



GED Testing Service 2018 Update

April 5, 2018



Agenda

- Welcome
- Objectives
- National Update
- GED[®] Grad Research & Results
- GED.com Update
- Q&A

A Quick Snapshot 2018 vs 2017: Jan – Mar 2018 vs Jan – Mar 2017

Early Trends for 2018

	1/1/2018 – 3/31/2018	1/1/2017 – 3/31/2017
Completers	53,570	54,994
Passers	36,888	36,764
Pass Rate	N/C	N/C

External Factors Impacting Results

- Unemployment rate decline
- Availability of “low-skilled” jobs (education vs work)
- Immigration

What do you think are the average passing scores for Math?

What do you think are the average passing scores for the other content area tests?

Average Passing Scores 1/1/18-3/31/18

GED® Tests	Math	RLA	Science	Social Studies
Average Passing Score	153	155	156	155

Urban Legends

- No one can pass the tests
- My students don't want to go to college

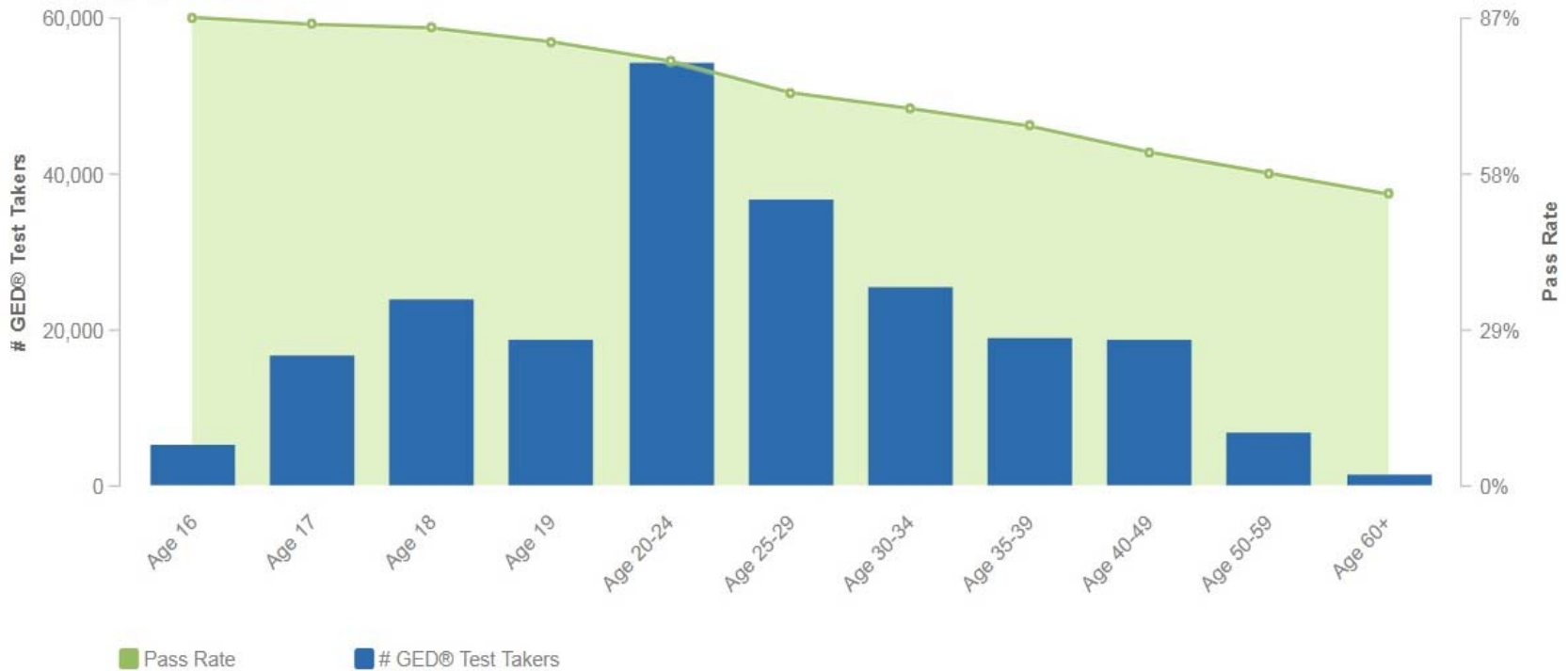
Fiscal Year View

FY 17-18 (for the Nine Months ending 3/31/18)

