In order to take the GED in Idaho, a person must be at least 16 years of age and not currently enrolled in an accredited high school, either full or part time. All testers under the age of 18 must complete a Youth Waiver Request Form.

**Instructions for Completing the Youth Waiver Request Form**

Students who are currently being homeschooled must complete part (1) and (3) of the Youth Waiver Request form.

- **Part (1)** of the form specifies that the student is homeschooled. This information is for use by the testing center only and is not collected or tracked by the State or the Department of Education. Checking this box helps the testing center process your request more efficiently.
- **Part (3)** must be signed by both the student and the student's parent or guardian.*

Students who were previously enrolled in a public or private high school, or who were participating in the State’s Online Virtual Academy must complete both parts (2) and (3) of the form.

- **Part (2)** of the form confirms that the student is no longer enrolled at the high school. This part of the form must be completed and signed by an appropriate staff person (counselor or principle) at the school where the student was previously enrolled.
- **Part (3)** must be signed by both the student and the student’s parent or guardian.*

Once completed, this form should be taken to the local testing center where the youth in question wishes to take his or her GED tests. Once the testing center has received and validated the release form, they will authorize the student to begin scheduling tests.

*Incarcerated, adjudicated, emancipated, and/or married youth are not required to provide a parent/guardian signature.

**Contact Information**

Questions regarding GED testing policies or the State of Idaho testing policies should be directed to:

Amelia Valasek  
Idaho GED Administrator  
Idaho Division of Professional-Technical Education  
(208) 334-3216  
Amelia.Valasek@pte.idaho.gov

Questions regarding scheduling or taking your GED tests should be directed to your local testing center or to GED Testing Services via GED.com. For more information about obtaining your GED transcript, please visit our state website at [http://pte.idaho.gov/GED/Home.html](http://pte.idaho.gov/GED/Home.html)
Idaho GED Testing
Youth Waiver Request Form

Student Name: _________________________________ Date of Birth: ____________________

Part 1: Homeschool Students

☐ Check this box if the student named in this Youth Waiver Request is homeschooled. Homeschooled students do not require approval from the local high school prior to participating in GED testing and can skip to Part 3 of this form.

Part 2: Completed by High School of Previous Enrollment

Name of School ________________________________________________________________

Date of withdrawal __________________________ Last grade completed ___________________

The State Board of Education mandates that applicants 16 and 17 years of age must submit written verification from the last school attended for meeting at least one of the following criteria prior to GED Testing (please check as applicable):

   One(1) year or more behind in credits earned
   Expelled or on recommendation of the school
   Pregnant or a parent
   Entering college, the military or an employment training program
   Enrolled in an Adult Basic Education program or Job Corp program
   Incarcerated

In working with the above named student, I believe circumstances prevent the student from returning to the traditional school setting. It is my recommendation that, after meeting with this student and his/her parent or guardian, the student be allowed to participate in GED testing. I verify that the student meets one or more of the above criteria and is not enrolled in school.

Counselor/Principal Signature __________________________ Date ________________

Title/Affiliation __________________________ Telephone ________________

Mailing Address ________________________________________________________________

Part 3: Student and Parent/Guardian Signatures

We the student and parent/guardian, request that the below-named youth be approved for GED Testing. We understand that we must present this signed Youth Waiver Request Form to the GED testing center prior to GED testing.

Student Signature __________________________ Date ________________

Student Printed Name __________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature __________________________ Date ________________

Parent/Guardian Printed Name __________________________________________________