



The Value of Mobile Testing Centers

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Today's Learning Objectives

- Understand the concept of Mobile Testing Sites
- Look at the reasons to do Mobile Testing
- Examine the current testing footprint in the US
- Discuss how to make this work in your state
- Review more details about Mobile Testing

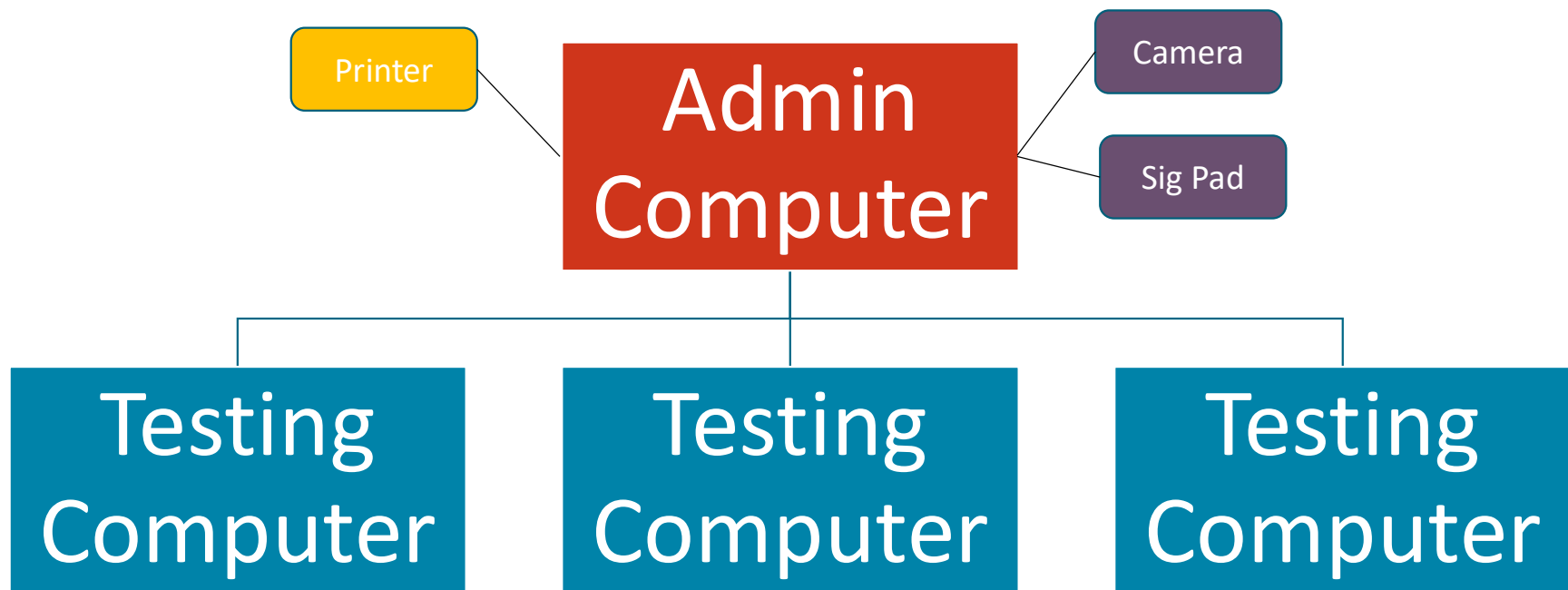
What is a Mobile Testing Center?

A mobile testing center is a set of **testing computers** and other necessary equipment that can be deployed in a **remote location** to do GED® testing.

Mobile testing centers are usually created as “**satellites**” of existing fixed testing centers. **Freestanding mobile sites** may be approved at the discretion of GED Testing Service.

Mobile testing is most commonly used to serve jails, but it can be very **valuable for public testing needs**.

General Testing Setup (SAMPLE)





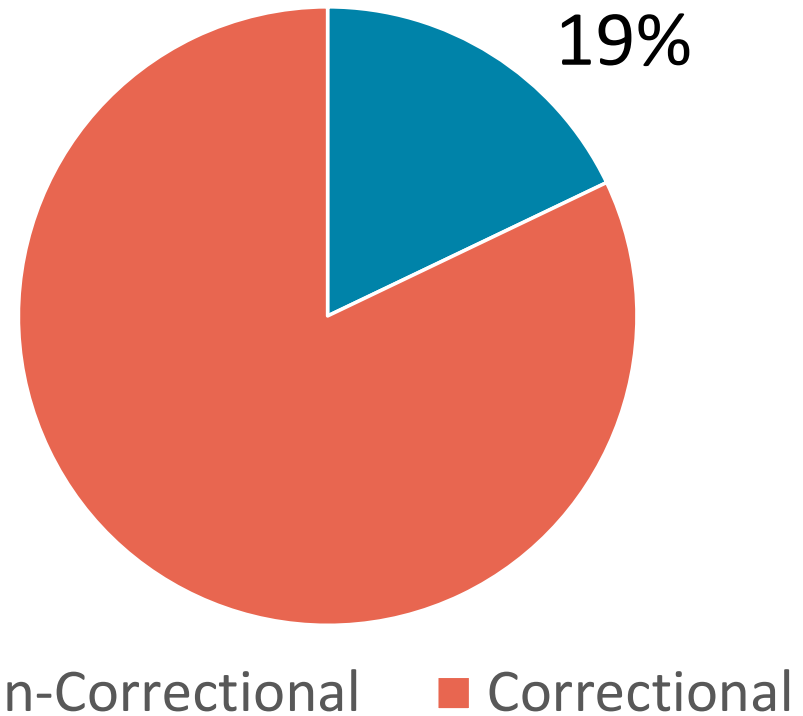
What makes Mobile Testing a good idea?

