

Idaho GED Testing

Youth Waiver Instructions

A person must be at least 16 years of age and not currently enrolled in an accredited high school, either full or part time, in order to qualify to take the GED in Idaho. Testers between the ages of 16 and 18 must complete this Youth Waiver Request Form and turn it in to their local testing center in order to schedule the GED test series. Questions regarding scheduling or taking your GED tests should be directed to your local testing center, or to GED Testing Services on the *GED.com* website.

Instructions for Completing the Youth Waiver Request Form

Step 1

Set up a free account at *GED.com* before completing the Youth Waiver form. Keep the email address and password you used when creating this account in a secure location. Access your *GED.com* account to find a testing center, schedule tests, view test scores, and find answers to questions about GED testing.

Step 2

Homeschooled Students: Only complete Part 1 and Part 3 of the Youth Waiver Request Form. (Students participating in the *Idaho Digital Learning Academy* are NOT considered homeschooled for the purpose of this form.)

- **Part 1** of the form specifies the student is homeschooled. This information is only used by the testing center and is not collected or tracked by the State of Idaho or the Department of Education. Checking this box, when appropriate, helps the testing center process your GED test request more efficiently.
- **Part 3** must be signed by both the student and the student's parent or guardian.

All Other Students: Students who were previously enrolled in a public or private high school, or who participated in the *Idaho Digital Learning Academy*, must complete Part 2 and Part 3 of this form.

- **Part 2** of the form confirms that the student is no longer enrolled in high school. It must be completed and signed by a counselor or principal 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. Incarcerated, adjudicated, emancipated, and/or married youth are not required to provide a parent/guardian signature.

Step 3

Mail or take this completed form to the local testing center where the student wishes to take his/her GED tests. To locate a testing center near you, go to *GED.com*, scroll to the bottom of the website under "Take Action", and click on "Locate a test center in the United States." Enter your zip code, and then click on "Get Directions" to see the address and phone number of a site near you. Your chosen testing center will authorize the student to begin scheduling tests once they have received and validated the completed release form.

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. Please do not send age waivers to this email address.

FILL OUT THE FORM WHICH BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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Submit the completed form to the testing center where the student intends to test, as located on GED.com

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Part 1: Homeschooled Students Only

Check this box if the student named in the Youth Waiver Request Form is homeschooled. Approval from the local high school is not required for homeschooled students - Skip Part 2. (Students participating in the *Idaho Digital Learning Academy* are NOT considered homeschooled for the purpose of this form and must complete Part 2.)

Part 2: Completed by High School of Previous Enrollment *Not applicable to homeschooled students

School Name: _____

Withdrawal Date: _____ Last grade completed: _____

The State Board of Education mandates that applicants 16 to 17 years of age must submit written verification from the last school attended, and meet at least one of the following criteria prior to GED Testing. Check as applicable:

- _____ *Behind one year or more 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 or Job Corps program*
- _____ *Incarcerated*

I believe circumstances prevent the above named 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 _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Part 3: Student and Parent/Guardian Signatures

We, the student and parent/guardian, request that the above-named applicant be approved for GED Testing. We authorize the release of GED scores to the above-named school, where applicable.

In order to schedule tests, submit a signed form to the testing center where the student will take their GED tests.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Student Printed Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____