	July 1, 2017-March 31, 2018
Completers	135,617
Passers	103,395
Pass Rate	76%

Pass Rates by Age

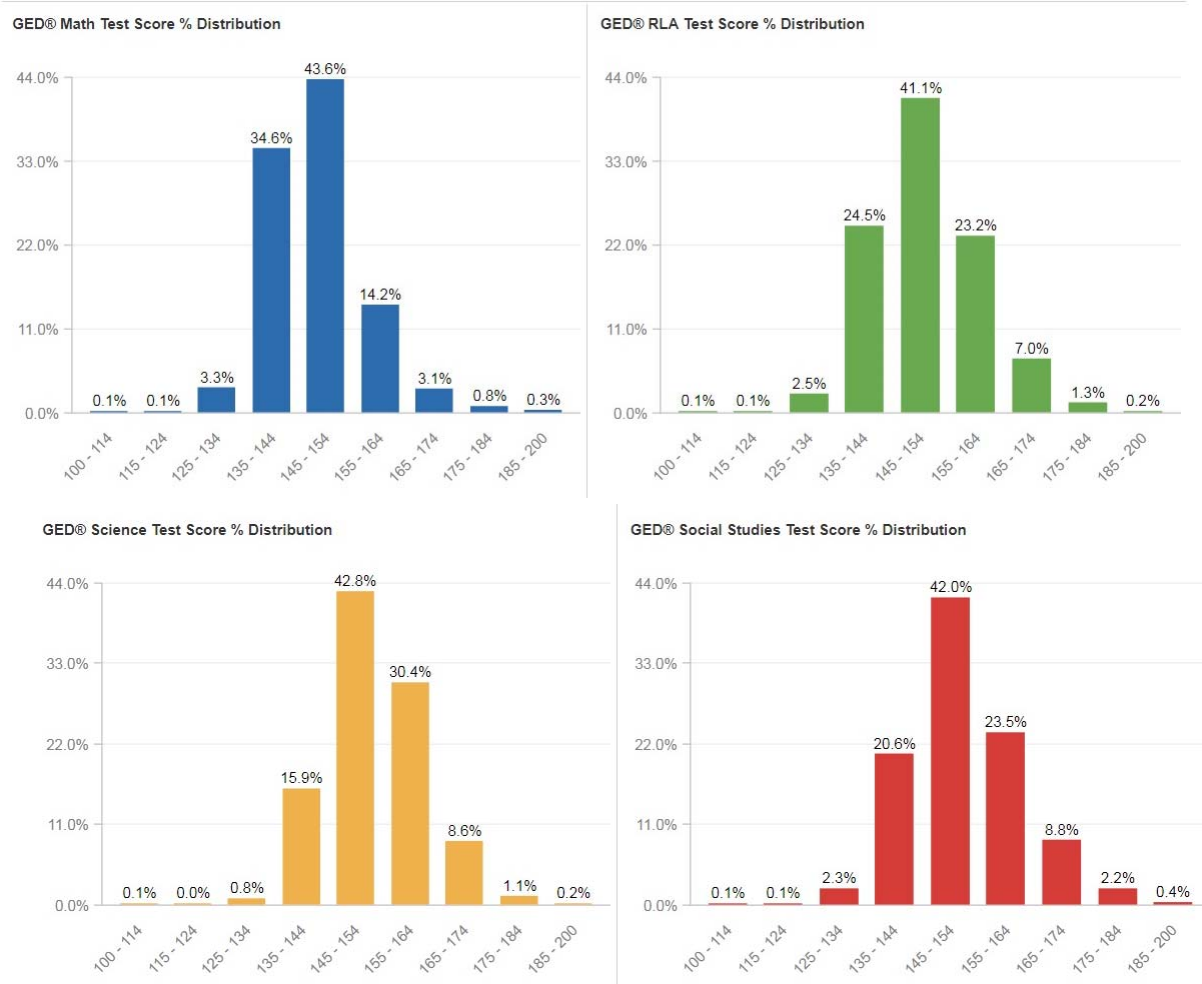
Pass Rate by Age Ranges



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Score Ranges by Content Area



