

GED Tests and Requesting Accommodations

Special Accommodations

The GED Testing Service believes that:

Not all individuals can be fairly tested under standard administrations of regular print editions of the GED Tests. In such cases, accommodated administrations may be arranged at the request of the candidate and with the approval of the Chief Examiner and the GED administrator...

Some examples of accommodations are:

- Audiocassette edition (with large print reference copy)
- Large print edition
- Braille edition or use of a braille
- Extended time
- Use of a scribe
- Use of a talking calculator (for Part 2 of the Math test) or abacus
- Supervised frequent breaks (certifying professional must specify the frequency and duration of the breaks approved.)
- Use of a private room
- Sign-language interpreter (a certified interpreter can be use to interpret test instruction and essay topic only – not the multiple-choice test questions – to examinees with hearing impairments; interpreter may not be a relative or friend of the examinee)

Accommodations That Can Be Allowed Without Prior Approval from the GED Administrator, the GED Testing Service, or GEDTS-Trained and GEDTS-Certified Personnel

These Adaptations and/or devices include:

- Colored Transparent Overlays
These devices, which resemble tinted overhead transparencies, are widely used by persons with visual impairments and those with learning disabilities who have difficulty decoding written words and symbols.
- Clear Transparent Overlays and a Highlighter
The combination of clear (un-tinted) overlays and a highlighter can be used with the candidate who needs to use a highlighter while reading. The highlighting takes place on a clear overlay and protects the test booklet from becoming marked. All used overlays must be collected at the end of each testing session.
- Temporary Adhesive (for example, Post-it® Notes) with Spatial Directions
GED candidates can affix temporary “sticky” notes on the answer sheet to accommodate a disability affecting spatial orientation. For example, the candidate might flag the sheet for top, bottom, right, and left. For security reasons, the Official GED Testing Center must supply these adhesive notes to a GED candidate.
- Earplugs
GED candidates may use earplugs/hearing protectors as an aid in concentration. Some large-volume or busy testing centers routinely distribute disposable earplugs to all candidates.

- **Large-Print Test**
GED candidates may use the large print edition of the GED Tests under normal time limits, upon request to the GED Chief Examiner or Examiner. It is recommended that each Official GED Testing Center have at least one large print test battery per year for this purpose.
- **Magnifying Device**
GED candidate may use their preferred type of magnifying device during test taking. If a GED candidate uses a magnifier during a standard testing session, the candidate may be seated in a way that precludes other candidates from seeing that candidate's test materials.