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GED Program Update for Correctional Educators

July 24, 2024

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In this session, we will…

- GED National Update & GED Test Overview
- Important Tools & Resources for Educators
- GED Manager & GED Ready
- GED Test Delivery: CCT & Chromebooks
- GED Direct: Corrections
- 2024 Correctional Conferences & GEDTS National Conference
- Final Reminders & Thoughts
- Questions/Discussion

National Update

Corrections GED® Testing

National Data – GED Testing in Correctional Facilities

Facts	2020	2021	2022	2023
Test-takers	34,931	37,721	48,496	54,969
Completers	18,729	20,850	28,779	33,691
Passers	12,754	14,285	19,409	22,715
Pass rates	68%	69%	67%	67%

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2023 Pass Rates by Subject – Correctional Test-takers

Pass Rates by Subject Area

- **Math: 70%**
- **RLA: 76%**
- **Science: 83%**
- **Social Studies: 79%**

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Demographic Info: Correctional Testers

- Median Age: 32

  For context, median age of non-correctional GED testers is 21.

- Gender: 85% male

Highest Grade Completed:

- 9% finished some of the 12th grade (23% non-correctional testers)
- 24% finished the 11th grade
- 27% finished the 10th grade
- 17% finished the 9th grade
- 11% finished less than 9th (8% non-correctional testers)

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GED Testing Service National News

The GED® test is offered in 48 U.S. states, DC and internationally.

Trivia: name the 2 states who don't currently offer the GED test?

Approximately 17% of GED testing in the U.S. occurs in the correctional setting.

Our brand new, and first ever, GED® app launched in July.

Learn more at GED.com

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We Are Thrilled that the GED Test Has Returned to these States

Since 2022 the following states are once again offering the GED® test:

- Indiana
- Louisiana
- Missouri
- Montana
- New Hampshire
- New York
- Tennessee
- West Virginia

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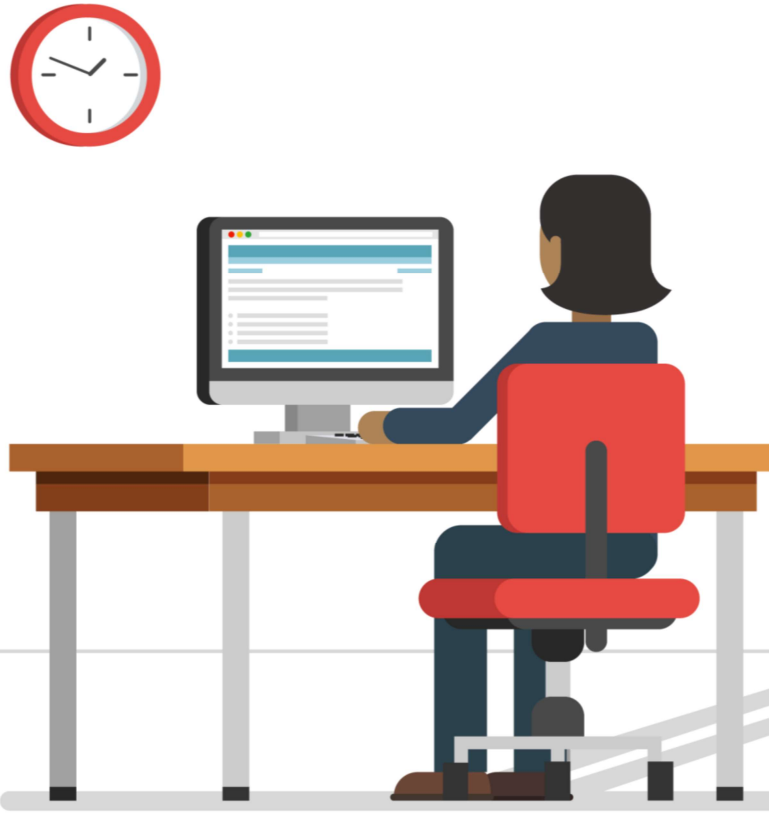
Overview of the GED® Test



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The GED® Test

Available in English and Spanish

A wide array of accommodations are available

Including extended time, additional breaks, reader/recorder, private room, screen reader (JAWS) and many more

Visit the GEDTS Accommodations Information Page

The official GED® Practice test is called the GED Ready

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GED® Test

Test	Time	Notes
Reasoning through Language Arts (RLA)	150 minutes	Includes 45 minutes for extended response (timed separately) and a 10-minute break
Mathematical Reasoning	115 minutes	Part 1 – calculator not allowed Part 2 – calculator allowed
Social Studies	70 minutes	
Science	90 minutes	

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Variety of Item Types

Multiple-Choice	Fill-in-the-Blank	Drag-and-Drop
Hot-Spot	Drop-Down	Extended-Response

GED Score Levels Explained

145

GED Passing Score

To pass the GED test, students need a score of 145 on all four subjects.

165–174

GED College Ready

At 165 or higher, students may qualify to bypass placement testing and remedial (non-credit) courses in college.

175–200

GED College Ready + Credit

At 175 or higher, students may qualify for up to 10 college credit hours at participating colleges.

GED® College Ready scores improve the chances for college success.

Learn more at GED.com/collegeready

Important Resources and Tools for Educators

Free Classroom Materials

Teaching Resources

Professional Development

In Session Educator Newsletter

Adult Education Program Toolkit

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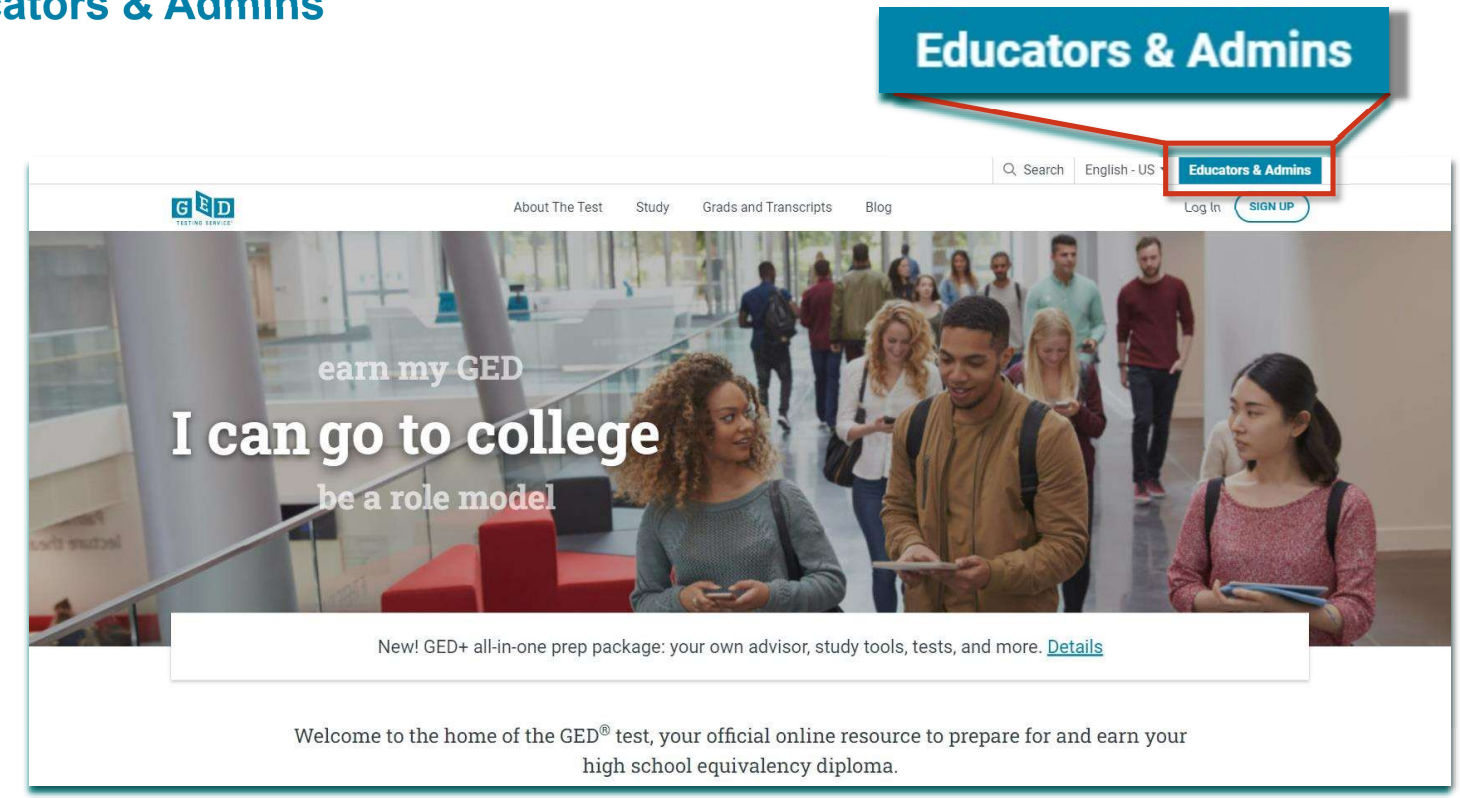

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Free Classroom Materials

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Free Classroom Materials

Reference Sheets

Many of these resources are available to your students in the testing center on test day. Review these with your students so there are no surprises on test day.

English

Calculator Reference Sheet

Mathematics Formula Sheet

Extended Response Answer Guidelines

Spanish

Calculator Reference Sheet – Spanish

Mathematics Formula Sheet – Spanish

Extended Response Answer Guidelines – Spanish

Students can change what the test looks like on their computer screen to make it easier to read. Download these guides to learn more about changing the on-screen color of the test, the text size of the test, and how to highlight text on the test.

Extended Response Tools and Practice

Use these resources to improve your students' written responses. The scoring tools help you evaluate and provide feedback to students about their RLA GED Ready® written response.

