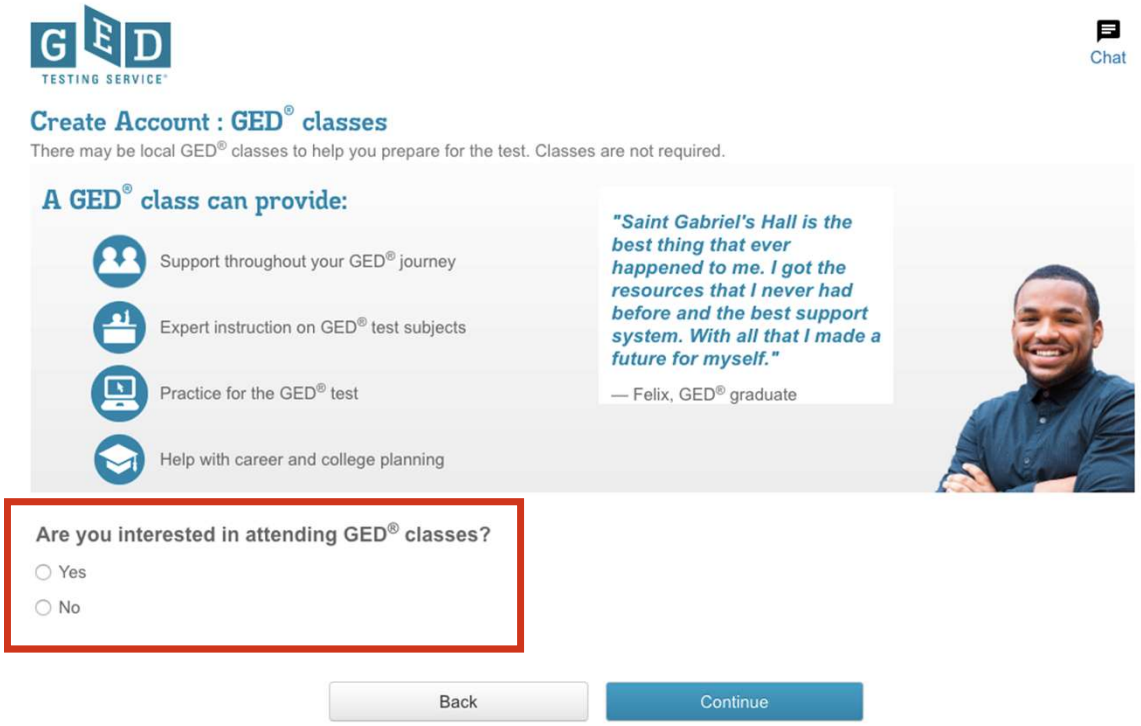

If yes, student is routed to GED Test Prep Center Selection page

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.

10023 Find

Select **YMCA of Greater NY Harlem Literacy Zone-23124**
5 West 63rd St, 6th Fl. New York, NY 10023
0.4 Miles Show on Map | Directions

Select **Riverside Language Program, Inc.-33223**
270 West 89th Street New York, NY 10024
1 Miles Show on Map | Directions

Select **Herbert Lehman College-23022**
Ms. Patricia Mullen New York, NY 10036
1.3 Miles Show on Map | Directions

