

**Is there an age limit to enroll into EGACE?**

An adult student must be 18 years old and dropped from a k-12 high school program in order to enroll into any classes offered by EGACE. This applies to GED students, too, even though they can sign up for the GED test if they are within 60 days of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. (See below)

**How long does it take to obtain a GED or obtain a high school diploma?**

It varies depending on the number credits an adult needs to earn or the amount of schooling an adult has completed. Upon completion of the orientation class, a school representative will give you an approximate time frame within which you could finish a GED or high school diploma course of study.

**How do I enroll into school?**

Call 916-686-7717 to schedule an appointment for our two-week orientation class. Upon completion of the class you will be registered for classes

**What must I bring to orientation?**

Bring a transcript from your previous high school. It should be an official transcript in an unopened, sealed envelope, but we can accept unofficial transcripts. Bring your most recent CAHSEE results. Bring any transcripts you have received for classes you have taken at a community college, trade school, and/or vocational school

**Does it cost to take classes at EGACE?**

Classes are free to all potential students, but students are asked to put a refundable book deposit so they may use books at home.

**What is the difference between a high school diploma and a GED?**

In order to obtain a high school diploma from EGACE, an adult must complete the graduation requirements of EGACE, which fulfill state and Elk Grove Unified School District requirements. You will have to take classes in the subjects for which you need to earn credits.

GED (General Equivalency Diploma) is earned through passing a battery of exams that cover Language Arts (reading and writing), math, social sciences, and sciences. You must pass each test with a minimum score of 410 and an overall score of 2250. EGACE offers classes for students to brush up on each subject. Call 916-686-7717 for more information about testing and classes offered at EGACE.

**How many credits can I earn in a semester?**

An EGACE student cannot earn more than 45 credits in a semester unless he/she is considered a senior; then he/she can earn 50 credits.

**What type of teaching delivery system will I have access to?**

We offer both day and evening courses. We also offer a classroom instruction and an Independent Study option. Students also can prepare for the GED through EGACE' distance learning program (Video Checkout & online instruction).

**Are adult students required to pass the CAHSEE?**

Adult students are required to pass the CAHSEE to receive a 2006 or later diploma. Beginning with the 2006 diploma, there is no exception to the requirement to pass the CAHSEE to receive a public high school diploma.

### **What is done to assist adult students with disabilities when taking the CAHSEE?**

(<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/adultganda.asp> )

All students with disabilities, including adult students with disabilities, must be allowed to take the CAHSEE with any accommodations and/or modifications specified in their individualized education program or Section 504 Plan for use on the CAHSEE, standardized testing, or for use during classroom instruction and assessment. An accommodation is a change in the testing environment or process that does not alter what the CAHSEE measures or affect the comparability of scores, whereas a modification is a change that fundamentally alters what the CAHSEE measures or affects the comparability of scores.

Students who use an accommodation and earn a score of 350 or higher have passed that part of the CAHSEE. Students who use a modification and earn the equivalent of a passing score on one or both parts of the CAHSEE have not passed but may be eligible for a waiver of the CAHSEE requirement pursuant to Education Code Section 60851(c)

### **Am I Eligible to Take the GED Test? (<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/gd/gedeligible.asp> )**

You are eligible to take the GED test if you are a resident of California and meet any one of the following criteria:

- The individual is 18 years of age or older, or within 60 days of his or her 18th birthday (regardless of school enrollment status).
- The individual must be within 60 days of when he or she would have graduated from high school had he or she remained in school and followed the usual course of study (please note that examinees testing under this criteria may **not** be enrolled in school).
- The individual is 17 years of age, has been out of school for at least 60 consecutive school days, and provides a letter of request for the test from the military, a post-secondary educational institution or a prospective employer.
- The individual is 17 years of age and is incarcerated in a California state or county correctional facility; persons testing under these conditions must meet all of the following criteria:
  - The examinee does not have a realistic chance of completing the requirements for a high school diploma.
  - The examinee has adequate academic skills to successfully complete the GED test battery.
  - The examinee understands the options available regarding acquisition of a high school diploma, the high school equivalency certificate or the high school proficiency certificate, and the requirements, expectations, benefits, and limitations of each option.
  - The examinee has sufficient commitment time left to complete the entire GED test battery; however, if released before the test is completed, the examinee may complete testing at an authorized testing center.

*Persons who pass the GED test at age 17 will not receive the equivalency certificate until their 18th birthday; a letter of intent is issued which states that the certificate is being held pending the examinee's 18th birthday*

### **Are Accommodations Available? (<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/gd/gedaccomm.asp> )**

Accommodations available for examinees with disabilities.

- Yes. If an examinee has a specific learning disability, an emotional disability, an attention deficit disorder, or a physical disability, accommodations are available.
- To request accommodations, contact the [testing center](#) at least 30 days before you plan to test. The testing center must submit a form to the State GED Office requesting the testing accommodation.
- Part of the form is completed by staff at the testing center; part is completed by the examinee, and part is completed (if necessary) by a certifying professional (such as a medical doctor, a psychologist, or a psychiatrist) who can verify that the disability is present and that the requested accommodation is reasonable.

- The State GED Office will review the request and return it to the testing center. If the request is approved, testing may then commence. If the request is denied, it may be appealed through the GED Testing Service.
- Testing accommodations can include (but are not limited to) additional time to complete the test, one-on-one testing sessions, or a schedule of breaks. The GED Test is available in a large print format, in Braille, and on audiocassette.