

Orientation

Adult Academic Program

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# Orientation Topics

- Overview of programs
- Class schedules
- Program requirements
- Fill out registration forms
- Tour
- Make registration appointment
- Orientation will take about 40 minutes

# The Minnesota Job Outlook

“By 2018, 70% of all Minnesota jobs will require a college credential”

Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

# What Is The GED?

- High school equivalency diploma
- 4 subject area tests
  - Reasoning through Language Arts
    - Reading and writing
  - Mathematical Reasoning
  - Science
  - Social Studies
- Timed test

# The GED 2014 test

- This test has new content, additional writing, all computer-based
- Writing: essays (2) and short answer
- Required computer skills: basic typing/ word processing, use of mouse, point and click, on-screen calculator and other tools
- New scoring system
  - Need a score of 150 to pass each section
  - 175+ is considered “honors”

# GED Test Content

Test	Content Areas	Time Limit
Reasoning through Language Arts	Read and understand texts, write to clearly state a position. Reading passages will be about 400-900 words in length	150 minutes including a 10 minute break
Mathematical Reasoning	55% Algebraic problem solving 45% quantitative problem solving Apply skills in realistic situations	90 minutes
Science	Life Science 40% Physical Science 40% Earth and Space Science 20% Respond to texts, images, graphs and charts	90 minutes
Social Studies	Civics and government 50% U.S. History 20% Economics 15% Geography 15% Respond to texts, images, graphs and charts	90 minutes

# Study Labs – 2 Levels

- Level 1
  - Skill building for GED
  - Emphasis on reading, writing, math basics
  - Classroom environment (teacher-led)
- Level 2
  - Test preparation
  - Individual study (books, packets, computer)
  - Subject specific classes (daily)
  - Teachers and volunteers available to help you

# GED Test Center

- Open every Wednesday
- All tests offered
- \$120 fee (\$30 re-take per test)
- Can only take 3 times in 1 calendar year
- Must have government issued photo ID
- Must register online in advance (no “walk-ins”)

# Adult Diploma

- Best if you need just a few high school credits
- **You** must contact your “home” high school
- Credit completion rate = 1 per month
- Get school records request form from me to bring to your high school counselor

# College Prep

- Skills refresher in:
  - Math
  - Reading
  - Writing
- Accuplacer test preparation
  - Placement test used at all community and technical colleges

# Class Schedule

- Daytime program
  - Monday through Thursday
  - 9:00am-2:00pm
  - 20 hours a week
- Evening program
  - Tuesday/Thursday
  - 4:30-8:30pm
  - 8 hours a week

# Program Requirements

- Attendance
  - 70% of the class hours
  - Can be dropped if:
    - you miss several classes
    - your overall attendance is too low
  - If you miss too much class you miss too much important information to help you succeed!

# Program Requirements

- Students must make steady progress
  - Very important to your to progress
    - Attendance
    - Practice (in class work, online programs)
    - Ask questions, get help
- How we measure progress – your test results
- Students can be dropped from the program if they are not putting in the effort to make steady progress

# “Stopping Out”

- Please let us know if possible
- If you need to leave, you can return
- Should try to take a test before you leave to measure your progress
- We keep all of your info in a file
- Can get a certificate that documents your hours spent in the program
- We want you to come back to achieve your goals!

# Other Services

- Vocational counseling
  - Career planning
  - College/technical school information
  - Job readiness information
    - Resumes, interviewing, job applications
- Family Literacy Program
  - Pre-school for children under 5
  - Parent education

# Materials Fee

- Students are asked to pay a \$10 materials fee every semester (September/January)
- Due at registration

# Are you Interested???

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- Questions?