



*IU5 Adult Education*

# FAQ

**Frequently Asked Questions**

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*Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5*

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## **IU5 ADULT EDUCATION - FAQ**

*This handbook contains answers to our most frequently asked questions, as well as helpful information from a few of our programs offered by IU5.*

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**MOST**  
**ASKED**  
QUESTIONS



### 1. *How long does it take to get my GED?*

On average, it takes 3 months, but it depends on how prepared you are for the exam.

### 2. *What subjects are covered on the GED exam?*

The GED exam tests students in math, language arts, science, and social studies.

### 3. *What score do I need to pass the GED exam?*

Each subject requires a score of 145 to pass. Scores of 165-174 indicate college readiness. Scoring above 175 (on any test subject) means you have demonstrated skills that could qualify for up to 10 college credit hours.

### 4. *How much does the GED cost?*

The GED exam consists of four tests: math, science, social studies, and language arts.

- The in-person tests cost \$30 per subject. \$120.00 total.
- The online tests cost \$36 per subject. \$144.00 total.

### 5. *How much does it cost to retake a test if I don't pass the first time?*

- In-person: It will cost \$10 to retake a test. After the third attempt, you will be charged \$30.00.
- Online: All retakes are \$36.00.



## 6. *Is there a wait time between tests if I don't pass?*

- In-person: There is no wait time after the first and second attempt. There is a 60 day wait time after the third attempt.
- Online: There is a 60 day wait time after the second attempt.

## 7. *How can I get help paying for my GED exam?*

We provide 4 GED practice test (Ready Test) vouchers for those that have over 12 hours of instruction, have an account with GED.com and have made a level gain when post-tested.

If you qualify for one of PA CareerLink's WIOA programs, they may be able to help you pay for part or all of the GED exam.

Additional funding: resources will be provided to assist with fees.

## 8. *How can I join GED prep classes online?*

You will be provided with a Zoom link for online classes through a communication app called Remind.

You can join GED prep classes online using your cell phone, tablet or computer. If you don't have a tablet or computer, you can borrow a tablet from us after you have been in class for 12 hours using your cell phone.

Class sessions are offered in the morning, afternoon, or evening.

## 9. *How do I schedule for my GED exam?*

You can schedule your tests with MyGED™ at [www.GED.com](http://www.GED.com). Log in and click on "Schedule Test" on the top. Once you complete the scheduling questions, you'll be directed to choose your language, subject, the day, time, and location that works best for you to test.

## 10. *What's on the Reasoning Through Language Arts (RLA) test?*

- 150 minutes (including a 10-minute break)
- Includes multiple choice, drop-down, and a variety of technology-enhanced items
- Includes one 45-minute extended response (essay)
- Stimulus passages are 75% informational, 25% literary
- Passages are from 400 to 900 words long; they range in complexity, including text at the college and career readiness level
- Vocabulary focuses on words that appear frequently in a wide variety of disciplines
- Measures the student's:
  - Ability to read closely, write clearly, edit and understand written English
  - Ability to understand, interpret, and answer questions based on text
  - Ability to use evidence to support an argument
  - Understanding of basic English skills at a level needed to succeed in college or a job

## 11. *What's on the Mathematical Reasoning test?*

- 115 minutes
- 2 parts
  - No calculator allowed on the first section
  - Students may use a TI-30XS calculator or the built-in virtual calculator for the remaining questions\*
- Includes multiple choice, drop-down, and a variety of technology-enhanced items
- A calculator guide and a math formula sheet are provided in the testing center and on the screen
- Measures the student's:
  - Algebraic problem-solving abilities (55%)
  - Quantitative problem-solving abilities (45%)

## 12. *What's on the Science test?*

- 90 minutes
- No break
- Includes multiple choice, drop-down, and a variety of technology-enhanced items
- Students may use a TI-30XS calculator or the built-in virtual calculator\*
- Measures the student's scientific reasoning skills in three areas:
  - Reading and writing in science (30%)
  - Science concepts (40%)
  - Mathematical reasoning in science (30%)

## 13. *What's on the Social Studies test?*

- 70 minutes
- No break
- Includes multiple choice, drop-down, and a variety of technology-enhanced items
- Students may use a TI-30XS calculator or the built-in virtual calculator\*
- Measures the student's reasoning skills in three areas:
  - Reading and writing in Social Studies (33%)
  - Social Studies concepts (33%)
  - Mathematical reasoning in Social Studies (33%)



**MOST**  
HELPFUL  
FACTS



- You need to be 18 years old to take the GED test in Pennsylvania.

*If you are 16 or 17, you will need approved age waiver from the PA Department of Education AND a written request from either an employer, college admissions office, military recruiting office, or director of a state institution indicating a GED is required.*

- If you are 16 to 18 years old, you will need formal documentation of withdrawal from your last attending public high school.
- GED test questions can be in the form of multiple choice, drag and drop, fill in the blank, drop-down, and extended response.
- To order your diploma or transcripts go to [DiplomaSender.com](https://DiplomaSender.com) and create an account. You will receive one free copy of your diploma.