Passers by Performance Level

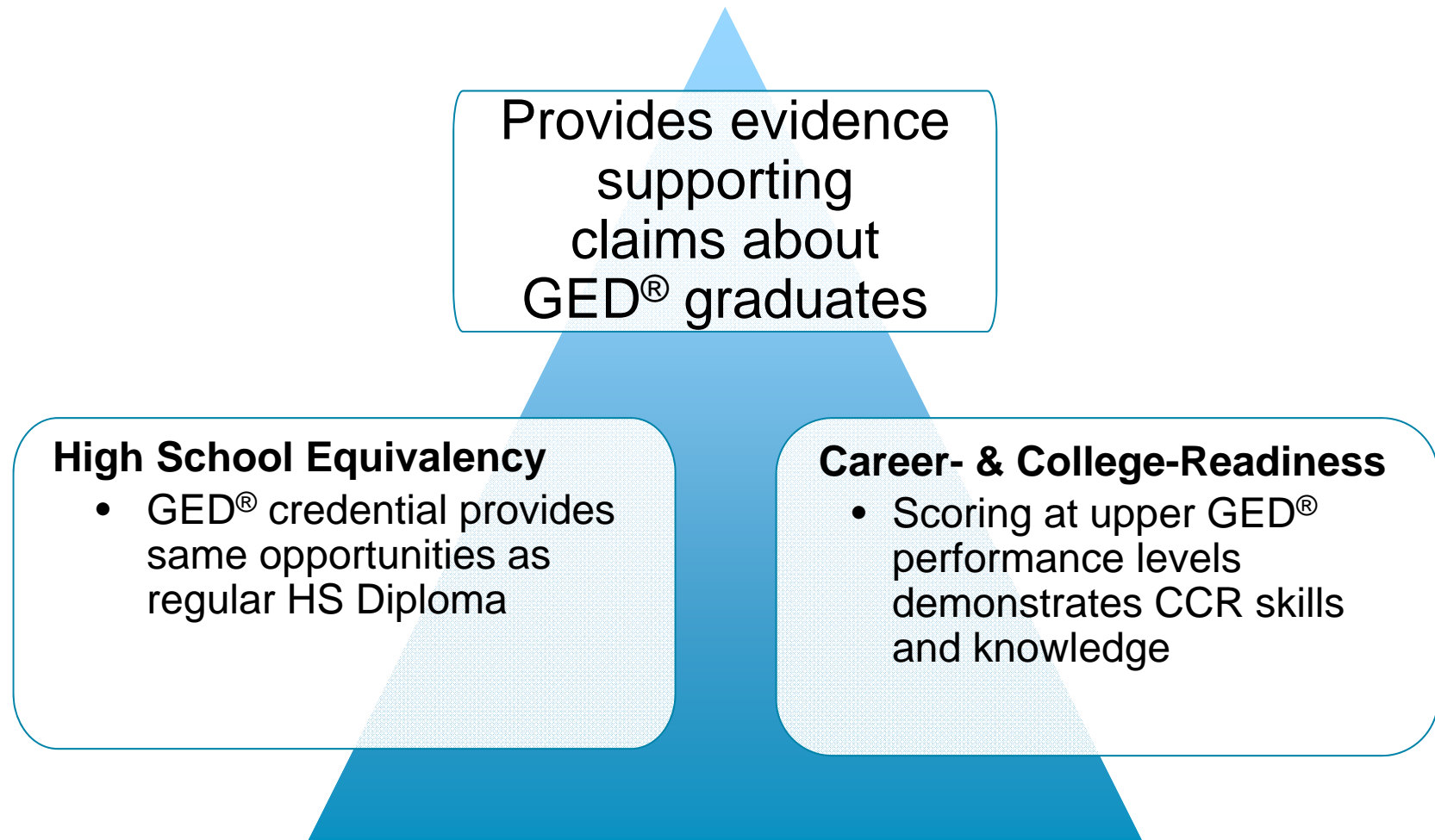
	MATH	RLA	SCI	SS
HSE	73%	74%	80%	74%
CR	5%	10%	11%	13%
CR+CRED	1%	2%	1%	3%

