

Reengaging Learners Who are One Test Away from Earning their GED[®] Credential

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Background: The Big Picture

How did it all begin?

Since 2014...

142,854

individuals passed 3 of the 4 GED[®] subtests and never finished the final test!

Source: GED[®] Testing Service, GED[®] Conference 2024 presentation

Virginia's 1 GED[®] to Go Campaign

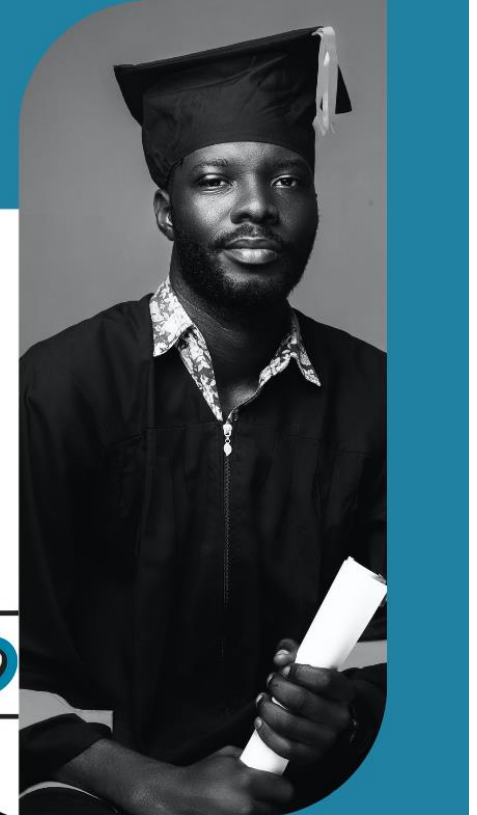
We had a starting list of 3,396 test takers from 2014 to 2021 who had passed 3 out of 4 subtests

- 78% needed to pass the Math test
- 16% needed RLA
- 4% needed Social Studies
- 2% needed Science

Tutoring and Boot Camps are targeted interventions that have been implemented at the local level to re-engage learners.

Let us know how we can help you finish your last GED[®] test!

Show yourself what you can do.



Targeted Approaches

Common Features:

- Targeted outreach
- Student selection
- Collaborative planning
- Focused, intensive & accelerated
- Unique scheduling
- Varied instructional delivery approaches
- Mix of instructional resources
- Designed to meet local needs

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Questions?



Resources to Support Outreach & Implementation

- **Archived webinars on the VALRC website, valrc.org**
 - *Planning and Implementing a GED® Math Boot Camp*
 - *GED® Boot Camps 2.0*
- **Professional development resources on ged.com under Educators & Admins**
 - Archived *Tuesdays for Teachers* webinars
- **Just 1 to Go Outreach Toolkit**
 - Customizable templates for use by local adult education programs
 - Access the Toolkit:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1u9zMossBkN-JJELFp-DTcBtGOlgnPAnb>
- **GED® test vouchers**
 - Continue to use Race to GED® funds to provide free testing opportunities for enrolled adult education students who attend 12+ hours and earn a passing score on the GED Ready®.

A Few Takeaways

- Help students understand the benefits of participating in the boot camp and why it is a worthwhile investment of their time.
- Provide incentives (i.e., vouchers for GED Ready[®] and Official GED[®] Test).
- Involve community partners in sharing the message in their outreach and communications.
- Coordinate with the local GED[®] Testing Center.
 - Don't delay! Schedule students for testing as soon as possible.
- Adapt your models as needed. Stay in pilot mode!
- Always ask for participant feedback.

Thank you for your participation!

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