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Ms. Andrea Durkis New York, NY 10036
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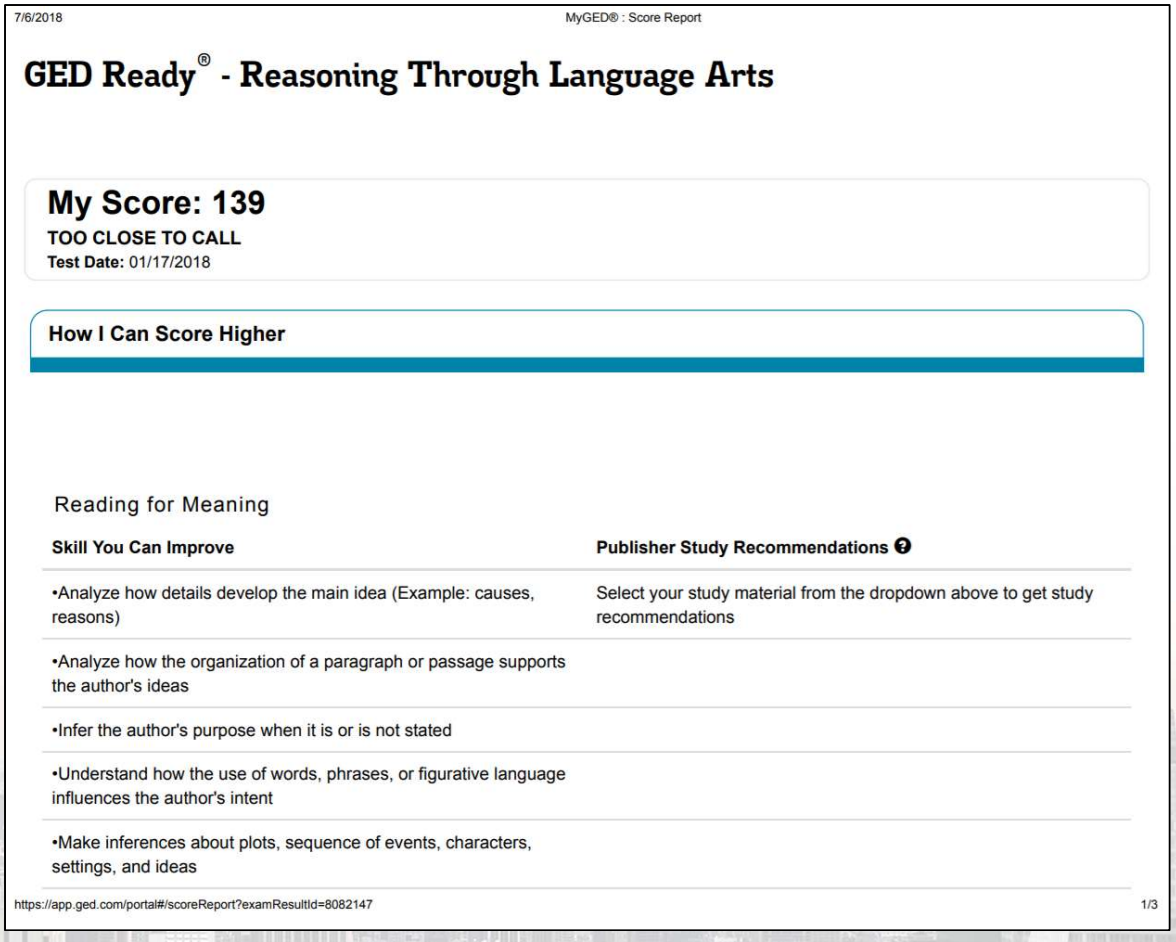
Make the Connection! Linking Score Reports to Instruction



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GED Ready® - Reasoning Through Language Arts

My Score: 139
TOO CLOSE TO CALL
Test Date: 01/17/2018

How I Can Score Higher

Reading for Meaning

Skill You Can Improve	Publisher Study Recommendations
•Analyze how details develop the main idea (Example: causes, reasons)	Select your study material from the dropdown above to get study recommendations
•Analyze how the organization of a paragraph or passage supports the author's ideas	
•Infer the author's purpose when it is or is not stated	
•Understand how the use of words, phrases, or figurative language influences the author's intent	
•Make inferences about plots, sequence of events, characters, settings, and ideas	

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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®
- GED Exam