English

Extended Response Quick Tips

Extended Response Scoring Tools

Extended Response Classroom Practice

Extended Response Classroom Poster

Spanish

Extended Response Quick Tips – Spanish

Extended Response Scoring Tools – Spanish

Extended Response Classroom Practice – Spanish

Explanation of AE Symbol Tool For Spanish Writing

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Free Classroom Materials

Preview the Test

Use the Free Practice Test, which is about one-fourth the length of the actual test, to give your students a preview of the GED® test. It works best on a computer (not a smartphone or tablet). The Study Guides explain the skills that are covered in each subject, and include sample questions.

Free Practice Test

View All Sample Tests

Study Guides

View Study Guides

Free Classroom Materials

Also available at:
www.newreaderspress.com/writing-for-the-ged-test

Or contact New Readers Press for DVDs that can be sent to your facility:

tlipke@proliteracy.org (Videos are FREE)

Extended Response Videos

Watch this 8-episode series with your students to take a deeper dive into the skills and expectations that will help students excel on their written responses.

WATCH MORE

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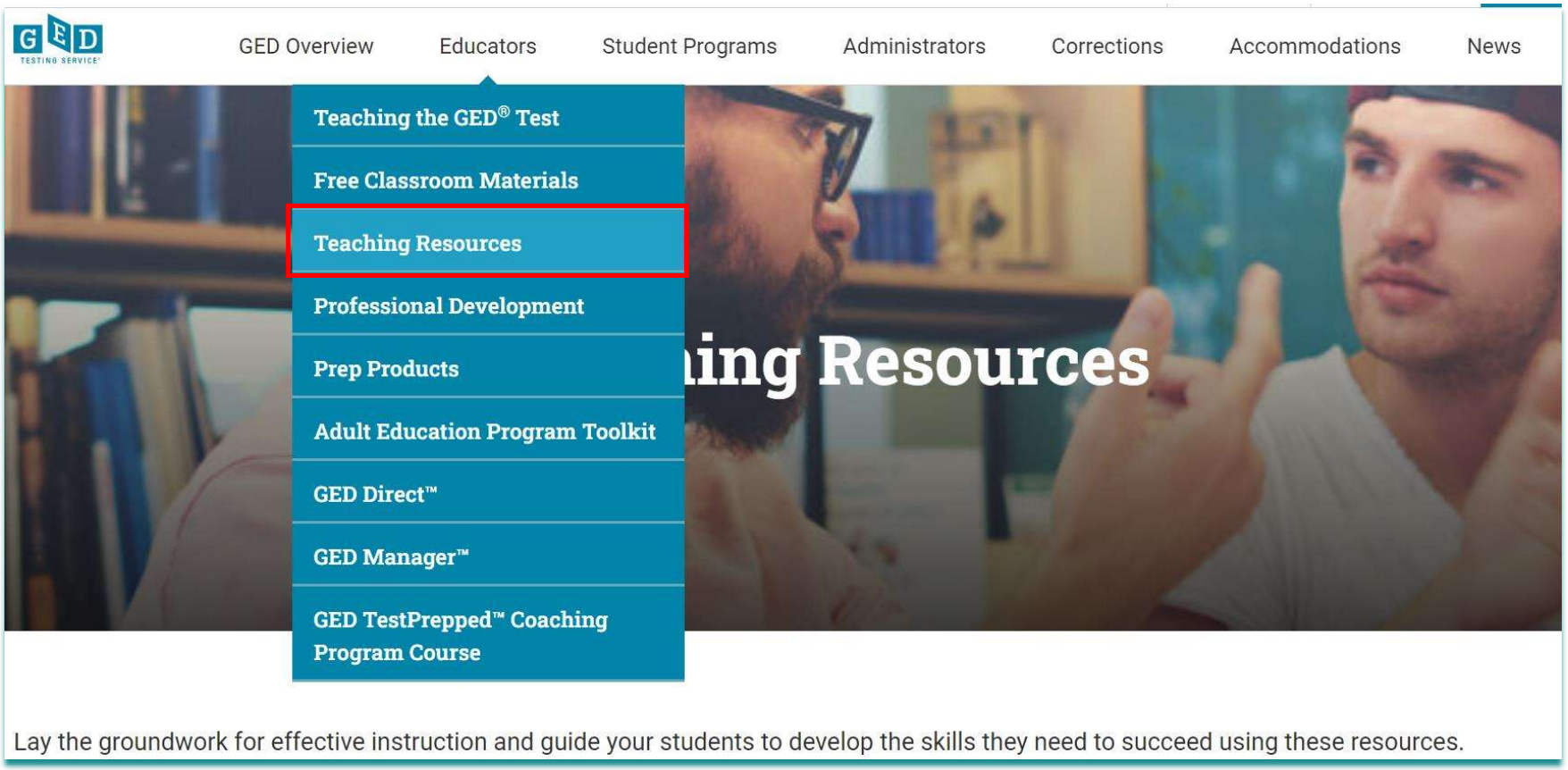
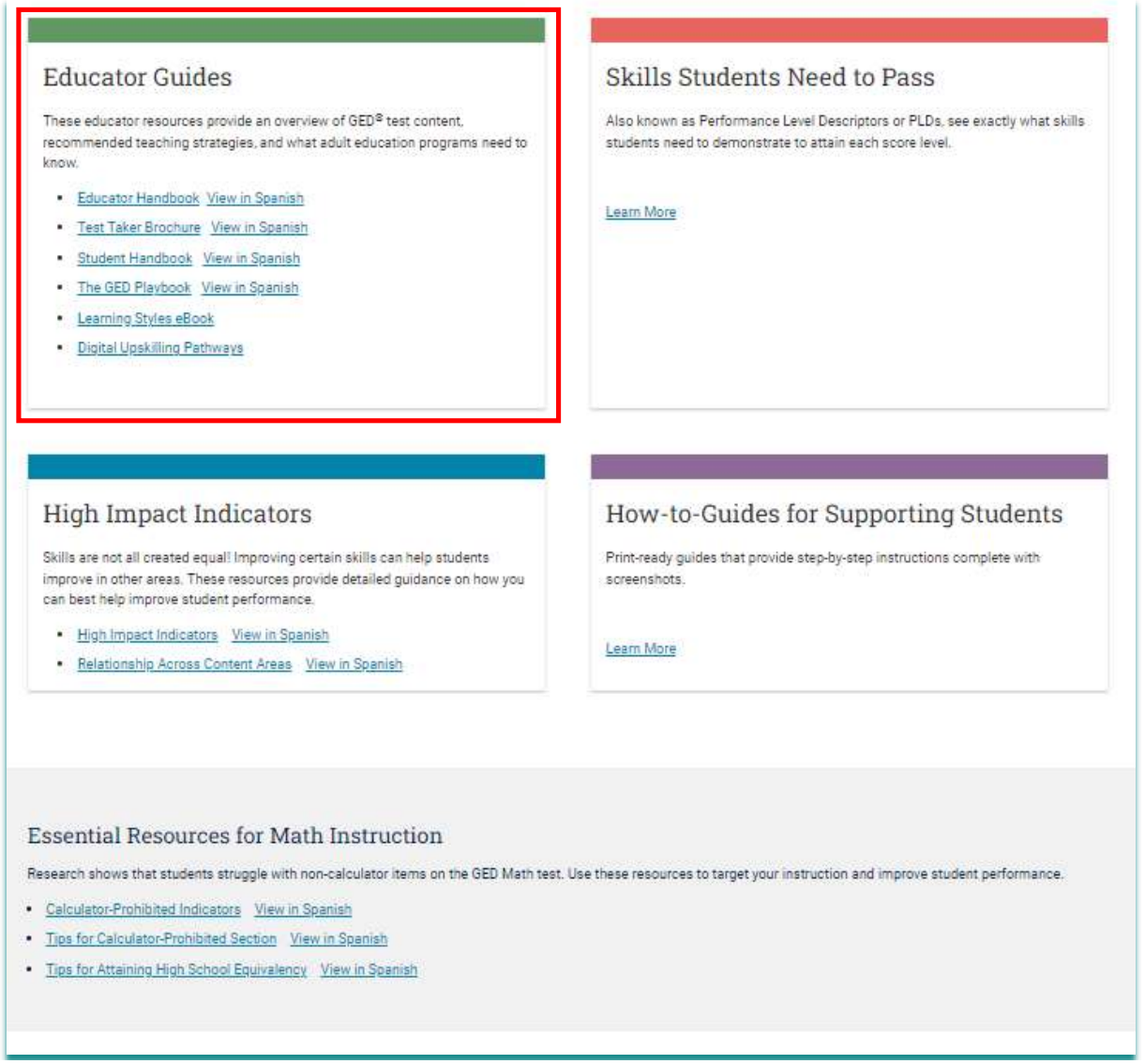
Teaching Resources



Teaching Resources

Educator Guides



Educator Guides

These educator resources provide an overview of GED® test content, recommended teaching strategies, and what adult education programs need to know.

- Educator Handbook View in Spanish
- Test Taker Brochure View in Spanish
- Student Handbook View in Spanish
- The GED Playbook View in Spanish
- Learning Styles eBook
- Digital Upskilling Pathways

Skills Students Need to Pass

Also known as Performance Level Descriptors or PLDs, see exactly what skills students need to demonstrate to attain each score level.

Learn More

High Impact Indicators

Skills are not all created equal! Improving certain skills can help students improve in other areas. These resources provide detailed guidance on how you can best help improve student performance.

- High Impact Indicators View in Spanish
- Relationship Across Content Areas View in Spanish

How-to-Guides for Supporting Students

Print-ready guides that provide step-by-step instructions complete with screenshots.

