

THREE ROUTES TO EARN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

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	NATIONALA EXTERNAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM (NEDP)	GED (General Educational Development) Tests	ADULT HIGH SCHOOL
Requirements	Demonstrate skills and knowledge gained through life experience - 65 "competencies" and one "individualized skill" (occupational, academic or specialized).	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).
Time and Place	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.
Eligibility	Recommended for ages 21 or older	Age 17 or older formally withdrawn from school.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.
Most Appropriate For	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.
How Long Does It Take?	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 years.
Registration	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.
Fees	Free for Hamden residents	\$13 test fee (for 21 yrs of age and older) Retests \$13	None
Diploma Awarded By	Local Board of Education	State of Connecticut, 3 weeks after exam if passed	Local Board of Education.