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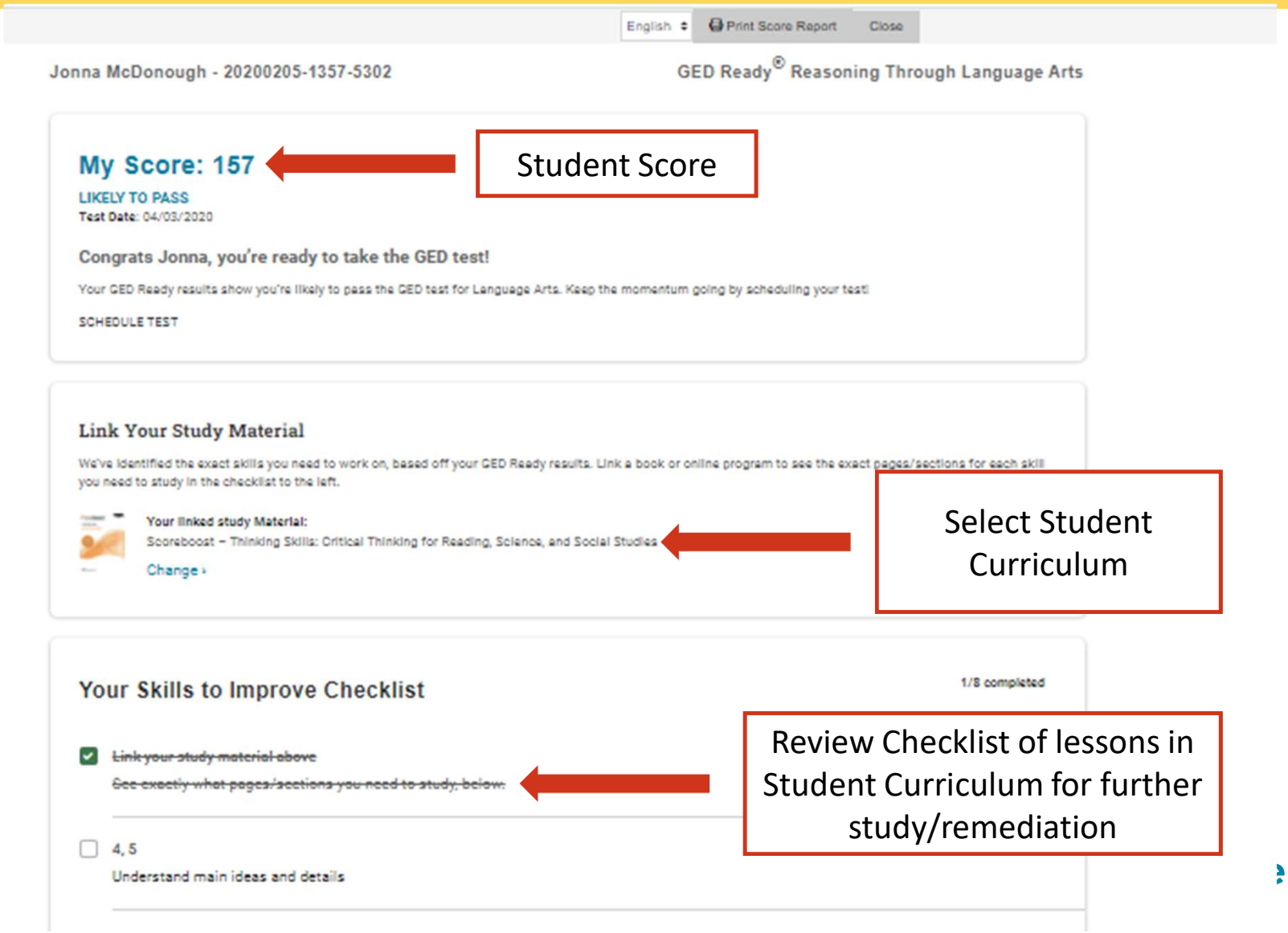
Realistic practice opportunity	Computer based and same platform as GED® test
Standardized and normed	Same norming and standardization study as official test
Predictive	Tells students if they are likely to pass
Half-length	4.25 hours in length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Jonna McDonough - 20200205-1357-5302
GED Ready® Reasoning Through Language Arts
My Score: 157
LIKELY TO PASS
Test Date: 04/03/2020
Congrats Jonna, you're ready to take the GED test!
Your GED Ready results show you're likely to pass the GED test for Language Arts. Keep the momentum going by scheduling your test!