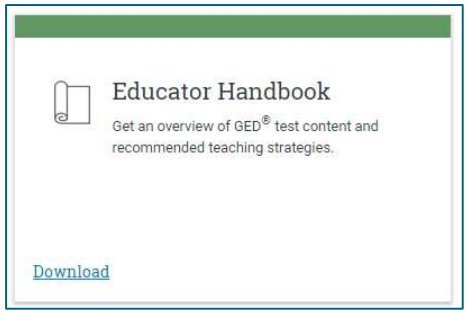
Learn More

Essential Resources for Math Instruction

Research shows that students struggle with non-calculator items on the GED Math test. Use these resources to target your instruction and improve student performance.

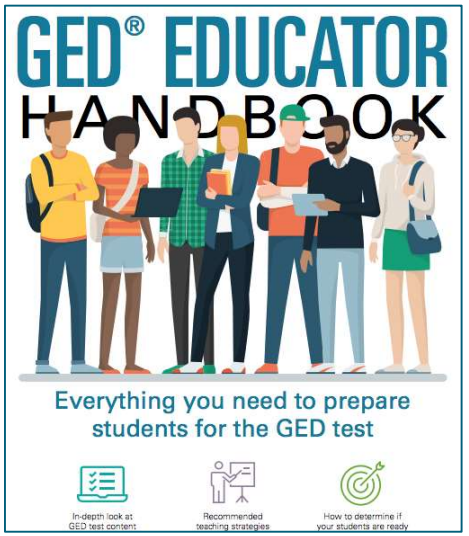
- Calculator-Prohibited Indicators View in Spanish
- Tips for Calculator-Prohibited Section View in Spanish
- Tips for Attaining High School Equivalency View in Spanish

Educator Handbook



- Get an overview of GED® test content and recommended teaching strategies.
- In other words:
  - Start here!

Download at GED.com/educator_handbook



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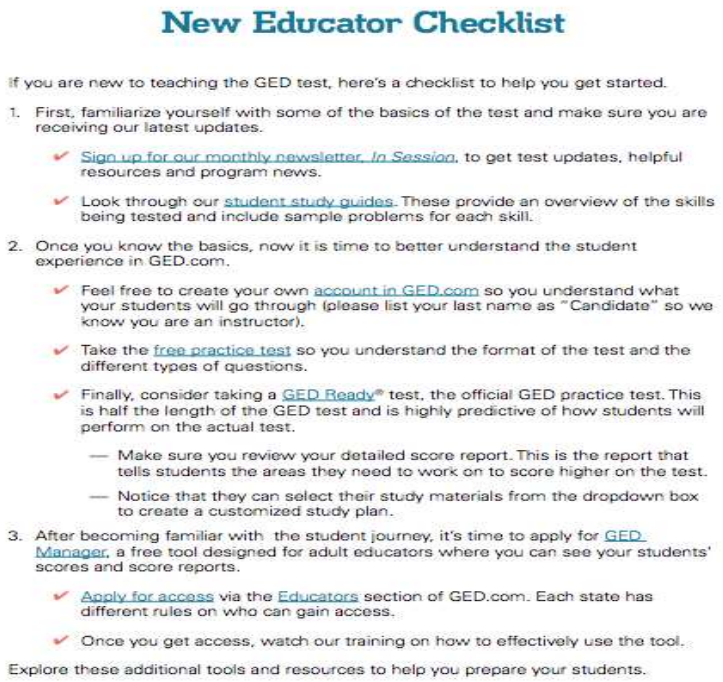
New Educator Checklist!

- Our ”New Educator Checklist” is located right inside the new Educator Handbook
- This is designed to help new teachers focus on the most important resources to get them up to speed on being a GED instructor



New Educator Checklist

If you are new to teaching the GED test, here's a checklist to help you get started.

1. First, familiarize yourself with some of the basics of the test and make sure you are receiving our latest updates.
   - ✔ Sign up for our monthly newsletter, *In Session*, to get test updates, helpful resources and program news.
   - ✔ Look through our student study guides. These provide an overview of the skills being tested and include sample problems for each skill.
2. Once you know the basics, now it is time to better understand the student experience in GED.com.
   - ✔ Feel free to create your own account in GED.com so you understand what your students will go through (please list your last name as "Candidate" so we know you are an instructor).
   - ✔ Take the free practice test so you understand the format of the test and the different types of questions.
   - ✔ Finally, consider taking a GED Ready® test, the official GED practice test. This is half the length of the GED test and is highly predictive of how students will perform on the actual test.
     - — Make sure you review your detailed score report. This is the report that tells students the areas they need to work on to score higher on the test.
     - — Notice that they can select their study materials from the dropdown box to create a customized study plan.
3. After becoming familiar with the student journey, it's time to apply for GED Manager, a free tool designed for adult educators where you can see your students' scores and score reports.
   - ✔ Apply for access via the Educators section of GED.com. Each state has different rules on who can gain access.
   - ✔ Once you get access, watch our training on how to effectively use the tool.

Explore these additional tools and resources to help you prepare your students.

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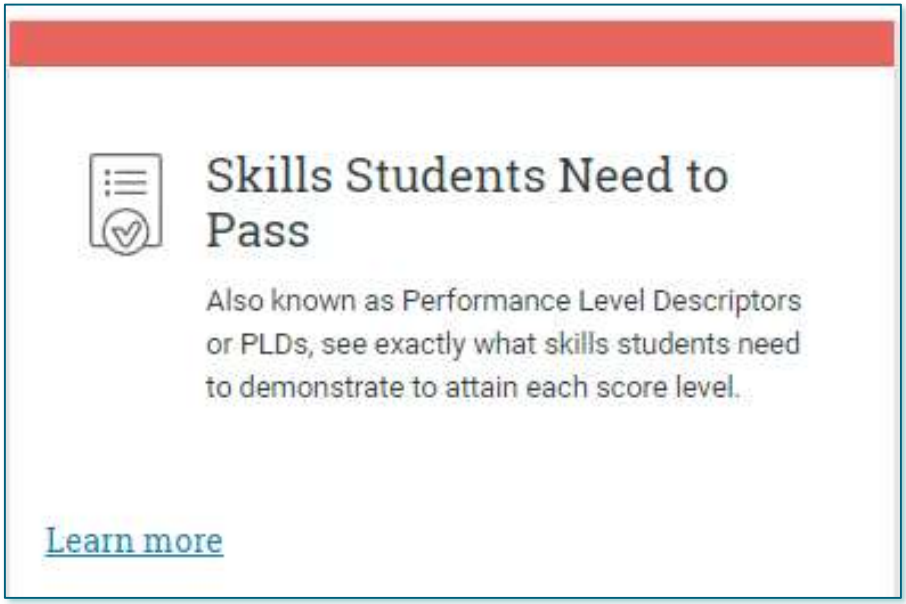
- Four Performance Levels
  - Below Passing
  - HSE
  - GED® College Ready
  - GED® College Ready + Credit
- What skills are demonstrated at each level
- What skills need development to advance to the next level



PLDs

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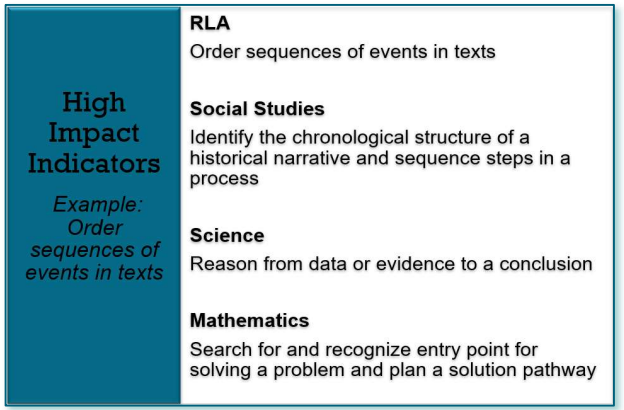

High Impact Indicators

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Assessment Guide for Educators

The Complete Assessment Guide is 230 pages

It's also broken down into each subject 40-60+ pages each

[Assessment Guide for Educators]

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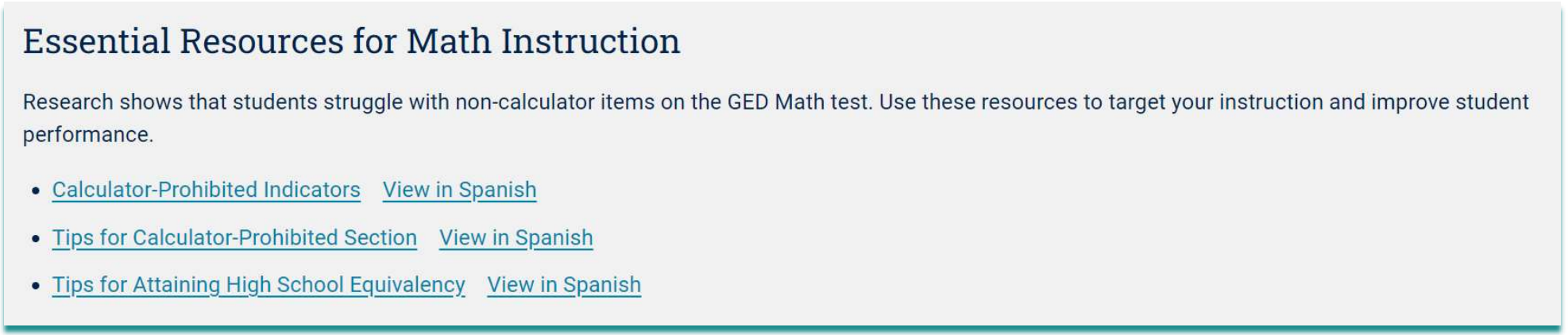
Essential Resources for Math Instruction



