



Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) GED® Fact Sheet

Transcript Versus Diploma

The transcript is the document proving passage of the GED Tests. The transcript has personally identifiable information as well as the standard and percentile scores, dates tested, test forms and test center. The personally identifiable information included on the transcript is the name under which the person tested, Social Security Number (SSN), date of birth and address at time of testing. The transcript is on copy proof paper so that any copy made shows “copy-copy-copy.”

The diploma is a certificate to frame and display. It only contains a name, date issues and certificate number. It is not on copy proof paper. Accepting a certificate in lieu of the transcript encourages fraud.

Online Programs

There are many online programs purporting to offer the GED credential and/or a high school diploma. Instruction to prepare for the GED Tests may be taken online, but the test is a paper and pencil test that can only be administered at official GED testing centers under contract to GED Testing Service™ the developer and owner of the GED Tests.

The National Association of Attorney Generals and GED® Testing Service have issued public warnings about online programs purporting to offer the GED credential or a high school diploma.

Requesting a GED Transcript

Any staff member of a CHFS contracted facility may obtain a duplicate copy of the GE transcript by accessing the Kentucky Adult Education (KYAE) online Web site: www.ged.ky.gov

The individual will enter their personally identifiable information, sign the request electronically and pay the \$10 processing fee with a Master of Visa credit, debit or prepaid card. A properly submitted request will have a request ID number generated indicating the request submitted. Processing time is 1-2 business days and a transcript will be mailed to the address the individual indicates on their request.

Verifying a GED Record

If CHFS staff has a question about the legitimacy of a record, you may request a transcript and the processing fee will be waived under the following circumstances: the individual has been requested to provide a GED transcript, there is still a question and the individual provides CHFS staff with a signed release of information. The request can be faxed to KYAE at (502) 573-5436 providing the individual’s name, SSN and date of birth. This process should only be used in questionable circumstances. The burden of proof is on the contracted facility and the facility/individual should make the request first.



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