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OHIO COLLEGE STUDENTS MAY NOW USE GED® SCORES TO BYPASS REMEDIAL COURSES GED GRADUATES MAKE SIGNIFICANT GAINS IN COLLEGE ENROLLMENT AND PERSISTENCE

WASHINGTON, DC — GED graduates that scored in the College Ready and College Ready + Credit score levels may enroll in Ohio public colleges and universities with a “remediation-free” status. This is the first time GED graduates have been eligible to bypass remediation using their GED Reading and Language Arts (RLA) and Mathematical Reasoning test scores to enroll in credit-bearing courses in state institutions.

"Allowing the new GED test to be used to gain remediation-free status is a huge step forward for Ohio students pursuing a GED path," said Chad L. Aldis, Vice President for Ohio Policy and Advocacy at the Thomas B. Fordham Institute. "Giving students the opportunity to earn credit-bearing classes immediately upon entering college will greatly increase their likelihood of success."

The GED College Ready score level (165-174) indicates that the test taker has demonstrated the skills to start college-level courses and depending on the institution they may not have to take a placement test or any remedial courses in college. GED College Ready + Credit (175-200) indicates that the test taker has demonstrated some skills that are taught in college-level courses and depending on the school or program the student may be eligible for college credit in test subjects.

The [Presidents of Ohio’s Public Colleges and Universities](#) added the GED exam to its list of qualifying assessments for remediation-free status. The GED exam is the only high school equivalency test joining the ACT, SAT, Accuplacer, MapleSoft T.A., Aleks and PlaceU assessments. While a few campuses have implemented these recommendations, others are in the process of determining when and how they will implement them at their college or university.

Ohio joins a growing number of states that are accepting the GED College Ready score levels, saving GED graduates time and money as they work toward earning postsecondary degrees and certificates.

In addition to this newly added benefit for Ohio GED graduates, recent research has shown that GED programs are successfully preparing grads for postsecondary programs. Since the launch of the enhanced GED program in 2014 a higher percentage of graduates are attending college programs, enrolling more quickly, and are more prepared than ever to succeed in college and beyond. One statistic shows a meteoric increase in preparedness for college certificate and degree programs.

[Research conducted by GED Testing Service](#), through a data match with the National Student Clearinghouse, revealed that:

- 45% of GED grads enrolled in a college certificate or degree program within three years,
- 35% do so within one year of earning a GED credential, and
- 90% of those grads persisted by re-enrolling from one semester to the next.

“The most recent numbers are very exciting, especially when you compare the 90 percent persistence rate to the pre-2014 rate of 29 percent,” said Randy Trask, President of GED Testing Service. “Education and credentials beyond a GED diploma are the keys to unlocking opportunity for adult learners--opportunities for new career pathways, higher wages, and better quality of life.”

Ohio GED graduates are in a much stronger position to compete with traditional high school graduates, especially after earning a certificate or degree in addition to a GED credential. This is increasingly important as the vast majority of new jobs that will be created over the next two decades will require more than a high-school-level credential. An estimated [2.5 million new middle skill jobs](#) (those that require post-high school education but not a four-year college degree) are expected to be added to the U.S. workforce, accounting for nearly 40 percent of all job growth.

More information about the GED test program can be found [here](#) and frequently asked questions about the GED College Ready score levels are available [here](#).

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About GED Testing Service

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