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Research Shows

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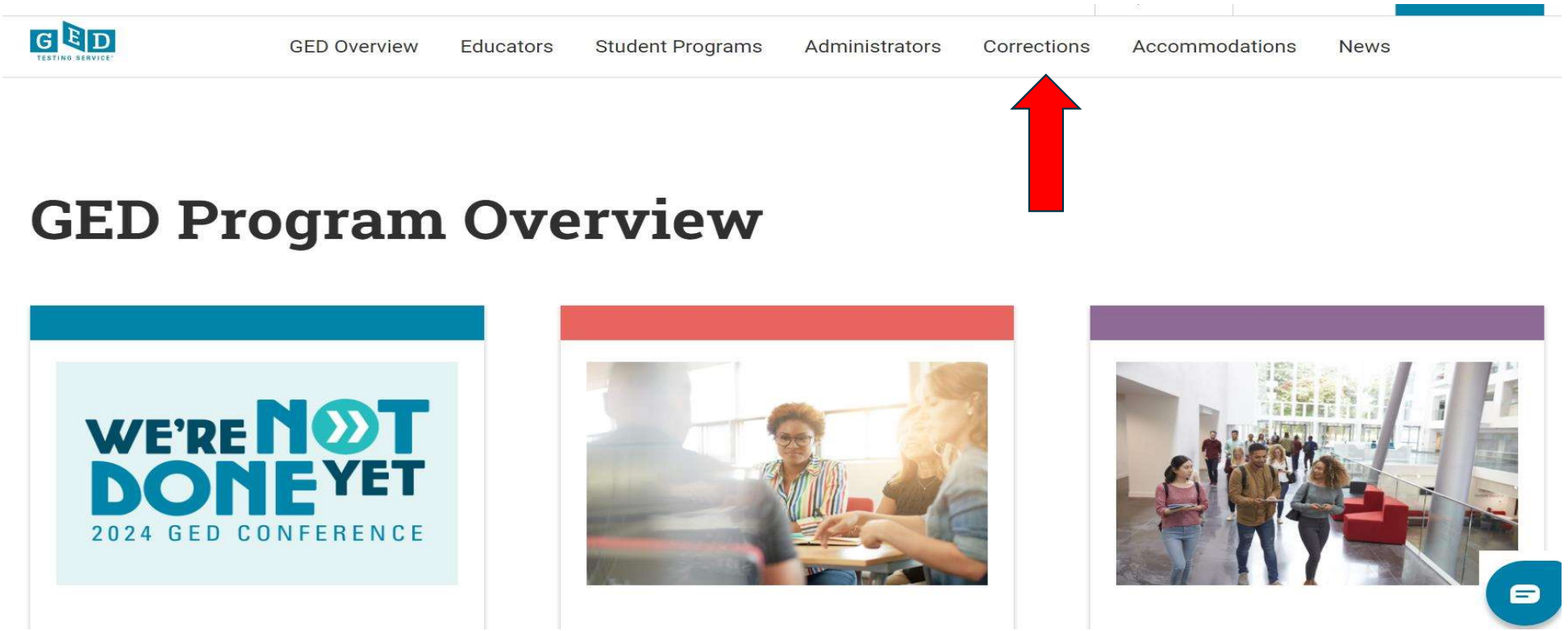
Corrections Tab



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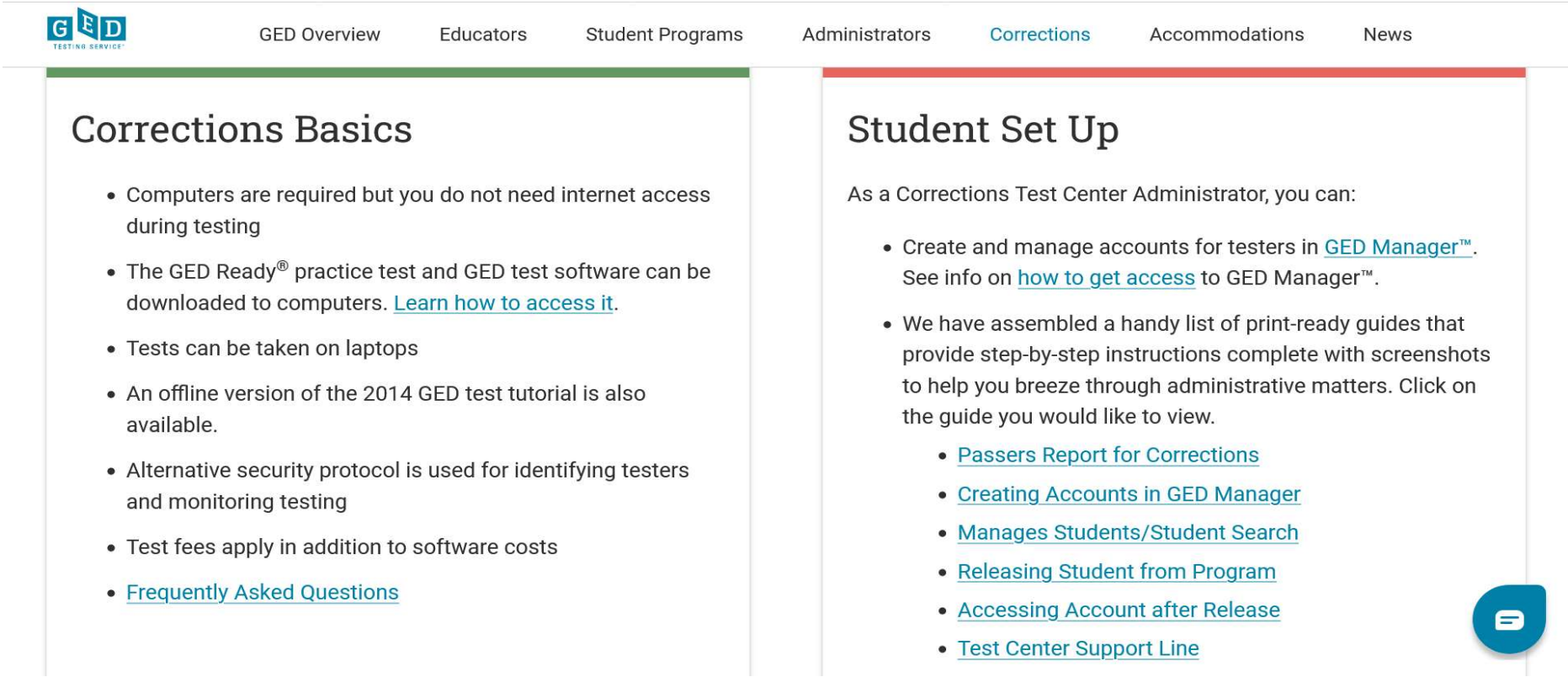


Resources for Correctional Programs

GED Overview | Educators | Student Programs | Administrators | Corrections | Accommodations | News

Downloadable Resources

Practice with the tutorial and try the practice tests to learn about the various question types and become familiar with how the test works.

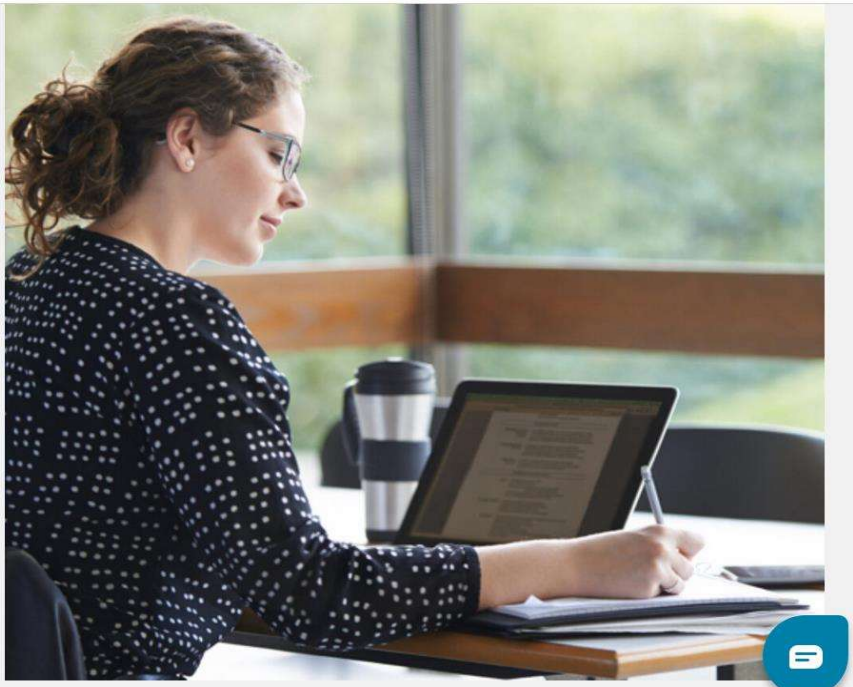
Download the computer tutorial English
Download the computer tutorial Spanish