- A mobile site allows you to **take testing to your students**
- It offers the same **test security** as a fixed Pearson VUE Testing Center, because it is a PVTC
- Your test proctor can be the **same proctor** as for a fixed site

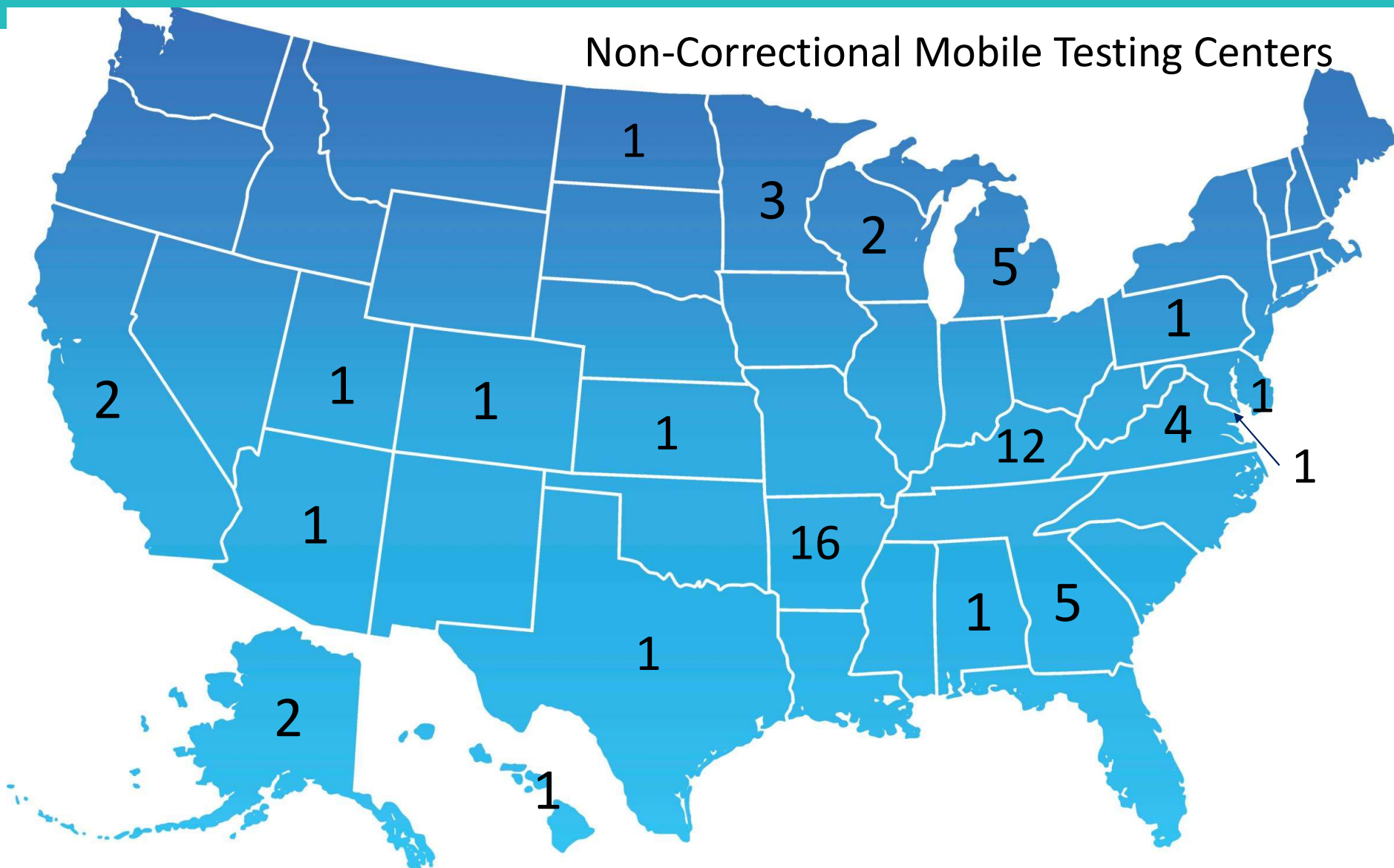
Mobile Testing Center Statistics

313 Mobile Testing Centers
in the US (as of June 2024)

- 254 Correctional
- 59 Non-Correctional



Non-Correctional Mobile Testing Centers



Why Do Mobile Testing?





