

# 16 or 17 YEAR OLDS' PATH TO EARNING THE GED<sup>®</sup> CREDENTIAL

## APPROVAL

### Attending School

Must meet the following:

- Parent/guardian gives their permission
- 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 DOC
- Student is enrolled in a Job Corps program

### 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

*These requirements are established by [South Dakota Codified Law \(SDCL\) 13-27-1.4](#).*

## REQUIREMENTS

### Attending School

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

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## STUDY

- Access free resources through the South Dakota State Library at [tcpr.petersons.com](http://tcpr.petersons.com).
- Download the GED & Me™ Mobile app to study on the go
- Utilize GED<sup>®</sup> Testing Services vetted resources at [www.ged.com](http://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<sup>®</sup> exams online at [ged.com/take-the-ged-test-online](http://ged.com/take-the-ged-test-online)

### Test Cost

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