



# ***Scarborough School Department***

*Advancing the Vision of Success for All*

Adult Learning Center  
GED Testing Program

## ***Frequently Asked Questions***

### **How long will it take to complete the test?**

There are 5 GED tests and they are all timed:

Reading	65minutes
Writing	2 hours
Science	80 minutes
Social Studies	70 minutes
Math	90 minutes.

All tests are 50 multiple choice questions (except reading which is 40 and the Writing includes an essay)

### **Can I use a calculator?**

There are 2 parts to the math test. Part 1(25 questions) may be done with a calculator. Part II (25 questions) must be completed without the use of a calculator. Students should have completed at least elementary Algebra to be successful.

### **How much does it cost?**

There is no cost to GED candidates – this program is subsidized by the State of Maine

### **How long will it be before I get my results?**

Tests need to be mailed to the Maine Department of Education and scanned to GEDTS. Candidates should expect a week for the results.

### **How will I know if I should take some prep classes?**

Candidates must take the pre-tests and those scores will determine readiness for the GED. It is recommended that candidates also take Reading Comprehension and Math Assessment prior to the pre-GED tests.

### **Where is the best place to access prep classes?**

Candidates can access classes over PBS, at a local adult education center or, in some cases, online.

### **How much do the classes cost?**

The State of Maine does not charge a course fee for a class leading to a high school credential, although there may be a materials fee assessed.

### **Can I go to college with a GED ?**

Most colleges accept the GED as a high school completion credential.