Help Address Capacity Issues

“Testing deserts” create more barriers for adult learners with transportation issues. Distance increases obstacles around:

- Cost
- Time
- Courage



Benefits

- Reduced travel costs for students
- Reduced wait time for testing
 - May increase pass percentage by reducing wait time
- Flexibility of testing schedule
- Tests may be delivered offline
- More reliable than Online Proctored (OP)

You can take testing to where your students are.

How to Set Up Mobile Testing



How to Set Up Mobile Testing – Local Level

Before You Apply

- Consider locations where testing is needed
- Identify libraries, schools, churches, businesses, etc. which have a space suitable to meet the security requirements of GED® Testing
- Determine how operating costs will be covered



How to Set Up Mobile Testing – Local Level

One-Time Costs

- ESP Kit (digital cameras and digital signature pad)
- Portable storage (if no storage available on-site)
- Laptops
- Extra monitors, keyboards, mice



How to Set Up Mobile Testing – Local Level

Recurring Costs

- Test Administrator salary
- Mileage for travel

Consider private funding sources and alternate grant opportunities to cover these costs.

How to Set Up Mobile Testing – Local Level

Application

- Contact PV Channel Sales (through your SRM)
- Sign an Exhibit B as an addendum to your current site agreement (if adding to an existing test center; freestanding Mobile sites go through a deeper application)
- Complete a questionnaire
- Your fixed site needs to be in operation for 3 months prior to adding mobile testing (exceptions may be available)

How to Set Up Mobile Testing – Local Level

Questionnaire

- Describe the following:
 - Reception and check-in area (check-in outside the testing area)
 - Personal item storage (locked and outside the testing area)
 - Test delivery area (distraction-free and with laptops 4 feet apart or separated by dividers)
 - Monitoring (proctor has a clear view of all test-takers at all times)

How to Set Up Mobile Testing – Local Level

Equipment

- Laptops (testing and administrator); separate from any used in the fixed center
- Security kit (camera and signature pad)
- Peripherals (keyboards, mice, monitors)
- Storage for test-takers' personal items
- Storage/transportation for laptops and peripherals

[Technical Requirements for Laptops in Mobile Test Centers \(pearsonvue.com\)](https://pearsonvue.com)



How to Set Up Mobile Testing – Local Level

Software

- After the Site ID is assigned, you will receive a link to download and install software
- Be sure you have someone available who has local admin rights to your computers

Mobile Testing Implementation Flow

Identify areas to conduct testing that will satisfy security needs.
Contact Pearson Sales to set up an application.
Sign and return the Exhibit B.

1

Procure equipment based on Pearson specs.

2

3

Install software to laptops.
Certify additional Test Administrators, if necessary.

4

Begin Testing.

More Mobile Testing Details





More Mobile Testing Details

GED test may be delivered offline

- Download tests to the Admin Computer where internet is available
- Connect Admin Computer to Testing Computers at the testing site
- Deliver the test
- Upload the scores when the Admin Computer is connected again to the internet (ideally within 24 hours)



More Mobile Testing Details

Minimum 1 testing computer (maximum 15)

- Mobile testing can be as simple or complex as you like!
- It can be customized to fit your budget.



More Mobile Testing Details

Set your own testing hours

- Mobile testing centers are Private by default
- Testing hours are not visible to test-takers in their GED accounts
- You can test with extreme flexibility and responsiveness



More Mobile Testing Details

Register test-takers directly in Registration Manager

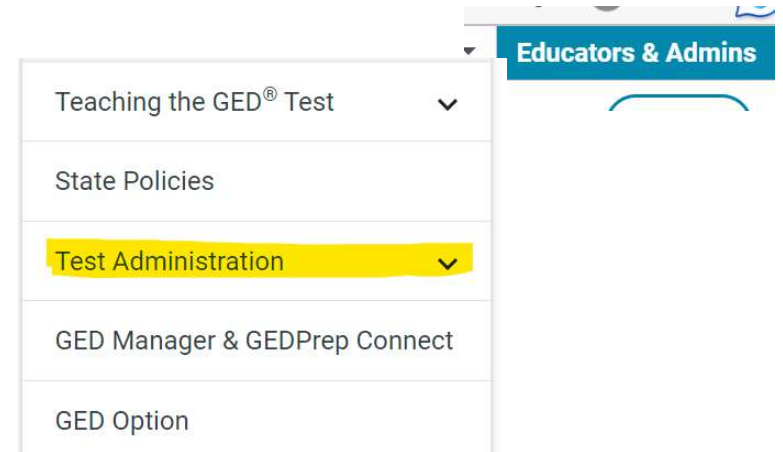
- Mobile testing centers are Private, and test-takers cannot see these centers in their GED accounts
- The Test Administrator registers students directly for testing, and this can be done immediately before testing

Other Information

GED.com

→ Educators and Admins

→ Test Administration



[General Information about Testing Centers](#)

[Technical Requirements for Laptops in Mobile Test Centers \(pearsonvue.com\)](#)



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