

# **Frequently Asked Questions About The GED Prep Program**

This GED prep program is being offered through the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College as a service to students that need to complete their GEDs in order to receive financial aid or receive their degrees. Students enrolled in the college are given preference when enrolling in the GED program.

Students need to have TABE tested in order to be enrolled in the program. They can test here or bring their current scores from another educational setting.

The average student will spend 6 months on completing their GED, but remember this is an average and your experience may be different.

Students do not have to take all the tests at one time, the tests are offered through MPCE once a month over the course of two days. A student can only take 2 tests in 1 day or can choose to take 1 at a time.

The GED tests are paid with vouchers through the program. The program will pay for these vouchers if the student is enrolled in the GED prep program at the Tribal College, has TABE tested, and has successfully passed the GED Ready Pretests.

If the student missed a scheduled test, they are responsible for paying for that test when they reschedule the test date. Students are also responsible for fees when scheduling any retests. Students may retake failed tests 3 times because there are 3 versions of each test. The student must wait for 6 months to retest after 3 fails on that individual test.

The GED was updated in 2012 to meet changing educational standards. If you started GED testing prior to 2012 and didn't complete the battery of tests, those scores are now invalid and you must start over with the new tests.

The new GED is now computer based and takes about 7 ½ hours to complete. It is divided into 4 parts: Mathematical Reasoning, Reasoning Through Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies.

The Math Reasoning test will be 115 minutes long with no breaks. It is divided into 2 parts. You will not be able to use a calculator on the first part but you can on the rest of the test. You will be provided with the calculator and the math formulas. The test measures the quantitative problem-solving abilities (45%) and Algebraic problem-solving abilities (55%).

Reasoning through Language Arts is 150 minutes long and includes multiple choice, short answer, and drop down answer questions. It includes a 45-minute extended response (essay) but also includes a 10-minute break. It measures a student's ability to understand and answer questions based on the reading. It will also test a student's ability to support an argument and understand basic English skills that will help them succeed in college or make them more employable.

The Science section is 90 minutes long and includes multiple choice, drop down questions, and a variety of technology-enhanced items. There is no break and the students may use a calculator (provided). It is divided into Earth and Space Science (20%), Life Science (40%), and Physical Science (40%).

The Social Studies test is 70 minutes long and includes multiple choice, drop down, and a variety of technology-enhanced items. There is no break and the student can use a calculator (provided). It is broken down into Civics and

Government (50%), U.S. History (20%), Economics (15%), and Geography and the World (15%).

### Scheduled Testing Dates as of 6/12/2017

July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, testing from 8:30-1:30

August 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, testing from 8:30-1:30

September 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, testing from 8:30-1:30

October 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, testing from 8:30-1:30

November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, testing from 8:30-1:30

December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, testing from 8:30-1:30

Testing dates subject to change.