Frequently Asked Questions:

Where can I take my Official GED Exam?
A list of Official GED Exam Centers will be provided to you after the instructor gives you a referral stating that you passed the pre-test and are ready for the GED subject(s).

How much does the Official GED cost?
The fee for the Official GED Exam varies from each Official GED Exam Center. Before going to take the Official GED Exam Center, please call the test center for the date, time, and to reserve a seat.

What form of ID is accepted to take the exam?
- California Driver’s License
- California State I.D.
- Current Passport
- Military I.D.

Do I have to take all the tests at one time?
This depends on the Official GED Exam Center.

What if I do not pass the test?
You will only need to re-take the test(s) you did not pass. Before re-testing, you will have to complete 60 hours of study in the subject area that you did not pass.

How and when can I get my results?
Within three (3) weeks of completing the exam, a transcript with your test results is mailed to your home. Your California High School Equivalency Certificate is mailed to you approximately three (3) to four (4) months after you complete your exam.

How do I obtain a copy of my GED records?
Call Educational Testing Services—GED Records Center at Toll-free number (866) 370-4740.
Steps to the GED

1. Schedule an Orientation
   The orientation will give the student information about the GED Preparation program.

2. Take the GED Pre-Tests
   Assessment is provided in all subject areas of the GED. Pre- and Post-testing are emphasized to focus on the necessary areas of study.

3. Complete an Individual Educational Plan (IEP)
   An IEP is developed after pre-testing and students are assigned to one subject at a time. Coursework is through the direct instruction, computer aided instruction, and independent study. Students may set their own hours for study and instructors monitor progress to ensure that each person is ready to take the Official GED Exam.

4. Take the Official GED Exam
   Once the objectives of the IEP have been completed, an instructor will refer the student for the Official GED Exam at a designated GED testing site.

5. Earn the GED and Graduate!
   A cap and gown graduation is held in June of each year on the Mt. San Antonio College campus to celebrate those who pass the Official GED Exam. Upon graduation, a referral is made to the educational advisor so that all students can continue their educational or career path.

Eligibility Criteria

Any individual can take the test if he or she:

- Is eighteen (18) years of age
- Is within 60 days of his or her 18th birthday, regardless of enrollment status

In special cases an individual may take the GED test at the age of seventeen (17)** under the following circumstances:

- The student has been out of high school for at least 60 days, excluding summer months. (Date and proof that student is no longer enrolled must be verified by the last school attended.) AND

- A post-secondary educational institution, prospective employer, or military recruiter provides an official letter stating that the individual needs to pass the GED in order to be accepted in their program or agency.

- The student’s parents must provide a signed letter giving their son or daughter permission to take the GED Preparation and Exam.

**Students who pass the GED at the age of 17 will not receive their equivalency diploma until their 18th birthday. A letter of intent is issued, which states that the certificate is being held pending the student’s 18th birthday. Students will receive an official transcript from the site within four (4) weeks of passing the entire test.