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## IMPORTANT: GED® Testing Information

*The following e-mail was sent to all program directors.*

As we approach the December 18 deadline, we'd like to thank you for your hard work in getting students prepared and tested. We'd also like to offer additional information and guidance.

The deadline is when the last test will be given, not the deadline for registrations. Please be sure students understand this. Registration for some testing centers are already closed for the remaining test sessions. (**Sessions are full for these centers.**)

**All** of the testing centers have added test sessions to accommodate as many students as possible.

If you are in an area that is realizing capacity issues, please confer with your GED Testing Center regarding their ability to increase capacity or availability. If you continue to OPT students without making prior arrangements for testing availability, it only frustrates them to be GED 2002 test-ready and not able to find testing slots at their local testing center – setting them up with false expectations. As you know, we have gone to extraordinary lengths to communicate the testing deadline, to encourage potential test takers not to wait until the last minute to test, and to assist GED Testing Centers in increasing their capacities through increased staffing and number of testing sessions.

If students are willing to travel (or community agencies can assist with transportation, childcare, etc.), check with surrounding testing centers (<http://kya.e.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/5DD45574-D9C8-471F-9988-1E3F47849D57/0/pubaccJulyDec2013.pdf>) about testing availability. **Frequently, the online schedule has changed and more test sessions may be available.**

Please provide **guidance** to your students to help them understand that, if they can't test on this series, **their knowledge and preparation is not for naught. You will continue to help them become test ready for the 2014 test.**

If you haven't already, it is imperative that you **communicate with your local testing center. Testing centers rely on you to indicate what demand they can expect.**

Finally, please remember **we all want students to succeed. We ARE ALL in this together** – as we have been for the past year, making every effort possible to communicate and accommodate the end of testing.

Testing centers that appear to have closed registration due to full, remaining test dates include: Jefferson Technical College, Elizabethtown Community and Technical College, Southeast Community and Technical College (Middlesboro and Harlan), OVEC in Shelbyville, Madisonville Community College, and Bluegrass Community and Technical College.

Please don't forget **computer-based GED testing** is available in some areas for first-time test takers.

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