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SERVING THE COUNTIES OF FRANKLIN, GADSDEN, JEFFERSON, LEON, LIBERTY, MADISON, TAYLOR AND WAKULLA

**EDUCATION**

In an effort to promote public safety and reduce recidivism, the United States District Court in the Northern District of Florida is dedicated to providing employment and education assistance to those on pre-trial and post-conviction supervision.

**GED**

If you do not have a high school diploma or general educational development certification (GED), you are encouraged to enroll in and take what is called a GED Prep Class. The following sites provide the locations and information for the GED Prep Class sites in Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Walton and Washington counties.

**Franklin County**

**Nick O'Grady**

Curriculum and Vocational Education  
85 School Road  
Eastpoint, FL 32328  
Phone: (850) 670-2810 Ext. 4110

**Madison County**

**Kathy Smith**

Adult Education Program  
210 NE Duval Avenue  
Madison, FL 32340  
Phone: (850) 973-1525

**Gadsden County**

**Evonski Bulger**

Gadsden Technical Institute  
201 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard  
Quincy, FL 32353  
Phone: (850) 875-8324 Ext. 5127

**Taylor County**

**Christy Moody**

Taylor Technical Institute  
3233 South Byron Butler Parkway  
Perry, FL 32348  
Phone: (850) 838-2545 Ext. 232

**Jefferson County**

**Vickie Boland**

Jefferson County Schools Adult Education  
575 South Waters Street  
Monticello, FL 32344

**Wakulla County**

**Misty Taylor**

Wakulla Adult Education 126 High Drive  
Crawfordville, FL. 32327  
Phone (850)926-8111

**Leon County**

**Karen Hill**

Tallahassee Community College  
444 Appleyard Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32304-2895  
Phone: (850) 201-6104

**Leon County**

**Rochel Abrams**

Adult & Community Education  
283 Trojan Trail  
Tallahassee, FL 32311  
Phone: (850) 922-5343

**Liberty County**  
**Rita Lewis**  
Liberty County District Assessment Resource Center  
11109 NW Highway 20  
Bristol, FL 32321  
Phone: (850) 643-1016 Ext. 208

### **What is on the GED Test?**

The GED is a four-part exam. Candidates are tested in subject areas typically taught in traditional classrooms: reasoning through language arts, math, science, and social studies. Questions are multiple-choice, short answer, fill-in-the-blank, or essay formats. Because the exam requires more than seven hours of testing, many Florida centers offer it over two or three days. The test can also be taken one or two subjects at a time; passing all parts of the test results in a State of Florida High School Diploma.

### **How is the GED Scored and What Happens if I Don't Pass?**

Each section of the GED is scored the same in all states that offer the test. You can earn a score as high as 200 on each section and a score of 145 or higher is needed to pass in Florida. A score of 170 in each section is designated as an honors diploma and is considered an indication of college and career readiness. If you do not pass the GED the first time, you can retake all or part of the exam. Florida allows each section to be taken a maximum of three times per year in English. The test is also offered in Spanish, with a limit of two attempts per year.

### **Who is Eligible?**

According to the GED Testing Service, the GED may be given to those who are at least 18 years old if they are not enrolled in, and have not graduated from, accredited high schools. Those that are ages 16 and 17 may be granted age waivers if they meet certain requirements. Proof of residency is not required to take the GED in Florida (but all test-takers who take the exam in Florida receive a Florida diploma even if they reside in another state).

### **What if I don't have the money to pay for these classes or for the actual GED Exam?**

You are encouraged to discuss this concern with your probation officer. There may be alternative programs or financial assistance available in extenuating circumstances. The need for financial assistance will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.