

Procedures for Obtaining a General Educational Development (GED) Age Waiver for Underage Students

AGE RULE: A candidate must be at least 18 years of age on the date of the GED test. Exceptions may be granted by the Superintendent of Schools or designee in circumstances such as health problems, family financial problems, or other instances of hardship. These exceptions apply only if candidates reside in Miami-Dade County or attend school in Miami-Dade County and if candidates have reached the age of 16.

PROCEDURES FOR EXCEPTIONS TO THE AGE RULE: With parental consent, students under the age of 18 who are enrolled in the K-12 program may choose one of the following options:

1. Remain in school and take the Official GED Practice Test (OPT) at an adult education center to determine readiness to complete the official GED Test successfully. If scores are indicative of success on the OPT, students will then withdraw from the K-12 program and register for the GED Test. If GED Test readiness is not indicated, students may choose to remain in the K-12 program.
2. Withdraw from the K-12 program and take the OPT at an adult education center. If scores are indicative of success on the GED Test, students will follow procedures as outlined below for out-of-school youth. If GED Test readiness is not indicated, students may enroll in a GED preparation class at an adult education center.

Both options require a "Request for GED Age Waiver" form. This form is to be initiated and completed by the adult education principal and counselor at adult education centers. Parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign the form giving permission for students to be tested on the OPT to determine readiness to complete the GED Test successfully. If students meet the testing criteria on the OPT and the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the students decide to proceed with GED testing, then students must be withdrawn from the K-12 program.

When students pass the OPT, the GED Age Waiver form is submitted to the district GED office for final approval. Letters are then mailed to candidates advising them to register at one of these GED testing sites:

Miami Lakes Technical Education Center
5780 N.W. 158 Street
Hialeah, Florida 33014
Telephone: 305 557-1100 ext. 2335

Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center
750 N.W. 20 Street
Miami, Florida 33127
Telephone: 305 324-6070 ext. 7081

Robert Morgan Education Center
18180 S.W. 122 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33177
Telephone: 253-9920 ext. 2144

Candidates should bring a Florida ID or Florida Driver's License, social security card and the test fee of \$50 when registering for the GED Test. A test date will be assigned at the time of registration.