SCHEDULE TEST
Student Score
Link Your Study Material
We've identified the exact skills you need to work on, based off your GED Ready results. Link a book or online program to see the exact pages/sections for each skill you need to study in the checklist to the left.
Your linked study Material:
Scoreboost – Thinking Skills: Critical Thinking for Reading, Science, and Social Studies
Change
Select Student Curriculum
Your Skills to Improve Checklist
1/8 completed
Link your study material above
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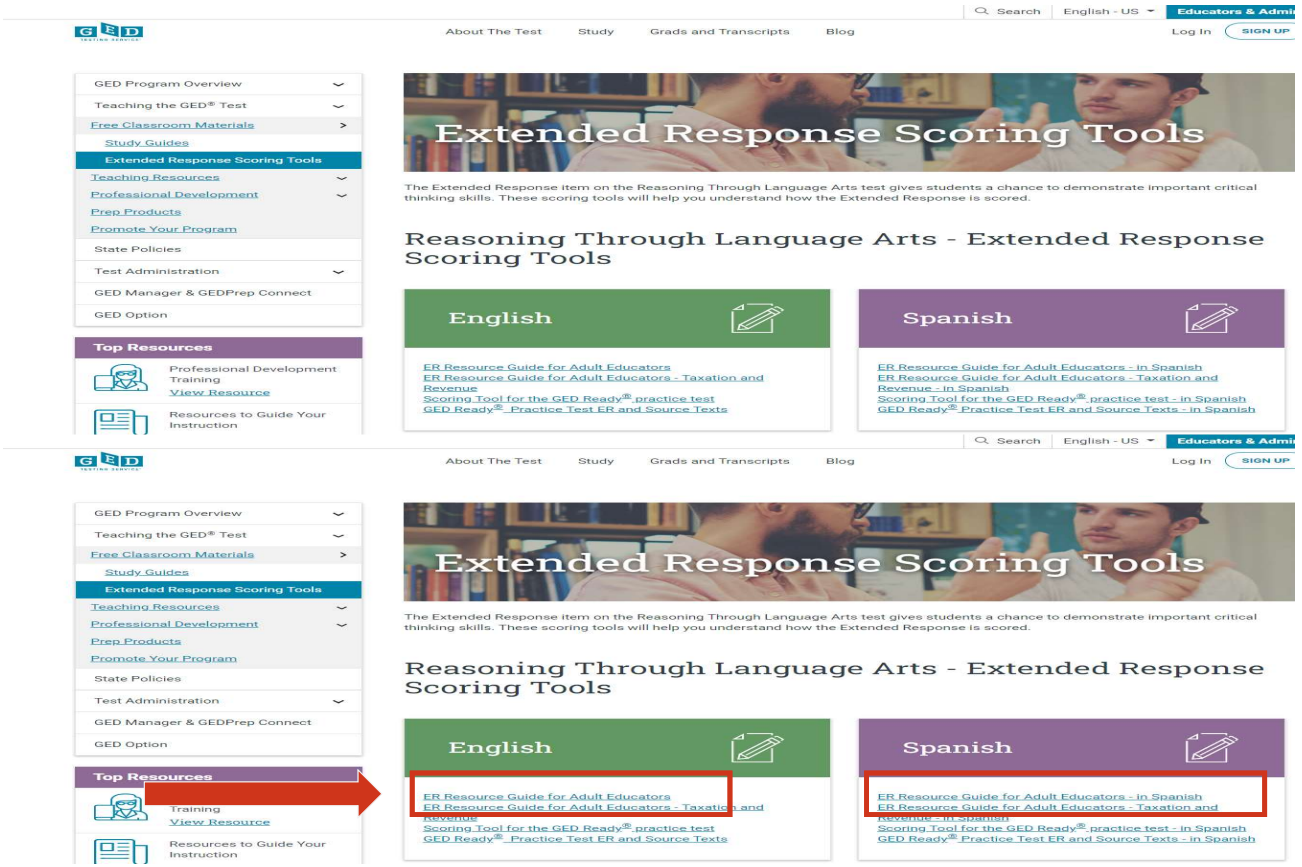
Scoring the Extended Response



