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SERVING THE COUNTIES OF ALACHUA, DIXIE, GILCHRIST, LAFAYETTE AND LEVY

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 provided are the locations and information for the GED Prep Class sites in Alachua, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, and Levy counties.

Alachua County

Julie Falt Dicks

Santa Fe College, CTAE Center
3000 Northwest 83rd Street, G32B
Gainesville, FL 32606
Phone: (352) 395-5967
<http://www.sfcollege.edu/>

Alachua County

Nancy Fell

Kirby-Smith Center
620 East University Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32601
Phone: (352) 955-7795
<http://www.sbac.edu/>

Dixie County

Carol Petrone

Adult and Vocational Education
Post Office Box 890
Cross City, FL 32628
Phone: (352) 498-6150
<http://www.dixie.k12.fl.us/>

Gilchrist County

John Hartzog

Florida Gateway College
Gilchrist Center
2821 East Bell Avenue
Bell, FL 32619
Phone: (386) 754-4309
<https://www.fgc.edu/>

Lafayette County

Emily Beach

Lafayette High School
160 NE Hornet Drive
Mayo, FL 32066
Phone: (386) 294-2446

Lafayette County

Stephen Clark

Lafayette High School
160 NE Hornet Drive
Mayo, FL 32066
Phone: (386) 294-1649

Levy County

Leah Gamble

College of Central Florida Levy
114 Rodgers Boulevard
Chiefland, FL 32626
Phone: (352) 493-9533
<http://www.cf.edu/>

What is on the GED Test?

The GED is a four-part exam. Candidates are tested in subject areas typically taught in traditional classrooms such as: reasoning through language arts, math, science, and social studies. Questions consist of multiple-choice, short answer, fill-in-the-blank, or essay format. 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 or have not graduated from an accredited high school. You may be granted an age waiver if you are 16 or 17 and 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.