

# THREE ROUTES TO EARN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

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	EXTERNAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM (EDP)	GED (General Educational Development) Tests	ADULT HIGH SCHOOL
<b>Requirements</b>	Demonstrate skills and knowledge gained through life experience - 65 "competencies" and one " <u>individualized skill</u> " ( <u>occupational, academic or specialized</u> )	Meet passing standard for five tests. Language Arts/Writing Skills, Social Studies, Science, Language Arts/Reading, Mathematics.	Earn 22 credits by attending classes (additional options for credit include previously earned high school credits, individual learning packets, military, community service and work experience)
<b>Time and Place</b>	Self-paced; weekly appointments with an EDP staff person at the adult education office; flexible schedule	Exams offered monthly - GED Prep course can prepare you for the test	Class schedule - contact local adult education program
<b>Eligibility</b>	Age 16 or older no longer enrolled in regular high school.(Recommended age 21+)	Age 17 or older formally withdrawn from school. Under 19 must provide proof of withdrawal from school for at least 6 mos. or high school class has graduated	Grade 8 education; no longer enrolled in regular high school
<b>Most Appropriate For</b>	Mature adults who are functioning well in their daily lives	Academically inclined persons who can succeed at testing under group conditions. A practice test will be given to see how you might do	Persons recently in high school, often lacking only a few credits; also, those who enjoy school setting and group interaction, and want to improve academic skills
<b>How Long Does It Take?</b>	Depends on individual ability and time commitment; average completion, six months	Get your diploma within a month if you pass the test	Depends on number of credits needed; graduates average approximately 2 yrs.
<b>Registration</b>	By appointment at local adult education office	At test site center office Must bring a picture I.D.	By appointment at local adult education office
<b>Fees</b>	None	\$13 test fee (for 21 yrs of age and older) Retests \$13	None
<b>Diploma Awarded By</b>	Local Board of Education	State of Connecticut, 3 weeks after exam if passed	Local Board of Education