

## **General Educational Development (GED)**

The proper administration, supervision and integrity of the GED testing program are joint responsibilities of Montana and the GED Testing Service. Montana's GED program has day-to-day responsibility for policy implementation, administration of the program and all GED testing center services. It approves and monitors state testing centers, provides training and technical assistance to test examiners and evaluation of field operations.

The GED Program:

- Oversees 25 General Educational Development (GED) testing sites and 10 addendum sites across the state.
- Monitors all GED testing centers to ensure compliance with the American Council on Education regulations.
- Processes more than 3,000 GED tests annually.
- Annually mails over 2,500 GED duplicate transcripts used by individuals for application to the military, postsecondary education and employment.
- Responds to approximately 1,000 inquiries via telephone and email each year from parents, students, teachers, administrators and community-based organizations regarding GED attainment.
- Implemented an electronic scoring system that provides student test scores within one to four hours for all sections of the test except the essay portion. The essay scoring may take one to three days. Previously, test takers waited three to six weeks for test score results.
- Developed an updated information system that allows each test center the ability to view a student's test history, modify demographic data and print unofficial transcripts. Previously, test centers had to contact the OPI for all student information which delayed student testing and student transition to the workforce or entry into postsecondary.