The Bottom Line

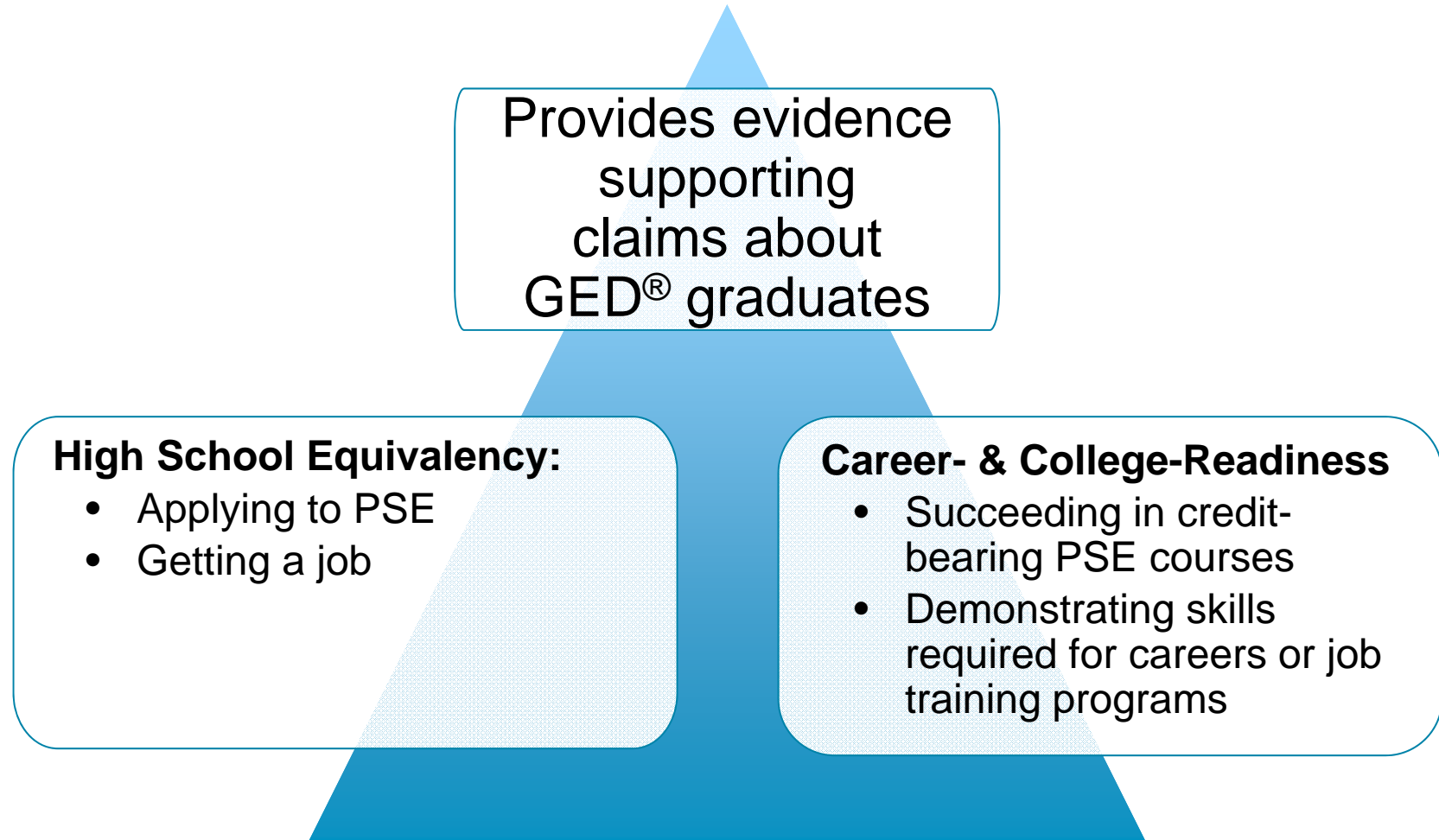
- Test-takers are better prepared to succeed in jobs and post secondary programs
- Test-t

Research

Purpose of Outcomes Research

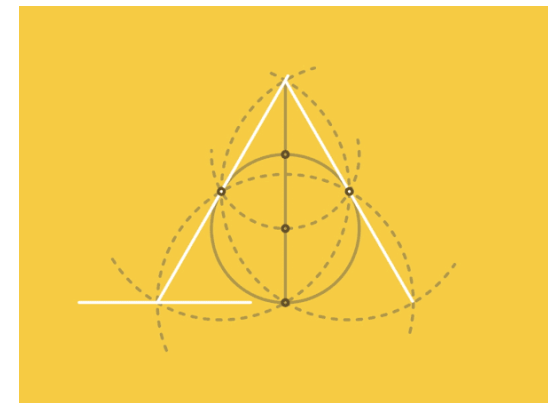


Purpose of Outcomes Research



Outcomes Research Provides an Emerging Picture of GED® Grads – Over Time

- There is a hunger for data, but research is not “one and done”
- Different methods need to be employed to capture test-takers’ varied journeys and to look for data corroboration to support hypotheses



