



## GED Testing Candidate Code of Conduct Contract

It is critical to the Virginia GED Testing Program and the integrity of the GED Certificate that candidates are held to a high standard of conduct and that the tests themselves are secure and not compromised. Each candidate's final score must be a true reflection of his/her preparation and demonstrated ability. This is important because most colleges and universities consider the General Educational Development (GED) Certificate as equivalent to a high school diploma for admission, and most employers view it as equivalent to a high school diploma for hiring and job promotion. Therefore, no inside or outside assistance is ever permitted during testing, and no individual tests or testing items are ever allowed to leave the testing room.

To make sure that each testing session is secure and each candidate follows policies and procedures, each candidate must complete the following candidate code of conduct contract before taking the GED Tests. Please read the following conditions for testing, initial each one, and sign and date at the bottom.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that personal items are not allowed at my seat during testing. These items may include purses, tote bags, pagers, cell phones, portable music players, other electronic devices, hats, food items, textbooks, dictionaries, notebooks, unauthorized computational aids, supplies, scratch paper, or any other items as may be defined by the GED Examiner.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I bring any of the aforementioned items to the testing session, I will be required to leave the item(s) in a designated area. Neither the school division nor Examiners will be held liable for said item(s).

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if the GED Examiner finds any of these items at my seat or on my person during or after testing, the items will be confiscated, my testing materials will be retrieved, and my test results will be disqualified. Return of the confiscated items will be delayed until the GED Examiner is satisfied that the GED Tests have not been compromised. I understand that I will be required to leave the testing center.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I may leave the testing room only after completing the assigned test and being excused by the GED Examiner. If I have an emergency and must leave the testing room, the Examiner will collect my testing materials. I understand that I will not be allowed to return to work on the interrupted test again, but I will be allowed to resume testing on the next assigned test.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I may not cause other candidates to become distracted during testing, and that I will be asked to leave the testing center and forfeit my test results if I engage in such behavior.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will neither give nor receive any unauthorized assistance while I am taking the GED Tests.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will not discuss any specific test items with anyone other than the GED Examiner.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will return all testing items to the GED Examiner at the conclusion of each testing session.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I may only take the five content tests three times during one year.

I have read and agree to the conditions listed above.

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Print name

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Signature

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Date