**I U 5 A D U L T**  
**E D U C A T I O N**  
**P R O G R A M**



- If 18 or younger, we will need a copy of your withdrawal paperwork from your last attending public high school in order to enroll in Adult Education classes.
- You are considered enrolled after 12 hours of instruction.
- Post-testing occurs after completing 40 instructional hours.
- GED practice test vouchers are available for those who have over 12 hours of instruction, have an account at [GED.com](https://www.ged.com) with one of IU5 classroom locations selected as a study sight and have made a level gain on either the math or reading post-test.



**I U 5**  
**ELECT**  
**PROGRAM**





- The IU5 ELECT program is a program for pregnant and parenting teen students who are enrolled in an approved high school or GED program. The program provides pregnant and parenting teen students with assistance in accessing support services, assistance in accessing childcare, parenting and child development education, support in attaining a high school diploma or GED, and post high school planning.
- Pregnant and parenting students under the age of 22 who are enrolled in a school or GED program qualify.
- There is no fee to participate in the program.



**I U 5 M I G R A N T**  
**E D U C A T I O N**  
**P R O G R A M**



- The IU5 Migrant Education Program supports all migratory students to succeed academically, graduate, and be ready for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment.

## Qualifications

- **Migrant Child:**
  - A child aged 3-21 who has moved across a school district line with/or to join a migrant parent who obtains temporary or seasonal employment in qualifying agricultural or fishing work.
- **Services For Qualifying Children:**
  - Tutorial programs
  - After school extended hours
  - Summer programs
  - In-home programs
  - Health & social support services
  - Parental involvement
  - Advocacy
  - Language Arts & Enrichment
- **Qualifying Activity Of Parents:**
  - Cultivating evergreen trees
  - Planting vegetables
  - Harvesting fruits and/or vegetables
  - Preparing and processing fruits and vegetables
  - Pruning fruit trees
  - Loading and transporting goods



**PA**

CAREERLINK

OPTIONS



- PA CareerLink® is a proud partner of the American Job Center network.
  - *Support job seekers through individualized services like updating your resume, improving your interview skills, providing career guidance, or assisting you with eligible training and education opportunities.*
  - *Provide in-person or virtual services and have locations in Erie and Oil City.*
    - Erie: (814) 455-9966
    - Oil City: (814) 678-5050
  - *Services are provided at NO COST and are funded through the Department of Labor & Industry.*

## *Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act*

- WIOA is a federal program. It is designed to assist job seekers looking for full-time employment, at a self-sufficient wage, through individualized career and training services.
- WIOA offers assistance with job search, resume writing, interview skills/mock interviews, career exploration, assessments, labor market information, possible classroom training and/or on-the-job training.
- For out of school Youth 16-24 years old

### **Qualifications**

*(One from the list below)*

- *Dropped out of high school*
  - *Homeless, runaway, or in or age out of foster care*
  - *Pregnant or parenting mother or father*
  - *Burdened with a criminal record*
  - *Disabled with a mental illness, under medical care, IEP from high school*
  - *English Language Learner—that affects employment*
- For more information, please contact:
    - Shelby Conkling: (724) 252-8278
    - Trelane Sherrod: (814) 315-2353

- The Dislocated Worker program is designed to help workers get back to work as quickly as possible and overcome barriers to employment.
  - *One-on-One Assistance*
  - *WIOA Program*
  - *Supportive Services*
  - *Connect to Training*
  - *On-the-Job Training*
  - *Career Services*
  - *Goal Setting*
  
- For more information, please contact:
  - *Erie: (814) 455-9966*
  - *Oil City: (814) 678-5050*

# REFERENCED WEBSITES

<https://ged.com/policies/pennsylvania/#:~:text=In%20Pennsylvania%2C%20the%20minimum%20age,Age%20Waiver%20Form>

<https://www.gocareerlink.org/faq-items/what-kind-of-services-does-wioa-offer/>

[https://ged.com/wp-content/uploads/educator\\_handbook.pdf](https://ged.com/wp-content/uploads/educator_handbook.pdf)





# CONTACT US

## **Adult Education Program**

[www.iu5.org/community-services/adult-education](http://www.iu5.org/community-services/adult-education)

[AdultEducation@iu5.org](mailto:AdultEducation@iu5.org)

**1 (800) 461-6711**

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## **ELECT Program**

[www.iu5.org/parent-student-services/elect](http://www.iu5.org/parent-student-services/elect)

[ELECT@iu5.org](mailto:ELECT@iu5.org)

**1 (814) 734-8467**

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## **Migrant Education Program**

[www.iu5.org/community-services/migrant-education-program](http://www.iu5.org/community-services/migrant-education-program)

**1 (814) 734-8392**

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## **CareerLink**

[www.pacareerlink.pa.gov/jponline](http://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov/jponline)