



Florida GED Testing Office

Monthly Newsletter

MAY 2010

Message from the GED Administrator

The computer-based testing pilot launched on May 11 and more than 100 sub-tests have been administered in the computer format so far. We had a very successful annual contract meeting this month in Tallahassee. I am looking forward to the next meeting in Orlando on June 24. If you have any questions, please contact me at tara.goodman@fldoe.org or 850-245-9001.

Tara

Scoring Update

Answer sheets from testing dates through April 30, 2010 have been scanned and results shipped to testing centers. If you are waiting on results for students from testing prior to this date, it is probable that a staging error has occurred for that student. Chief Examiners should review the error report from the scoring system that is sent with the batch essays and diploma packets. If there is an issue, please contact Dan Richardson or Aaron McKinney at 850-245-0449.

For your monthly scoring invoices, please be sure you look at the statement of charges to ensure that the correct payment amount is being sent. This statement reflects adjustments as a result of any scoring credits received by your testing center.

Notice on Invoices for Scoring

Your testing center will be assessed scoring fees for the administration of duplicate tests forms during the year, administration of tests to individuals with a diploma already and underage testers. Over the past month, the following scoring errors occurred:

- 5 individuals were tested that already earned a diploma
- 9 individuals were tested on a duplicate test form

If you see items listed on the scoring invoice under the description identified as "DTF - Duplicate Test Form" or "DAE - Diploma Already Exist" or "DST - Duplicate Spanish Test", and "UAT- Under Age Tester", please remember to look for two sets of detail data that should be submitted to your Accounts Payable section with the Invoice.

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GED Marketing Campaign

GEDT Testing Service is with working with the Ad Council on a campaign to promote the GED diploma. The campaign will involve public service announcements (PSAs) to provide high school dropouts with access to information that will get them on the road to a GED diploma. The GED Achievement campaign materials will be distributed nationally in June, including materials in Spanish and English. The campaign will direct viewers to a website that is being created to provide candidates with information on the process. The PSAs will also be posted on video sharing sites for download.

More information on this campaign will be shared with the Chief Examiners in June.

GED Testing Math Video

The math video is available for download off the GEDTS website. You can visit the following web link for the video and more resources:

http://www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ged/etp/2002_resource.htm

Testing Center Policy of the Month

4.1 Eligibility of Candidates to Take the GED Tests

POLICY: The GED Tests may be administered to eligible candidates only. The following minimum guidelines must be met:

- A) Individuals shall be at least 16 years of age and not currently enrolled in an accredited high school, including those accredited by regional accrediting bodies and also those approved by the jurisdiction's department or ministry of education.
- B) Only persons who do not hold a standard high school diploma are eligible to take the GED Tests.
- C) Under no circumstances may the GED Tests be administered to persons less than 16 years of age.
- D) Jurisdictions shall administer the GED Tests to any qualified adult in accordance with jurisdictional rules, regulations, and/or code.

The registration process should be designed to clearly establish GED testing eligibility. The GED Chief Examiner or GED Examiner shall establish that all candidates are eligible to take the GED Tests at the time of testing.

Scoring Site Production Statistics January to Present (2010)

Diplomas Issued	12,506	
Subtests Scored	MA	17,394
	RE	15,967
	SC	15,628
	SS	16,200
	WR	16,397

Individuals tested	20,045
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REMINDERS:

Answer Sheet Transmittal

In the submission of answer sheets, please include your test center name and contract number on the transmittal sheet. Do not use your old contract/county number on these transmittals.

Timely Transmission of Answer Sheets

Per GEDTS Policies and Procedures Manual Section 3.6, answer sheets must be prepared and shipped within five (5) calendar days after completion of the testing session. Any delay in the transmission of answer sheets will affect the scoring turnaround time for a testing center.

Lending Library Materials

Testing centers that check out materials from the lending library are responsible for ensuring materials are not damaged by test takers. Materials should be examined and stray marks removed prior to returning materials to the GED Testing Office. If markings are severe to the point where the battery cannot be re-used, the testing center will be charged \$200 to replace the testing battery.