**General Equivalency Diploma (GED)**

As of 2014 the GED® test is a four-subject high school equivalency test that measures skills required by high schools and requested by colleges and employers. The 4 subjects are Science, Social Studies, Mathematical Reasoning, and Reasoning Through Language Arts.

**If you are over 18 years of age you must provide all of the following:**

* A driver’s license or state-issued ID card
* Proof of residency (utility bill, letter from caseworker stating current residence, etc.)
* A fee (fees vary depending on the testing site)

**In Pennsylvania, you can be 16 or 17 and take the GED® test if you meet the following exception:**

* 16 or 17 years of age must provide a written statement from your school superintendent or principal saying that you are withdrawn from school **OR**
* 16 or 17 years of age must provide a written request for GED® testing from an employer, college admissions office, military recruiting officer, or director of a state institution

There’s no wait period for people who didn’t pass the first time. You can take the test again whenever you’re ready. However, we encourage you receive additional instruction in the classroom or try a practice test before you re-test.

GED Testing is now exclusively computer-based and administered at authorized GED Testing Centers only. No legitimate GED Test is offered via the Internet. For information about registration, payment, scheduling, and testing locations, please visit <https://ged.com/>

**GED Test Preparation Programs:**

* **Goodwill** 412-632-1841
  + Free GED® classes are held in various locations and are available in the morning, afternoon and evening (East Liberty, Lawrenceville, McKees Rocks, McKeesport, North Side and South Side)
  + Participants must complete orientation prior to the start of the class.
* **Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU)** 412-281-4494
  + Free but must call to register
  + Located downtown on Forbes Ave (no longer have the location in Braddock)
* **Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC)** 412-237-4699
  + Located at the Allegheny Campus on the North Side
  + *All communication is handled through email*
  + Prospective students should send an email to [abe-ged@ccac.edu](mailto:abe-ged@ccac.edu) with the subject line ABE/GED Program. In the body of the email include:
    - Full Name
    - Mailing Address  
      (city, state, zip code)
    - Phone Number
    - Email Address
  + Prospective students must
    - attend one half day of intake testing to determine their academic skills level
    - attend one half day orientation
  + There is an attendance policy (no more than 3 absences during a 5 week term) and a code of conduct that is detailed in the CCAC Student Handbook