To pass the GED® test, you need high-school level skills and knowledge. Getting up to speed can be a challenge, but this guide will show you how to use this program to earn the scores you need.

If you haven’t done so already, you must register to start using the program resources. Just follow the steps on the homepage, and then click the GED® Test Prep Center link.

To help you pass the GED® test, we’ve created a simple, three-step study plan:

**STEP 1:** Go to Are You Ready? to check your skill level.

**STEP 2:** Use the tools in the Build Your Basic Skills to improve your skills.

**STEP 3:** Study and practice for the GED® test in Prepare for the GED® Test.

We’ll show you how each step works so that you’ll be ready on test day. *Let’s get started!*
STEP 1: FIND OUT IF YOU’RE READY

You need high-school-level skills to pass the GED® test. Are you ready? Our Skills Checks will tell you. Here’s how:

1. Take the Skills Checks

Find out if your skills are at a GED® test level by taking the seven short Skills Checks in the Are You Ready? category. Each one tests a different skill, so be sure to finish all seven. You may be strong in math but need help in language arts. You will find out with these tests.

2. Check Your Scores

When you complete a Skills Check, you’ll get a score report. If the score report says that you are at Level 3 or lower, that means you have to build those skills before you go on to practice for the GED® test.

3. Are You Ready?

• If you earned a score of Level 3 or lower on a Skills Check, you need to build those particular skills. The next page will show you how.

• If your Skills Check results say that you are ready to prepare for the GED® test, skip the next step and go to (Prepare for the GED® test). Learn how to use the GED® test prep resources on page 5 of this guide.
STEP 2: BUILD YOUR BASIC SKILLS

Now that you know where you stand, you can begin to improve your basic skills in reading, writing, and math. Here’s a plan to show you how:

1. Take the Tutorials

A Skills Check score report will recommend the tutorials you need for that skill. Each tutorial has lessons and practice to teach you the basic skills you need to become GED® test ready.

**Math Skills Tutorials**
- Build Your Basic Math Skills
- Build Your Basic Algebra Skills

**English Language Arts Tutorials**
- Build Your Basic Reading Skills
- Build Your Basic Writing Skills
- Build Your Basic Grammar Skills
- Build Your Basic Vocabulary and Spelling Skills

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Set aside time to work through each lesson and complete all the practices and quizzes.

2. Use the Skill Builders and eBooks

When you’ve completed a tutorial, it’s time to use the instantly-scored Skill Builders. These are short sets of practice questions that cover important basic skills topics. There are three levels of Skill Builders in reading and math—Level 1 through Level 3.

Start at your level in each area. When you complete a Skill Builder, you’ll get a score report that will tell you if you are ready for the next level and recommend the next products to use.

Helpful Hint:
Click the “View Answers” button on the score report to see complete answer explanations for every question. These are great study aids!
Example of an Answer Explanation

If you are really stuck on a topic, remember that you can always return to the related tutorials or consult the recommended eBooks. Y lessons and hundreds of additional questions and answer explanations.

3. When You’re Ready, Click on to Start Practicing for the GED® Test

As you work your way through the resources, you’ll notice your skills (and your scores) improving. Your Skill Builder score reports will guide you as you climb through the levels.
STEP 3: PREPARE FOR THE GED® TEST

You're now ready to start practicing for the GED® tests! There are four parts, and you can take each one separately. The four tests are:

- Reasoning through Language Arts
- Mathematical Reasoning
- Science
- Social Studies

We recommend that you prepare for each test separately, starting with your weakest subject.

You have two complete sets of practice tests and one interactive learning tutorial in each of the four subjects, as well as helpful eBooks in the Prepare for the GED® test category.

1. Learn about the GED® Test

Use the Introduction to the GED® test tutorial to learn about the GED® test’s computer-ized format, practice with the different question types, and get an overview of all four subject tests.

2. Take the First Practice Test

Your next step is to take the first practice GED® test in your weakest subject. Find your first practice test and launch it to begin.

The practice tests and tutorials are organized by subject.

Like your Skills Check and Skill Builder score reports, your score report for Part 1 of a GED® practice test will give you scores in the test’s individual topics and subtopics. These are the same topics and subtopics that will be reported on the official GED® test. Your scores in the individual topics are important! Using them, you can target your areas of strength and weakness in a subject so you’ll know where to concentrate your studies in the next step—using the GED® test tutorials.
3. Use the GED® Test Tutorials

You’ve taken the first practice test and have identified your strengths and weaknesses in that subject. Your next step is to take a tutorial. There is a separate tutorial for each GED® test.

Each subject tutorial will teach you—through lessons, practice, and quizzes—the concepts and skills you’ll need for the official test. It is highly recommended that you take a tutorial from start to finish, focusing on the topics that you identified as weaknesses in the practice GED® subject tests.

4. Take the Second GED® Practice Test

After you’ve completed the first GED® practice test and the subject tutorial, you’re one step closer to being ready for test day. Your next step is to take the second practice test to see how much you’ve improved in the subject you’re focusing on. When you’re done, return to the tutorial to focus on remaining weaknesses. Be sure to follow these steps for all four parts of the GED® test!

5. Feel Confident!

You now have a study plan and the tools to succeed, but you have to make it work. To get the most out of this program, it’s important that you set some time aside dedicated to following the steps outlined in this guide.

If you do, you can wake up on test day feeling confident that you are well prepared to earn your high school equivalency credential. Good luck!

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**IMPORTANT TIPS**

**Getting Help**
Click the “Help” tab from any page for video guides that explain how to access and use the resources detailed in this guide, including answers to frequently asked questions.

**Tracking Your Progress**
All your work is saved in your personal “My Center” portfolio. My Center is a personalized space that stores any products that you have used, along with your progress and scores. For more detailed information on the features of My Center, visit the Help center.

**Please note:** The “My Center” tab only appears when you are logged in to your account.