

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult education programs are offered to those residents of the school division over the age of compulsory school attendance who are not enrolled in the regular public school program, including adult basic education, credit programs, cultural adult education, external diploma programs, general adult education, and high school equivalency programs, and who are functioning below the high school completion level. The School Board seeks to ensure that every individual participating in such a program has the opportunity to earn a high school diploma or pass a high school equivalency examination approved by the Board of Education. Such programs may be conducted solely by the School Board or through a collaborative arrangement between the School Board and other school boards or agencies. Credits and diplomas are awarded in accordance with regulations established by the Board of Education. Additional educational programs for individuals over the age of compulsory attendance also may be offered. Tuition and fees are established by the School Board.

Adopted: September 10, 2018

Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-210, 22.1-223, 22.1-225, 22.1-253.13:1, 22.1-253.13:4.

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Cross Refs.:	JEA	Compulsory Attendance
	JEG	Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance
	JN	Student Fines, Fees and Charges
	IKF	The Virginia Assessment Program and Graduation Requirements

INSTRUCTION

General Educational Development (GED) Tests/CertificatesA. Generally

Certificates may be issued to adults who are no longer enrolled in regular day school programs and who meet the following minimum requirements.

B. Age

An applicant must be at least 18 years of age. Under special circumstances, which are considered by local school board authorities to be justifiable, the age limit may be lowered if an applicant is legally withdrawn from school.

Notwithstanding the foregoing requirements, applicants below 18 years of age shall provide one of the following:

1. A letter from an employer, a recruiting officer of the armed forces, or an admissions officer of an institution of higher learning or post-secondary training institution stating the applicant meets all requirements for employment or admissions for employment or admissions with exception of a General Educational Development Certificate; and, a letter from an official of the regular day school last attended recommending the applicant be tested.

C. High School Credit (Not Required)D. Minimum Test Scores

A standard score battery average of 45 (a total score of 225) with no individual test standard score below 35.

E. Credit for Out-of-State Scores

Test scores may be accepted for an approved GED battery of tests administered by an approved GED Center outside Virginia, provided the requirements established by the Commonwealth of Virginia for the issuance of a certificate have been fulfilled.

F. Retesting

An applicant who fails to qualify for a certificate on the basis of test scores may be retested provided at least 60 days has elapsed since the last testing.

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INSTRUCTION

General Educational Developmental (GED) Tests/Certificates (continued)

G. Certificate Citation

Wording on the certificate shall read as follows:

"This certificate is awarded in lieu of a high school diploma for having made acceptable scores on a comprehensive and approved battery of standardized tests of general education development in the following high school subject fields--English and Reading, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies"

Regulatory Authority: (1980)

Virginia State Board of Education Regulations, "General Educational Development Certificates" (September 1980), p. 27