Comparative Highlights From Recent Studies

Results From Recent Studies

- Let's look across various studies to
 - Learn about commonalities among the findings
 - Understand areas that represent discrepancies
 - Explore results that generalize to the population of GED[®] grads at this time
- Studies to date have looked only at graduates at the 150 passing level and above
 - Grads that scored 145-149 will be included in studies beginning in 2017 (they need time to show progress)

National Student Clearinghouse Data Match Study – October 2015

- Study parameters:
 - Selected a random sample of 10,000 GED[®] 2014 grads
 - Compared with NSC StudentTracker[®] database as of July 15, 2015 to determine enrollment rate, persistence

National Student Clearinghouse Data Match Study – October 2016

- Study parameters:
 - Followed up on all students in 2015 match and 2014 – 2016 surveys
 - Randomly sampled additional graduates for a total sample size of 40,000 graduates
 - Compared with NSC StudentTracker[®] database as of October 15, 2016 to determine enrollment rate, persistence

2016 Cohort Study

- Study parameters
 - Survey of ~78,000 GED[®] 2015 grads
 - 3.3% response rate
 - Study design does not provide generalizable results, but the data corroborates pilot study findings
 - Included in NSC data match component in fall 2016

Study Demographics Comparison

Demographics	2015 NSC Data Match	2015 Pilot	2016 Cohort	2016 NSC Data Match
Gender				
- Male	55%	49%	35%	49%
- Female	44%	50%	64%	49%
Demographics	2015 NSC Data Match	2015 Pilot	2016 Cohort	2016 NSC Data Match
Age				
- 16 - 24	76%	60%	60%	77%
- 25 - 29	14%	15%	17%	11%
- 30 - 39	7%	15%	16%	9%
- 40 - 49	2%	6%	5%	3%
- 50 and over	1%	4%	2%	1%

Study Demographics Comparison

Demographics	NSC Data Matches	2015 Pilot	2016 Cohort
Ethnicity			
- Hispanic	18%	16%	22%
- Asian	5%	7%	3%
- Black	14%	12%	14%
- White	65%	68%	61%
- Am. Ind./AK Native	3%	3%	3%
- Missing/other	13%	10%	19%

Study Demographics Comparison

Demographics	NSC Data Matches	2015 Pilot	2016 Cohort
Highest grade attended			
- 12 th but didn't graduate	32%	23%	<not available>
- 11 th	27%	26%	
- 10 th	24%	24%	
- 9 th	9%	14%	
- 8 th or earlier/don't recall	4%	13%	

Study Results Comparison

	2015 NSC Data Match	2015 Pilot	2016 Cohort	2016 NSC Data Match
Percent of study participants in PSE				
% applied	N/A	35% (+/- 3%)	43%	N/A
% accepted	N/A	35% (+/- 3%)	41%	N/A
% enrolled	36%	35% (+/- 3%)	37%	35%
% still enrolled	36%	28% (+/- 3%)	34%	33%
% graduated	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.6%

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Student Performance Measures	Mean scaled score of PSE enrollees	Weighted- average subject-area GPA	Weighted- average subject-area GPA	Mean scaled score of PSE enrollees
- English (RLA)	163	3.2	3.4	161
- Math	158	3.2	3.2	157
- Science	161	N/A*	3.3	160
- Social Studies	162	N/A*	3.5	160

*too few responses in category

Other Findings From the Cohort and Pilot Studies

- 67% (+/- 3%) of GED[®] grads are working
 - 57% full-time, 43% part-time
 - But they are mostly in lower-wage jobs
 - 67% report making \$15,000 or less
 - Grads see their work as (in rank order)
 - A way to pay the bills/earn spending money
 - A way to explore career options
 - A way to save money for school

Current Takeaways From Research

- GED[®] grads appear to be moving on to PSE more rapidly than in the past
- Those who enroll in PSE
 - Appear overall to be having success in their first credit-bearing courses
 - Are tending to persist in their enrollment thus far
- Many more questions to explore in the coming years

PSE Outcomes

BEYOND THE GED® TEST

GED GRADUATES ARE PREPARED FOR COLLEGE

Our Graduates Are Interested in College

2 out of 3
express interest



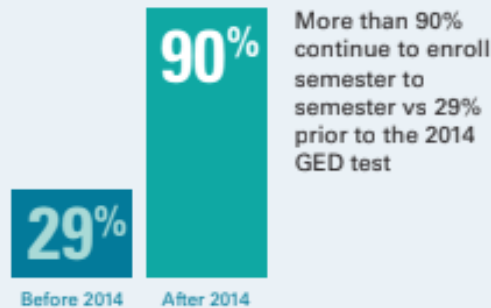
Enroll in college within a year of earning their GED credential