Math Practice Test | Spanish Math Practice Test

RLA Practice Test | Spanish RLA Practice Test

Science Practice Test | Spanish Science Practice Test

Social Studies Practice Test | Spanish Social Studies Practice Test



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GED Manager™

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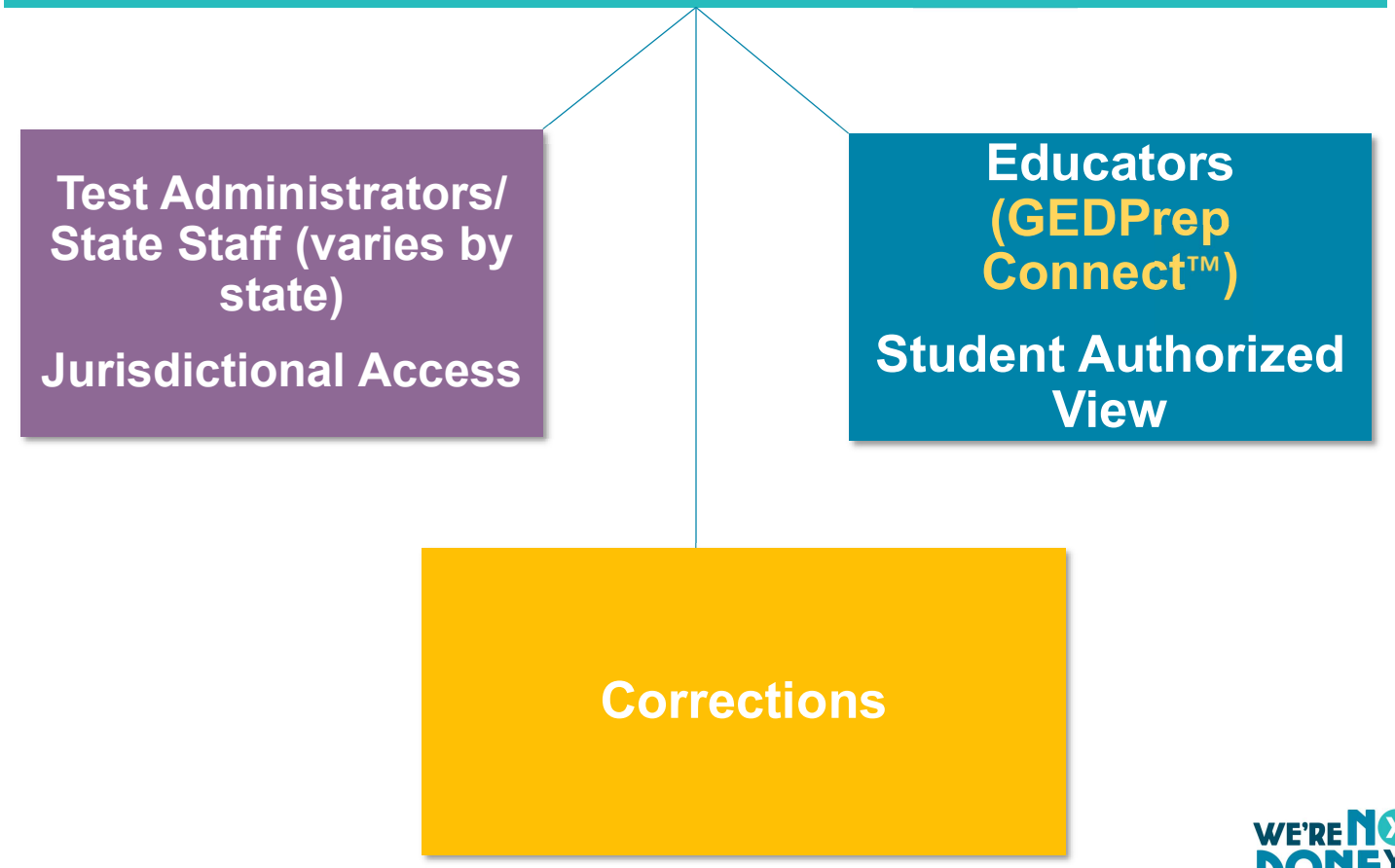

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Common Capabilities Across All Three Roles:

- Student Search
- Student Test Activity Report
- Passers Report
- Student Score Reports: GED Ready™ and GED® operational tests

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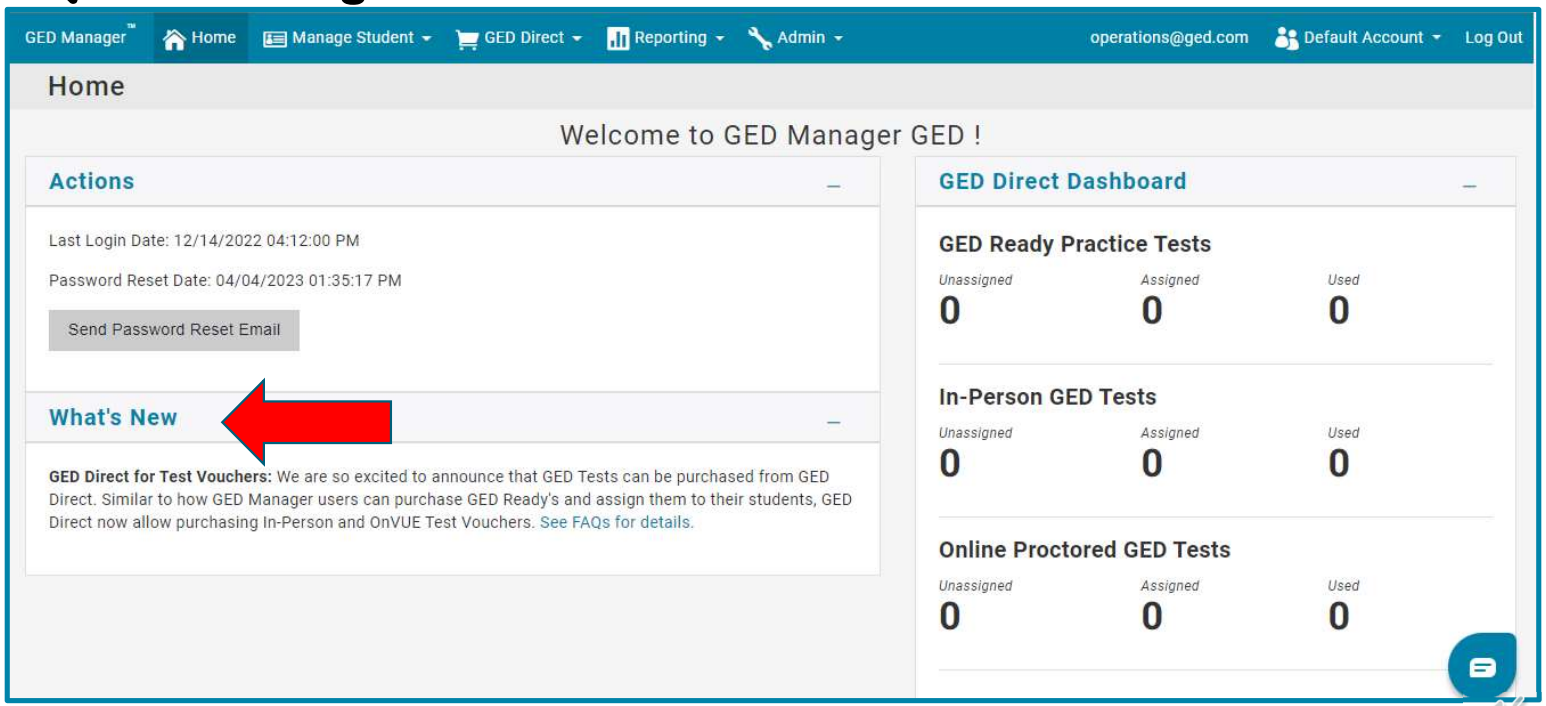
GED Manager Access – Home Screen



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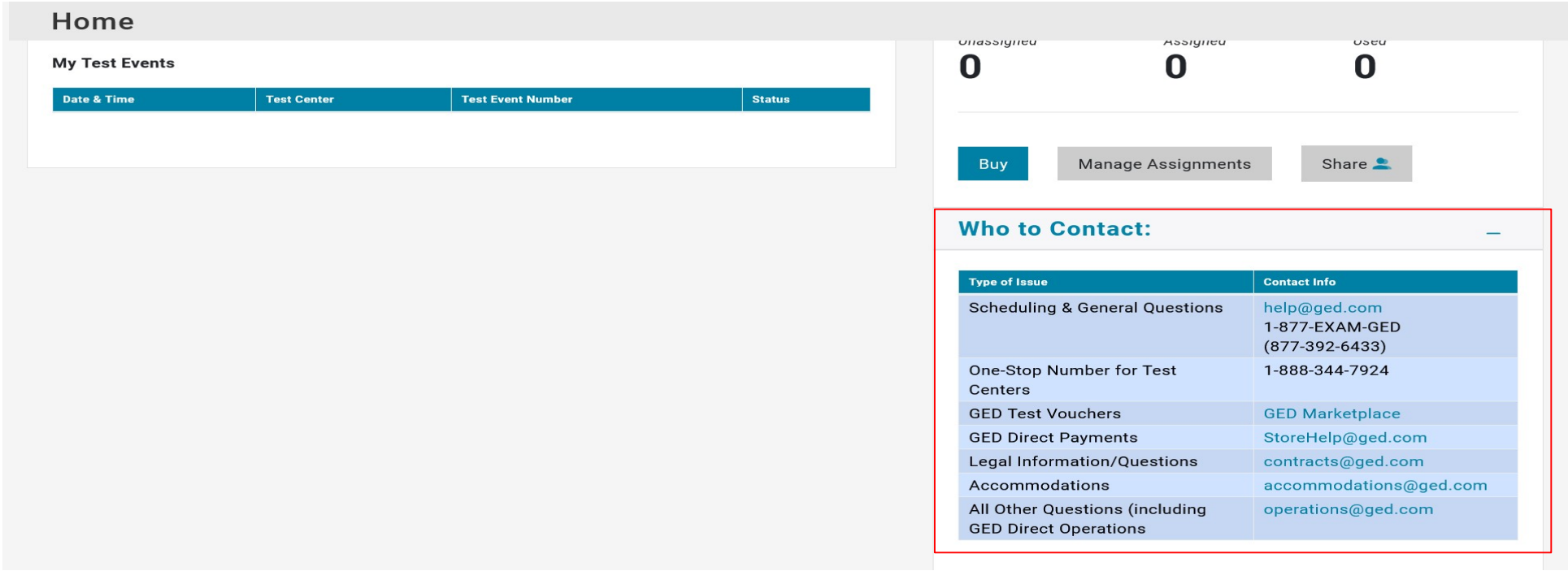

