



## KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

MEDIA ALERT  
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### **New Program Provides Free GED Practice Tests: September 22 through October 3**

(Topeka, Kansas) - Beginning today, students who visit a local adult education center can take GED practice tests for free through the *See For Free* program. The program is intended to encourage more adult learners to visit adult education centers across Kansas that provide GED preparation classes for free, or at a very low cost. The practice test will help learners see if they are ready for the real GED test, and it gives them a free personalized study plan based on their results.

GED Testing Service's *See For Free* promotion is being held in conjunction with National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week, hosted by the National Coalition for Literacy, to help drive awareness of the importance of educational resources for adults in the United States. Today, there are approximately 230,000 Kansans who are without a high school credential.

GED Testing Service research data show that (nationally) the practice test is more than 95% predictive of how someone will score on the GED test – in Kansas, 97% of those who score in the "Likely to Pass" category on the practice test go on to pass the GED. Teachers and students can use this practice test as a real-time indicator of a student's readiness. The detailed score report lists specific skills and knowledge the student needs to master to pass the GED test, helping educators customize what they need to teach a student and helping students focus on the specific content they need help with, decreasing the amount of study time and cutting down on guesswork.

"We're proud to debut the *See For Free* program during National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week, as nearly 1 in 5 Americans lack a high school diploma," said Randy Trask, President of GED Testing Service. "It is critically important that we give encouragement and information to our friends, neighbors and family members who didn't graduate high school about taking the first big step to a better life—to walk into their local adult education center or visit the GED.com website. This program is one more incentive for them to take that first step."

To find a local adult education center, visit [KansasGED.org](http://KansasGED.org).

For more information about the getting your GED in Kansas, contact Breeze Richardson at (785) 291-3969 or [brichardson@ksbor.org](mailto:brichardson@ksbor.org).

For more information about the national *See For Free* promotion, contact CT Turner at [PublicAffairs@GEDtestingservice.com](mailto:PublicAffairs@GEDtestingservice.com).

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#### **About GED Testing Service:**

The GED test has opened doors to better jobs and college programs for more than 19 million graduates since 1942. Last year nearly 800,000 adults sat for the GED test, which is accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and employers. As the creator of the one official GED test, GED Testing Service has a responsibility to ensure that the program continues to be a reliable and valuable pathway to a better life for the millions of adults without a high school diploma.