



## Jailer's GED Fact Sheet

### GED Instruction

GED instruction is provided to most full service jails at the discretion of the local education provider. These classes are funded by state and federal funds and are provided at no charge to eligible adults.

### GED Testing

GED testing is offered to local jails through official GED test centers. The GED testing centers receive no state or federal funding. GED test centers are under contract with the American Council on Education to offer the GED tests and are monitored by the Kentucky Adult Education GED Office. Boards of education, community and technical colleges, universities and other non-profit educational entities operate the testing centers.

### Financial Arrangement for GED Testing

Since most jails do not have a sufficient volume of inmates ready to take the GED Tests to cover the costs, testing centers contract with the jail for a per-session fee. This insures that regular testing can occur and provides the test center with sufficient funds to be able to provide the service. Test centers are able to test up to 15 examinees at a time in a correctional setting if the testing room is of sufficient size. The financial arrangement covers the use of the test batteries, scoring fee, examiner's salary and administrative costs. The test is seven hours and five minutes in length. Therefore, the test is normally given over two days. Most jails pay for GED testing out of canteen funds. Kentucky Adult Education requires that each test center have a written agreement with the jail before providing testing. This written agreement spells out the financial arrangement for providing testing and covers the testing rules and requirements.

### Test Scheduling Without Interruption

The GED consists of five tests. Breaks may be taken between the tests, but once an individual subject test has begun, the test cannot be stopped for any reason and resumed later. The test cannot be interrupted for meals, visits, medical or other reasons. If testing is interrupted, the candidates may not complete the test and will have to reschedule to take that test at a later date. The test is scored and counts as one of the three tests per year that are allowed regardless of whether candidates were on question 5 or 45.

### Model Arrangement for GED Testing

Because most jails have limited space and funds for GED testing, Kentucky Adult Education encourages several jails to partner together. A model of this arrangement is at the Montgomery County Jail where, Bourbon, Clark, Montgomery and Rowan inmates test. The jailers share the cost of testing and Montgomery County Jail provides the facility.



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