GED Manager Home Page

- Helpful Links
- Jurisdiction Testing Policies
- Corrections GED Manager Training Video
- "How to Guides" for Test Centers
- Student Study Guides
- GED Ready ER Scoring Tool - English
- GED Ready ER Scoring Tool - Spanish
- Tips for successful password resets
- GED Direct Info
- GED Direct Training Video

- Helpful Documents
- GED Manager User Guide
- GED Direct vs Marketplace - Bulk Purchasing
- Finance and Billing Frequently Asked Questions
- Instructions for Testers to Claim Their GED Account Upon Release
- Manage Student/Student Search
- Creating Student Accounts
- Passers Report
- Accessing Account After Release
- Releasing Student From Program
- Scheduling DOC Students

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GED Ready® Official Practice Test

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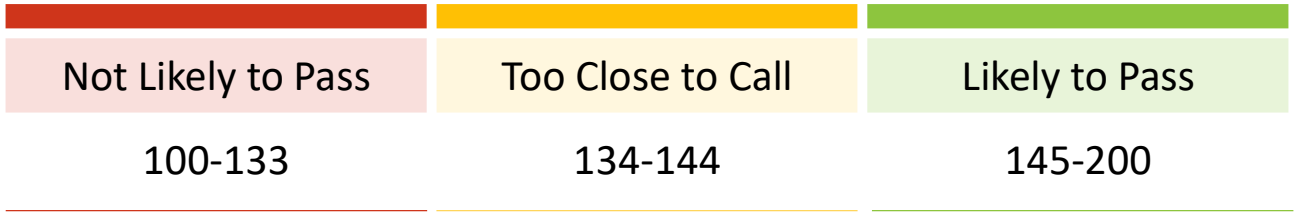
GED Ready® - Assessing Readiness

Three Score Level Indicators on GED Ready®



GED Score Report:

- GED Ready®
- GED Exam

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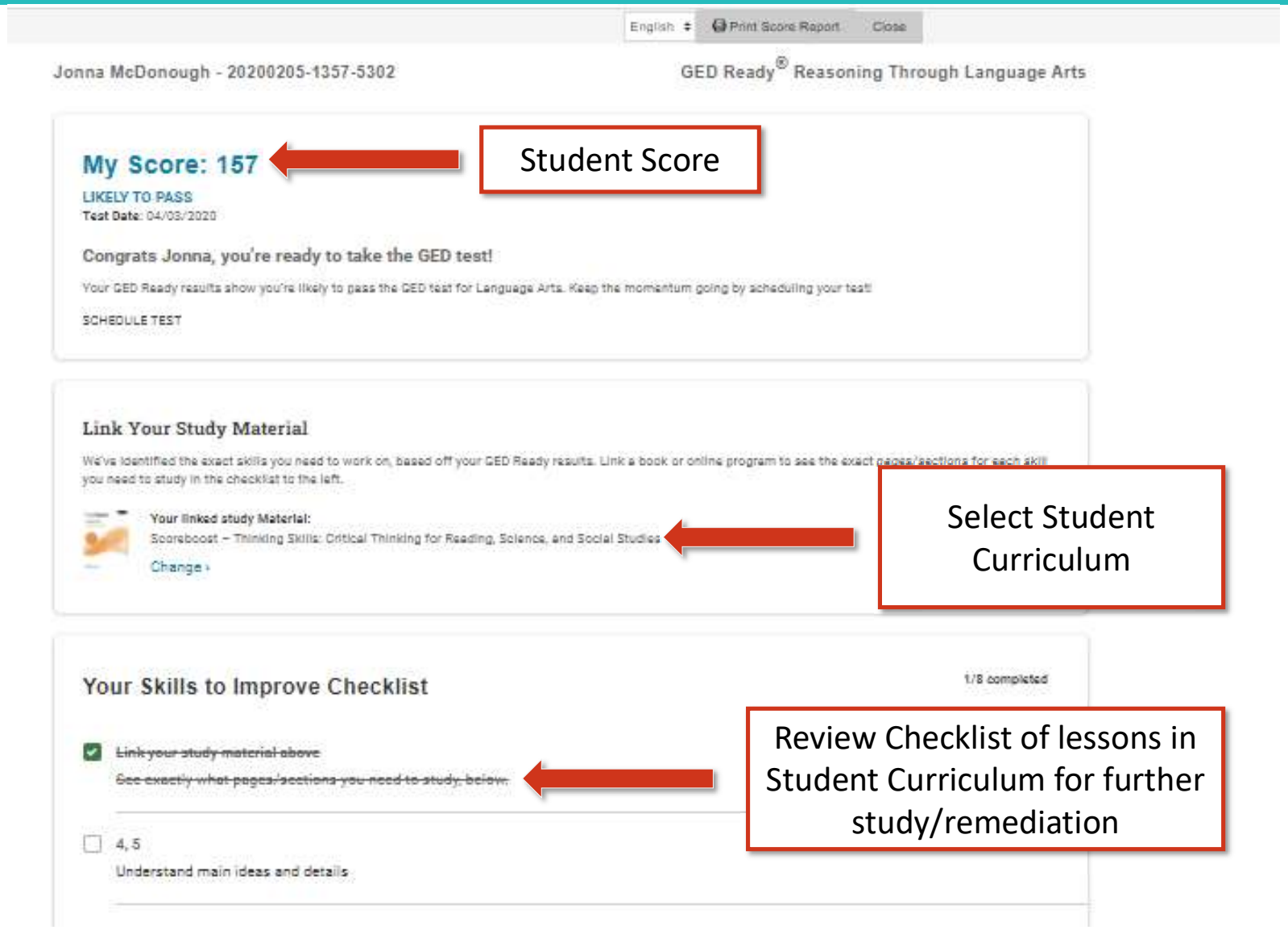
English
Print Score Report
Close
Jonna McDonough - 20200205-1357-5302
GED Ready® Reasoning Through Language Arts
My Score: 157
LIKELY TO PASS
Test Date: 04/03/2020
Congrats Jonna, you're ready to take the GED test!
Your GED Ready results show you're likely to pass the GED test for Language Arts. Keep the momentum going by scheduling your test!
SCHEDULE TEST
Student Score
Link Your Study Material
We've identified the exact skills you need to work on, based off your GED Ready results. Link a book or online program to see the exact pages/sections for each skill you need to study in the checklist to the left.
Your linked study Material:
Scoreboost – Thinking Skills: Critical Thinking for Reading, Science, and Social Studies
Change ›
Select Student Curriculum
Your Skills to Improve Checklist
1/8 completed
Link your study material above
See exactly what pages/sections you need to study, below.
Review Checklist of lessons in Student Curriculum for further study/remediation
4, 5
Understand main ideas and details

GED® Ready

Realistic practice opportunity	Computer based and same platform as GED® test
Standardized and normed	Same norming and standardization study as official test
Predictive	Tells students if they are likely to pass
Half-length	4.25 hours in length

GED Ready Delivery

- GED Ready in correctional facilities is delivered in the same manner you deliver the GED test.
- Delivered via the Pearson VUE software installed on your administrator computer and computers used for student testing

- GED Ready can also be delivered in a different manner called “GED Ready Offline” delivery method.
- No internet access needed to take the test.
- No Test Center scheduling required.

- https://shop.gedmarketplace.com/p/GED-Offline

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GED Direct

A New Way to Purchase GED Readys

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Problems to Solve

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- GED Ready voucher code spreadsheets are an administrative headache.
  - Difficult to distribute to educators
  - Difficult to maintain
  - Difficult to share codes with students (via email)
- Expiring vouchers compound the headache.
- Everyone spends too much time dealing with voucher codes.

Solution – GED Ready Direct

New feature in GED Manager allowing educators to purchase GED Ready tests and assign them directly to students.

Benefits:

- Students access GED Ready test directly from their GED account once assigned
- No spreadsheets of voucher codes to manage
- No expiration dates to extend