Enroll in college within 3 years of earning their GED credential

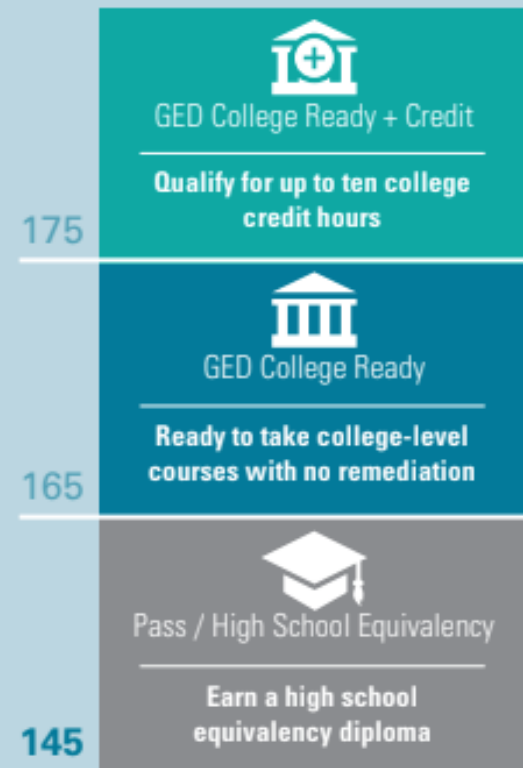
Our Graduates Follow Through in College

Persistence is at an all-time high



Over 200 U.S. Colleges accept the GED College Ready recommendations

GED College Ready Scores Improve the Chances for College Success



Learn more about GED College Ready score levels at [GEDtesting.com/collegeready](https://www.gedtesting.com/collegeready)

GET COLLEGE READY WITH THE GED

GED graduates are more prepared for college than ever!

145

GED Passing Score

To pass the GED test, students need a score of 145 on all four subjects.

165 – 174

GED College Ready

At 165 or higher, students may qualify to bypass placement testing and remedial (non-credit) courses in college.

175 – 200

GED College Ready + Credit

At 175 or higher, students may qualify for up to 10 college credit hours at participating colleges.

Nationally, GED graduates who score 165 or higher are equivalent to the

TOP **27%**

of graduating high school students.

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COLLEGES

accept the GED College Ready scores and

MORE THAN **90%**

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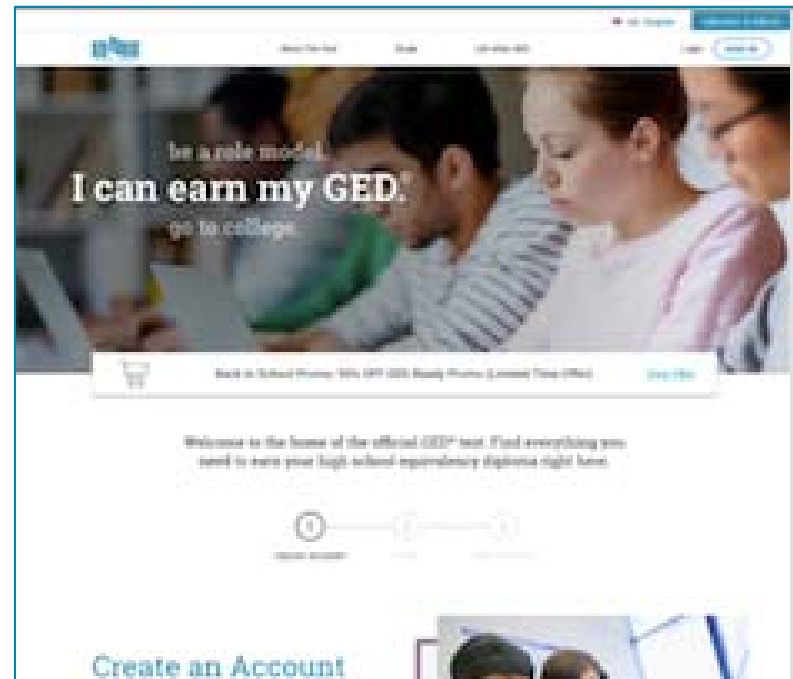
Save the Date



Wednesday, May 16

New GED.com Coming

- Combined GED.com website work continues—anticipate launch in May
- Expect preview session/s in April



Work Continues

- Research and work continues on Score Report Enhancements
- Student journey enhancements
- Test security enhancements

Q&A

Thank you!

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