

16 or 17 YEAR OLDS' PATH TO EARNING THE GED® CREDENTIAL

APPROVAL

Attending School

Must meet the following

- School administrator verifies student will not graduate on time because of a credit deficiency
- Authorization from a court services officer
- A court order requiring student to enter the program
- Verification a student is under the direction of the Department of Corrections
- Student is enrolled in a Job Corps program

These requirements are established by [South Dakota Codified Law \(SDCL\) 13-27-1](#).

Receiving Alternative Instruction

- Parents/guardians who choose to provide alternative instruction must **FIRST** file an [Alternative Instruction Notification](#) with the South Dakota Department of Education.

REQUIREMENTS

Attending School

- Create an account at www.ged.com
- Parents/guardians, and school district staff work to create a plan for helping the student study for and complete the four GED® exams while still meeting all state and local enrollment requirements
- School District submits the [in-school underage GED® testing waiver](#)

Receiving Alternative Instruction

- Create an account at www.ged.com
- Parents/guardians submit the [underage GED® testing waiver for alternative instruction](#)

STUDY

- Access free resources at the [SD State Library's High School Equivalency Center](#)
- Download the GED & Me™ Mobile app to study on the go
- Utilize GED® Testing Services vetted resources at www.ged.com/
- Connect with [South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation Employment Specialist](#) to see if you qualify for additional programs or supports

TEST

- Visit the [South Dakota Department of Education's GED page](#) for a full list of test center locations
- Learn more about taking the GED® exams online at www.ged.com/take-the-ged-test-online/

Test Cost

- GED® exams cost \$50 each (\$200 for all four)
- After passing the GED® tests, you will receive one free digital GED® Credential and Certificate via email.
- Additional transcripts can be ordered directly through your GED® Account or GED's third-party provider [Parchment](#).