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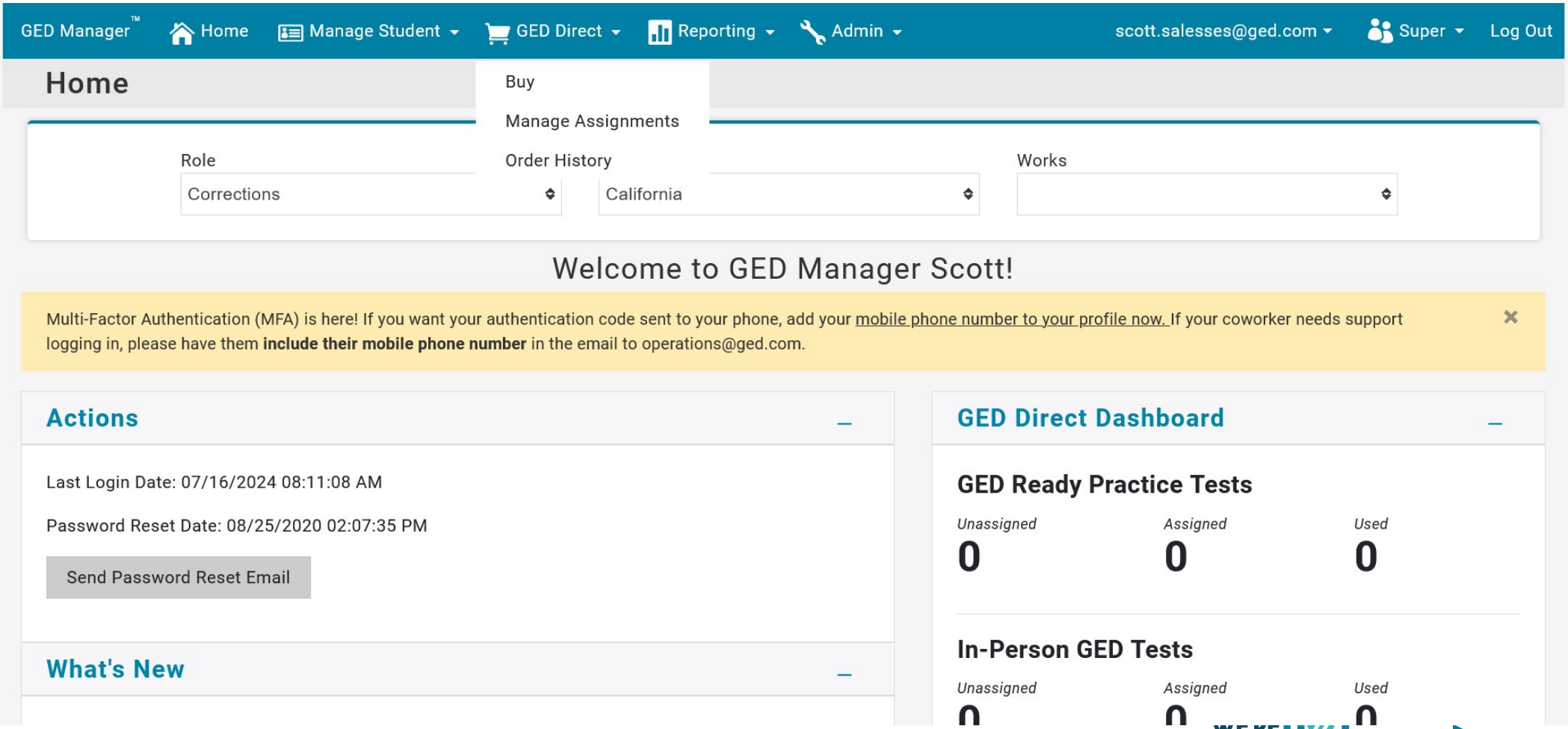
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Welcome to GED Manager Scott!
Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) is here! If you want your authentication code sent to your phone, add your mobile phone number to your profile now. If your coworker needs support logging in, please have them include their mobile phone number in the email to operations@ged.com.
Actions
Last Login Date: 07/16/2024 08:11:08 AM
Password Reset Date: 08/25/2020 02:07:35 PM
Send Password Reset Email
What's New
GED Direct Dashboard
GED Ready Practice Tests
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In-Person GED Tests
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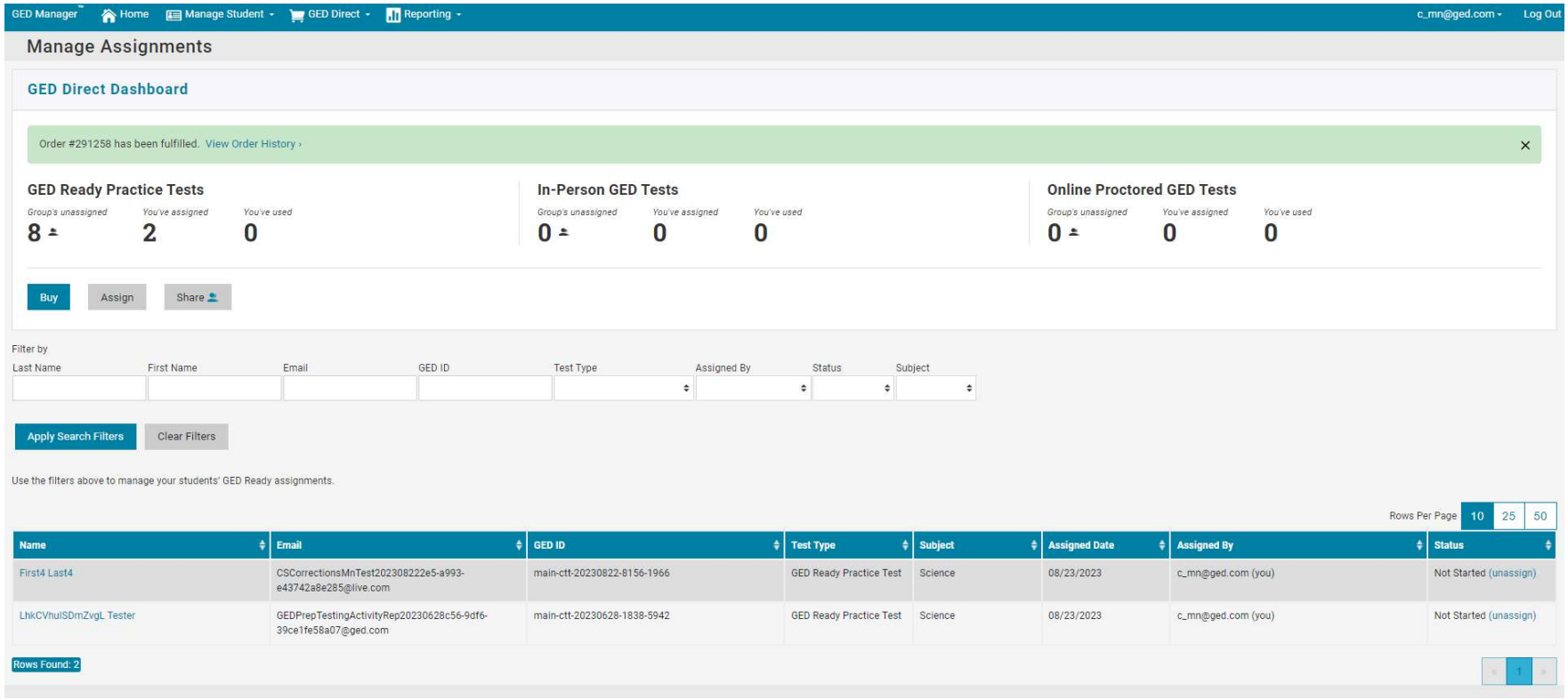
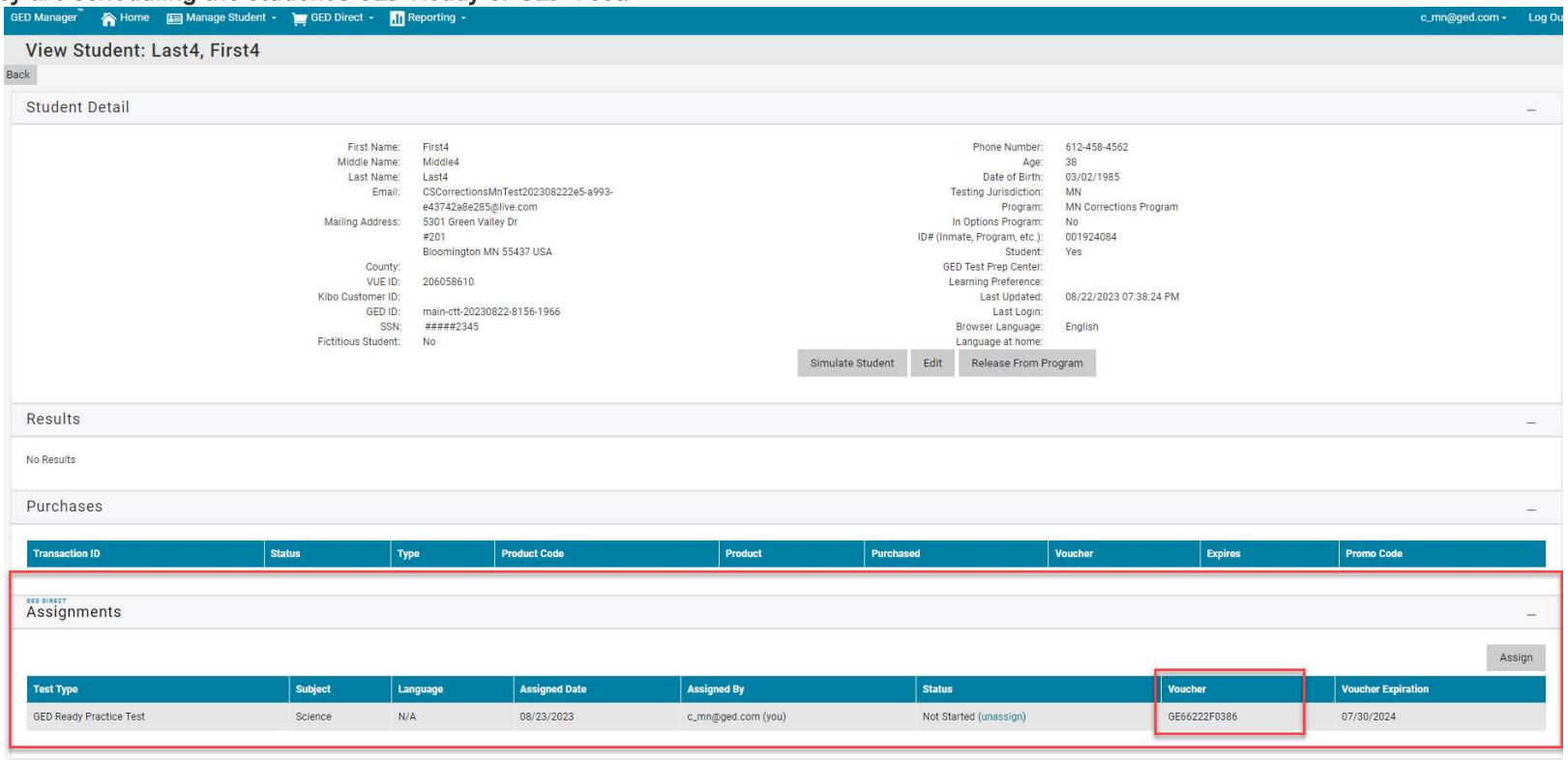
GED Direct - Corrections Officers will now be able to use GED Direct

- They will be able to assign GED Ready's to their students and see all their assignments on Manage Assignments page.



GED Direct - Corrections Officers will now be able to use GED Direct

- They will be able to see the "Assignments" section on Student Detail and copy/paste the voucher from that section into RegMan when they are scheduling the student's GED Ready or GED Test.