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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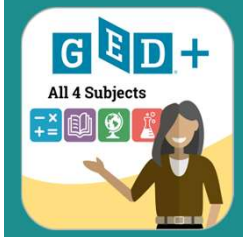

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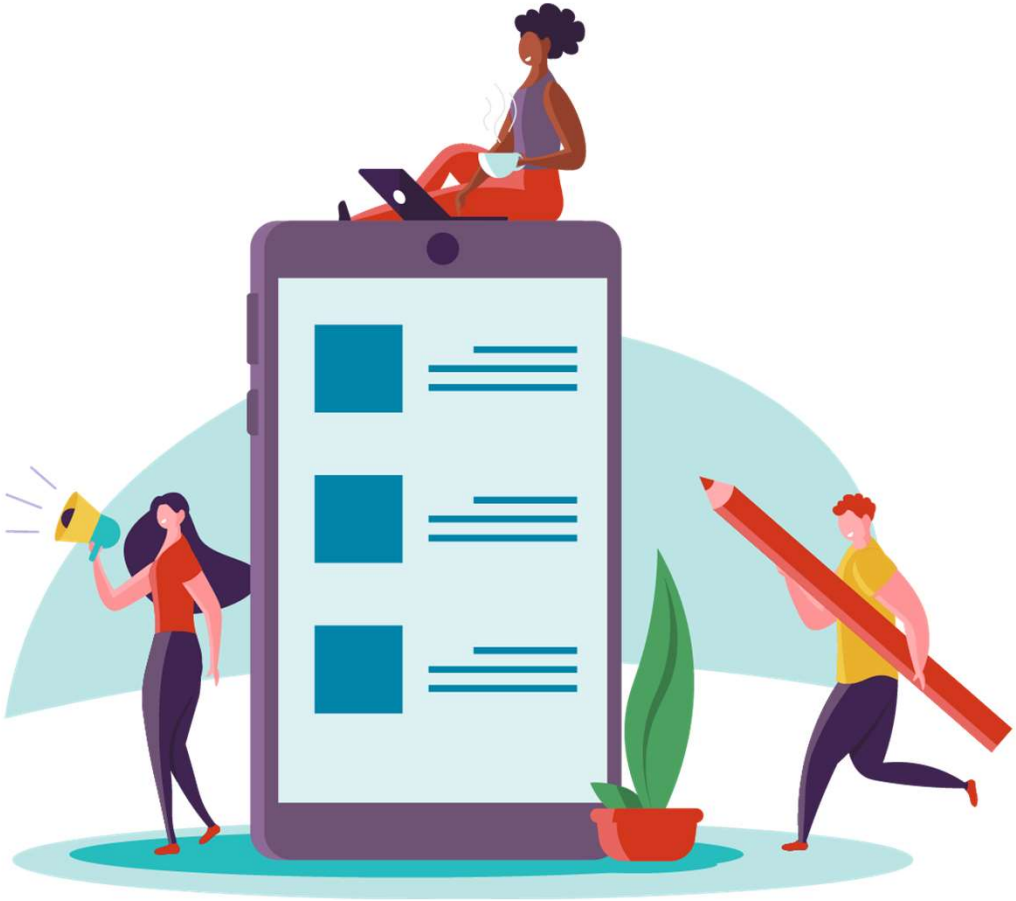

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