

GED Testing

Elgin Community College

Industry Training Center (ITR), 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin IL.

Things you need to know:

GED testing for certificate is offered year-round at ECC. In the spring and fall semesters, testing is done on Saturday mornings, usually at 9:30 a.m. During the summer, testing is usually mid-week, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Registration process:

Any person interested in testing for the GED certificate **MUST** register at the **Regional Office of Education (ROE)** in **Geneva** - 210 S. 6th Street, Geneva, IL. The phone number is **630-232-5958**. ROE hours are Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Directions: In Geneva, from State St (Rt. 38), turn south on 6th Street. The ROE is two blocks south.

At the time you register in Geneva (and go **at least a month or two before** you want to test), you will pay the fee (\$50 for all five tests) and indicate where you would like to test (ECC or Waubonsee or Geneva).

You will also need valid identification. Accepted forms of ID are:

- 1) Government issued driver's license.
- 2) State ID.
- 3) Valid passport.
- 4) Military ID.

(These items show your name, photo, and signature.)

You will be assigned test dates when you register. Be sure to mark them on your calendar and come to test! **If you miss your test date**, you have to return to Geneva (in person or by phone) to reschedule the test and pay a retest/reschedule fee.

(\$10 to retest/reschedule for reading, social studies, science, and math. \$15 to retest/reschedule the essay exam.)

Scoring:

All tests are scored in Geneva (except the essay portion – it is sent out for scoring). Call Geneva for scores (630-232-5958).

Minimum passing score on each test is 410. Any test score below 410 must be taken again until 410 is reached.

Total score necessary to obtain your GED is 2250. ($410 \times 5 = 2010$. So you **must** score better than 410 on each test to pass.)

You must also have passed the Illinois Constitution exam (given in Geneva).

*If you passed this test your junior year in high school, a letter - on school letterhead – can be given to Geneva stating you did pass this test.

Retesting:

You may take each test **three (3) times** in a calendar year. If you do not pass in three attempts, you must wait until the next calendar year to test again. (New tests are distributed every January.)

On test day at ECC:

No other ID will be accepted but the four forms listed above. If you forget your ID, you will **not** be allowed to test.

Your name **MUST** be on the test roster or waiting list to be allowed to test. Testing is **by appointment only** – no drop-ins.

Arrive at the testing site (ECC*) **15 minutes before** we begin check-in. (Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. spring and fall semester or 5:30 p.m. in the summer). It is not necessary to be any earlier than that.

But, do not be late. Late arrivals will **not** be allowed to test.

As soon as check-in is completed, we will begin testing.

Supplies:

We will supply everything you need for testing – pencils, pens, calculators, paper.

Miscellaneous:

Cell phones **MUST** be turned off. If your cell rings while testing is in progress, you will be dismissed and your answer sheet voided.

There are no breaks allowed during any test. If you leave the room, your answer sheet will be voided.

Breaks are scheduled between tests and are 5 minutes in length.

Test Order:

1st day – Writing.

2nd day – Reading and Math.

3rd day – Science and Social Studies.

If you are taking **ONLY** the math exam or **ONLY** the social studies exam, call for test check-in time.

Check List

- ✓ Register to test at the Regional Office of Education (ROE) in Geneva.
- ✓ Indicate you want to test at ECC.
- ✓ Write the testing dates on your calendar.
- ✓ On test day, park in Lot 1 or 2 at ECC.
- ✓ Arrive 15 minutes before check-in.
- ✓ Have valid ID.

- ✓ Remember, not everyone works as quickly as you do – you may need to wait quietly after you complete your test until time is called. The room is dismissed as a group, not individually.
- ✓ Scores should come in the mail after two weeks. Call the ROE if you do not receive them. (Essay takes 4-6 weeks.)
- ✓ Be sure you have passed the **Illinois** Constitution exam. (Call ROE.)
- ✓ Good luck!

When and who to call at ECC:

If you are taking **only one test**, call ECC's chief examiner to see what time your test is scheduled. We make every effort to call you with a reminder call, but if your phone number is incorrect, out of order or changed, we will not be able to reach you.

At ECC, the GED chief examiner is Marci Medina.

Her office is in the Industry Training Center,

Room ITR 152. Phone number: 847-214-7825.

Call Marci if you have any questions about testing at ECC. Call Geneva with questions about registration, fees, and scores.

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All information included in this listing is subject to change.