GED Direct™ Volume Discounts for GED Readys™

Quantity	Unit Price
1-24	$5.00
25-49	$4.75
50-99	$4.50
100-499	$4.00
500-999	$3.75
1,000-2,499	$3.50
2,500-4,999	$3.25
5,000+	$3.00

For comparison GED Marketplace™ unit price for GED Ready™ is $6.99

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GED Direct

- Purchasing GED Readys via GED Direct will result in correctional facilities receiving bulk pricing and considerable savings off the retail price.

- Purchasing GED tests via GED Direct is not advised for most correctional facilities as the price is what the public pays and not the correctional pricing, i.e. correctional facilities do not pay/receive channel compensation thus the price per subject is $10.00 lower for corrections ($26 vs $36 for states with standard pricing).

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GED Test Delivery

CCT and Chromebooks

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Software Installation: Cloud Computing Technology (CCT) is available for Correctional Facilities

CCT software delivers the GED test with some advantages over the standard software install.

- CCT software install is **faster to install** than the standard software.
- CCT **functions as a server** in large testing centers with 15 or more computers.
- Software updates are handled **via the cloud** (not manually).
- Requires **internet connectivity** that is stable and reliable.
- You must be a **GED Only** center in order to go the CCT route.

Standard Software vs CCT (Cloud)

Standard Software

- Allows test delivery in an offline manner, i.e. student is testing on a computer, but the computer does not need to be internet connected.
- The test administrator computer will need to connect to the internet on test day in order to download/upload the exams.
- Once the software is installed there are periodic software updates you will need to run over time in order to keep the software up to date and secure.

Cloud Computing Technology (CCT)

CCT software delivers the GED test with some advantages over the standard software install.

- CCT software install is faster to install than the standard software
- CCT eliminates the need for a server in large testing centers with 15 or more computers. CCT functions as the server.
- No periodic software updates for you as the test center to do. Software updates are handled via the cloud.
- Requires internet connectivity that is stable and reliable

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CCT Delivery

- We are delivering the GED test via the CCT software at 50-60 GED testing sites across the U.S.
- There are correctional facilities in 7-8 states delivering via CCT.
- Feedback from test administrators regarding test delivery via CCT has been positive.
- If you are aware of correctional facilities in your state experiencing consistent technical issues contact your GEDTS SRM to discuss a possible transitional to CCT.
- Remember, CCT requires internet connectivity that is stable and reliable

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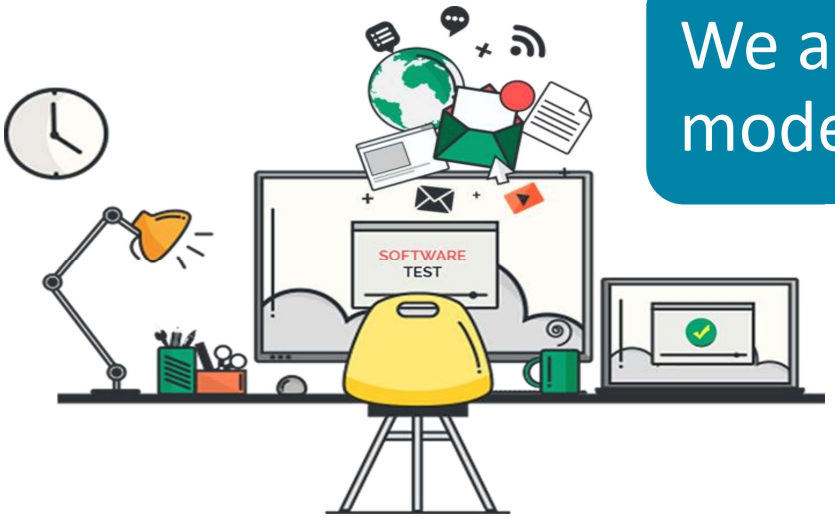
Delivering GED® Tests on Chromebooks in Correctional Facilities?



We are currently in pilot mode

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GED Test Delivery on Chromebooks

- Michigan DOC has delivered the first GED tests on Chromebooks in the past couple of months. This is a major milestone.
- There has been, and continues to be, a major effort by MI DOC staff to make this happen along with Pearson VUE IT staff.

- MI DOC is working to expand GED testing on Chromebooks throughout all of their facilities.
- Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation and Corrections is also working toward delivery of the GED test on Chromebooks.

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Delivering GED Testing on Chromebooks

- Please know that GED testing on Chromebooks is in a pilot phase.
- Think of GED testing on Chromebooks as a new product. A new product that has many technical challenges, bugs and product documentation is a work in progress.
- MI DOC staff have invested considerable time and effort to make this happen as are OH DOC staff.
- We need to proceed slowly with expanding, but we are open to conversations with additional correctional sites.
- Delivery on Chromebooks is for correctional facilities ONLY.

2024 Correctional Conferences

2024 Correctional Conferences GED Testing Service Has Attended (will attend)

GEDTS has attended the following conferences in 2024:

- PA CEA Conf (March)
- COABE Conf (March)
- CEA Forum (April)
- GA DOC Conf (May)
- WI CEA Conf (May)

GEDTS will attend:

- CEA International Conf – Columbus, OH (July)
- CEA Region 1 Conf – Plymouth, MA (September)
- Let us know if there is a correctional conference in your state you'd like to invite us to.

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Final Reminders

Reminder

- Please remind correctional staff that they must complete registering individuals in GED Manager before they will be able to schedule individuals for the GED test.

- Is there a need for materials/flyers focused on GED testing for corrections?
- For example, I've received feedback that a one page document highlighting how to become a GED testing center would be helpful for correctional facilities who don't currently deliver GED testing.

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Correctional Verification List

Issue: correctional facilities have consistently expressed frustration with the difficulty in verifying whether an individual has passed the GED test in a state outside of the one they are currently incarcerated.

Ex. Ohio DOC has a new inmate who says he passed the GED test in Florida in 2012.

How GEDTS Can Help: we have compiled a correctional verification contact list by state to assist correctional facilities in verifying whether an individual in your facility passed the GED test in another state.

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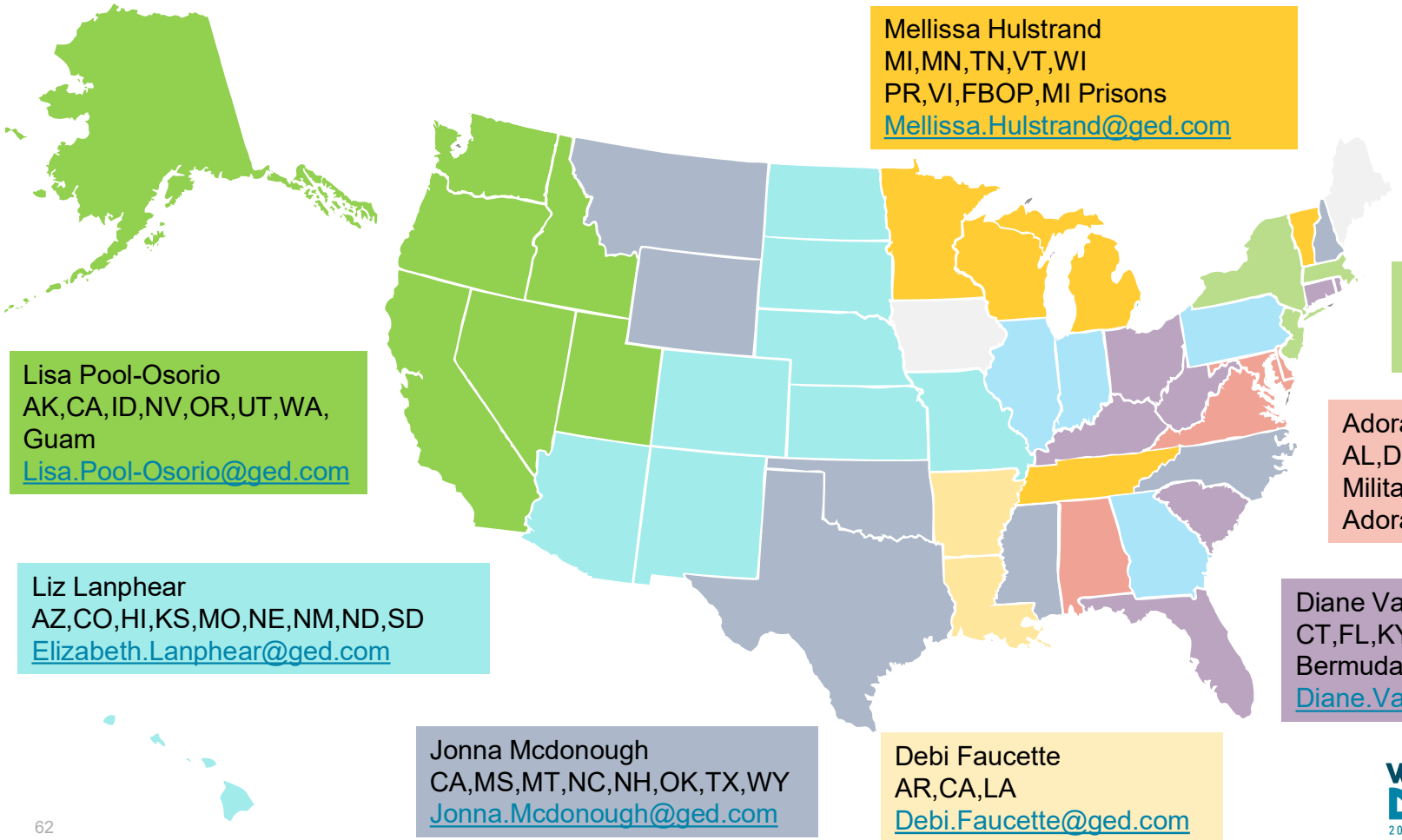
Your State Relationship Team



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