

High School Equivalency/GED Testing and Records

GED Testing

GED testing is overseen by GED Testing Service and Pearson VUE. This is guidance about GED testing from Pearson VUE and GED Testing Service (March 18, 2020):

Subject: Coronavirus/COVID-19 Communication from GED Testing Service

We understand that test centers, educators and GED students may be concerned about COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and how it may impact GED testing. At this time, many GED test centers in Minnesota are closed based on local school district closures. A limited number of private test centers, plus Corrections, are operating normally and are using standard precautions.

Test centers that deliver the GED are advised to make any closure decisions based upon information provided by local and state authorities and government agencies. Test centers that decide to close for any period of time should notify Pearson VUE immediately, so that they can cancel tests appointments and notify students of their test cancellations as quickly as possible. Test centers should call 1-866-389-3665, option #2 to report a closure.

Students who are impacted due to test center closures will receive notification that their test has been cancelled and their testing fees will be refunded. Students can reschedule their test on GED.com for when the testing site has reopened, or at another open test center.

We are committed to the safety or GED test-takers and test center workers. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide additional information as needed.

Requesting GED Records from the Minnesota Department of Education

People can request a GED diploma or transcript by completing and submitting a GED Records Request. The GED Records Request form can be found online at the <u>Minnesota Department of Education website</u> (http://education.mn.gov) and then searching for "GED Records Request" in the search box on the right side of the page.

The one-page request form lists three options for submitting the request:

- 1. **Email** a completed form to Alice Smith (alice.smith@state.mn.us);
- 2. **Fax** the completed form to 651-582-8458; or
- 3. Mail the completed form to:

GED Office 1500 Highway 36 West Roseville, MN 55113-4266

GED records will be sent out from our office via U.S. Mail, typically within three business days of receiving the request.

Please note the Minnesota Department of Education does not allow GED diploma holders to pick up GED records at the Minnesota Department of Education to help ensure public and staff safety. Until further notice, we will also not be allowing people to create appointments to pick up records.

GED Questions

If you have questions about GED testing or obtaining GED records earned in Minnesota from our office, please contact us:

- Alice Smith (<u>alice.smith@state.mn.us</u> or 651-582-8446)
- Brad Hasskamp (<u>brad.hasskamp@state.mn.us</u> or 651-582-8594)