

# School Sisters of Notre Dame Educational Center

## GED Program 2025



### **What is the GED?**

*The GED (General Educational Development) test is the test used by New York State to issue high school equivalency diplomas.*

### **About the GED:**

*The GED test requires students to take and pass subtests in four subject areas: English, math, science, and social studies. All information about the GED, including ways to study, practice questions, when and where the test is offered, and how to sign up to take the test, can be found at <https://ged.com/>.*

### **About the GED program at the School Sisters of Notre Dame Educational Center:**

*The School Sisters of Notre Dame Educational Center is located at 87-04 88th Avenue in Woodhaven, NY, and offers free classes to prepare women for the GED test. Classes are small, and the environment is welcoming and supportive.*

- Classes are offered Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Classes are taught in English by certified teachers.
- Classes are offered in the following subjects: English, math, science, and social studies.
- There is a \$40 fee to register each year and no cost for classes or books.
- Classes begin in September and continue until June.
- All classes are taken in person.

### **Eligibility for attending the School Sisters of Notre Dame Educational Center program:**

- A commitment to working on their high school equivalency diploma.
- Must be twenty years old or older (no upper limit).
- Be able to attend classes Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Have a background in English and mathematics to work on the high school curriculum in English.

### To register for GED classes that began in September 2024:

- Registration is on a rolling basis.
- Come to the Center to register between 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Mon-Thursday. You can also contact Cathy Stare at: [cathy.stare@ssndecwomens.org](mailto:cathy.stare@ssndecwomens.org) to make an appointment to register.
- You must take a short test in English and math as part of the registration process.
- Pay a \$40 registration fee each year. There is no fee for classes or books.
- Classes began on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

### Frequently asked questions:

- **When do classes begin?** *In 2024, classes began on Monday, September 16. However, students can still join the program during the school year.*
- **I need to take only certain subjects since I've already passed some classes. Can I attend this program?** *Yes. We have several students enrolled in our current program who take only some subject classes since they have already passed other GED courses.*
- **Sometimes I'll need to miss class. Is that ok?** *Yes. We understand that life happens and students will need to be absent. Students are asked to contact the Center and let us know they will miss class.*
- **Will laptops and desktop computers be used in class?** *Yes, laptops and desktop computers are used in class to facilitate learning and prepare students to take the GED test on a computer.*
- **Is there a cost for the program?** *There is a \$40 fee to register but there is no cost for books or classes.*
- **Can I take the GED test at the Center?** *No. The GED test can only be taken at an NYC HSE (High School Equivalency) Testing Center. We will help you find a testing center and register for the GED test. A list of testing centers can be found at <https://ged.com/>.*
- **What do I need to bring to class at the Center?** *Bring pens, pencils, notebooks, and folders. The most important things to bring are your heart and mind, energy and perseverance, determination, and the desire to work hard and succeed.*
- **How long will I need to study at the Center?** *The length of time that women study at the Center depends on the amount of schooling they have, how quickly they learn, and the time they study on their own. As soon as students attain a sufficient level of proficiency in a*

*subject area their teacher will encourage them to register for the GED test in that particular subject.*

**Interested in finding out more about the GED program at the School Sisters of Notre Dame Educational Center? Do you have specific questions or concerns?**

- Send an email to Cathy Stare, the GED registrar, at [cathy.stare@ssndecwomens.org](mailto:cathy.stare@ssndecwomens.org).

### **About the GED in New York State:**

*States have different requirements for granting a high school equivalency diploma. At the website <https://www.acces.nysed.gov/hse/high-school-equivalency-hse>, you can find more information for New York State residents. There you will find other pathways through which New York State residents can obtain a high school equivalency diploma.*

Good news: There is no cost to take the GED test for New York State residents.

### **Description of GED Classes:**

**English:** Students develop critical thinking skills that enable them to write a clear and analytical essay on a given topic. Students read passages and answer questions that demonstrate their reading ability.

**Mathematics:** Building on basic math skills, students study geometry, algebra, graphs, and functions.

**Science:** Students use logic and reasoning to interpret information and draw conclusions in a science context and to design and interpret science experiments.

**Social Studies:** Students learn to analyze historical events and arguments as well as read graphs to interpret social studies information.

**Technology (Computers):** The GED test is taken on a computer. Students will use computers in class to practice writing their essays and answering test questions.