

State of Wisconsin – Department of Public Instruction

P.I. 5 – GED/HSED Options and Requirements

P.I. 5.03 TESTING ELIGIBILITY		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resident of Wisconsin 2. 18-1/2 years old or the person's ninth grade class has graduated 3. Complete GED/HSED Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of reading and math skills • Discussion of GED/HSED options • Development of a Personal Education Plan
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OPTIONS

REQUIREMENTS

P.I. 5.04 GED CERTIFICATE*		<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center; vertical-align: top;"> Complete GED/HSED Orientation </td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center; vertical-align: top;"> Verification of Employability Skills Competencies and Career Awareness </td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center; vertical-align: top;"> Pass the 5 GED tests with a total score of 2,250* and a minimum score of 410 on each test </td> </tr> </table>	Complete GED/HSED Orientation	Verification of Employability Skills Competencies and Career Awareness	Pass the 5 GED tests with a total score of 2,250* and a minimum score of 410 on each test	<p>*NOTE: Students who choose the P.I. 5.04 option do not obtain a high school diploma.</p>
Complete GED/HSED Orientation	Verification of Employability Skills Competencies and Career Awareness	Pass the 5 GED tests with a total score of 2,250* and a minimum score of 410 on each test				

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P.I. 5.09 HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA <i>Based on completion of a DPI-approved HSED program</i>		<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center; vertical-align: top;"> Complete GED/HSED Orientation </td> <td style="width: 67%; text-align: center; vertical-align: top;"> Pass all required DPI-approved HSED 5.09 courses </td> </tr> </table>	Complete GED/HSED Orientation	Pass all required DPI-approved HSED 5.09 courses
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Test Content

Test	Content	Items	Time Limit	
Language Arts, Writing, Part I	Organization 15% Sentence Structure 30% Usage 30% Mechanics 25%	50 questions	75 minutes	
Language Arts, Writing, Part II	Essay		45 minutes	
Social Studies	U.S. History 25% World History 15% Civics and Government 25% Geography 15% Economics 20%	50 questions	70 minutes	
Science	Life Science 45% Earth and Space Science 20% Physical Science 35%	50 questions	80 minutes	
Language Arts, Reading	Nonfiction Texts 25% Literary Texts 75% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prose Fiction • Poetry • Drama 	40 questions	65 minutes	
Mathematics	Number Operations and Number Sense 25% Measurement and Geometry 25% Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability 25% Algebra 25%	Part I: 25 questions with optional use of a calculator Part II: 25 questions without a calculator	90 minutes	

Scores

Each GED test is scored separately. The total of the five test scores must be at least 2,250 to earn the GED or HSED, an average of 450 per test. Test scores lower than 410 require a retest.

HSED Tests (untimed)

Health Literacy* 90 Passing — 55 correct

Civic Literacy** 90 Passing — 50 correct

*The Health Literacy test is waived if an individual has completed a .5-credit Health course in grades 7-12.

**The Civic Literacy test is waived if an individual has completed 3 credits of high school Social Studies courses.

These credits must be verified by a high school transcript.

Retests

A person may retake a GED test if he/she does not accumulate a total of 2,250 points or scores fewer than 410 points on an individual test. There is a 30-day waiting period before a GED test may be retaken.

A person may retake a Health or Civics test if he/she doesn't pass it. There is a 60-day waiting period before a Health or Civics test may be retaken.

Fees

Enrollment in GED/HSED Instruction	\$ 0
Books for GED/HSED Instruction	\$ 0
Employability Skills/Career Awareness Instruction	\$ 0
GED/HSED Tests	\$15 per test
Retests	\$15 per test