

**GED, ESL & Civics Classes or On-Line Courses  
&  
Family Literacy Program  
GED, ESL & Civics Classes**



**GED Preparation Program**

GED classes assist students in preparing to take the five GED examinations (Language Arts-Writing, Language Arts-Reading, Math, Social Studies, and Science). Students gain academic skills necessary for the successful completion of their Texas high school equivalency certificate.

Students can enroll in GED classes listed below. Each student must provide a valid form of identification (i. e., Texas driver's license, Texas identification card, or military ID) & social security number during registration. Prospective students 16-17 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and provide official withdrawal documentation from the last school attended and/or court order if applicable.

**Mandatory GED Registration for evening classes will be held Jan. 19 & 20 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Students must attend one of the registration dates & plan to stay 3 hours. Space is limited so come early. Testing begins promptly at 5:30 p.m. You must register to attend classes!**

**FREE GED CLASSES**

LOCATION	TIME	DAYS
Judson Family Complex <b>Moved to</b> former Old Converse Elem. Annex, 102 School St., Converse, TX 78109	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Tues, Thurs., & Fri.
Judson Family Complex	6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Tues., Wed., & Thurs.

**FREE ESL & CIVICS CLASSES**

Judson Family Complex	5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Tues. & Wed.
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**Mandatory ESL Registration will be on Feb. 2, 3, & 4 at 5:30 p.m. Registration is first-come, first served; so come early. Bring a form of identification, i.e. driver's license or social security number. (No walk-ins after registration. Classes start the following week.)**

The ESL course is for adults who wish to learn or improve their speaking, reading, and writing skills in the English language. These classes provide instruction in oral and written English for everyday use. The Civics portion provides a basic introduction to U.S. history & government as well as preparation for students applying for citizenship.

**Clase de Ingles de Segundo Lenguage**

Esta clase es para los adultos que desean aprender o mejorar su discurso, la lectura, y escritura de habilidades en la lengua de ingles. Estas clases proporcionan la instruccion en ingles oral y escrito para el uso diario. Los clases son gratis. Los estudiantes se registran en la clase.

***For more information, please call our automated line at (210) 945-5394 or visit our website at JudsonISD.org***

**Family Literacy Program  
Judson Family Complex (formerly Converse Elem.)  
102 School St., Converse, TX 78109  
New phone: 945-6751**

The Family Literacy Program provides the following: ABE & GED classes, ESL, Parent & Child Together (PACT), Parenting Classes, Home Visitation from Family Specialist, Early Childhood Classes (3-4 year olds), Field Trips, Computer Support, etc. All services are provided free for our program participants. The program hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The eligibility requirements are as follows: resides in the Judson School District; parents seeking ABE/GED certificate; parents seeking to learn English. To enroll, students must have proof of residency (i.e., utility bill or lease), photo ID (Driver's License/State ID); child's birth certificate; social security cards for parents and children; children's immunization records.

**Mandatory Spring Registration will be 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**January 6, 2010 – ESL Students**

**January 7, 2010 – New GED Students**

**Interested students should call on Dec. 1 to put name on waiting list**

**For additional information, call Family Literacy at 945-6751**

**Classes start on Tues, January 19, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

## **GED TESTING INFORMATION**

### **General Information & Fees**

GED Examinees are required to successfully pass five tests to earn a GED certificate. The five tests are: Language Arts-Writing, Social Studies, Science, Language Arts-Reading and Mathematics. You must be at least 17 years old, not enrolled in high school, and have a valid Texas driver's license, DPS identification card or military ID in order to register. A parent or guardian must accompany 17 year old applicants to sign the registration. An official withdrawal document from the last school attended must be presented.

**You can register and pay for tests in the Adult & Community Education office at 8205 Palisades Drive in Live Oak on Monday--Friday, 8:00 -11:30 a.m. & 1:30 - 4:45 p.m. Please by 3:00 p.m. Prior to arrival in the office, you must complete the online GED Demographic form which can be accessed at Judsonisd.org. Click on GED Program and under "Requirements for Prospective Examinees, you will see the link. Complete the online demographics form and keep the**

user name and password. You will be asked for Judson's code which is: 0445. To complete your registration, you must come to the Adult & Community Education office to complete the registration form and pay the testing fee of \$105. All fees are valid for one year only. Testing fees are to be paid at the time of registration in the form of **cash, money order, or credit card** (VISA or MasterCard).

A forfeiture of \$18 per test applies when scheduled tests are not taken, unless cancelled by student prior to test time. Registration closes for each Tuesday or Wednesday's test at 3:00 p.m. on the day prior to testing. **GED tests are administered every Tuesday & Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. as indicated below at the Secondary Alternative/ Evening High School (formerly old Converse Elementary located at 102 School Street, Converse, TX 78109).** Late examinees will not be allowed to test.

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:**

- The GED Testing Service™ will be releasing a **new GED test series**. The new test series – the fifth in test history – will start on **January 1, 2012**. By December 31, 2011, you must have taken and earned minimum scores on ALL FIVE current content area tests (Language Arts, Reading; Language Arts, Writing; Social Studies; Science; and Mathematics) and the minimum average score of 2250, OR you will need to take the *entire* 2012 Series test battery – all five tests.

### **GED REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:**

- All potential examinees must present a letter from an official GED prep instructor stating that the student is ready to take all or portions of the Official GED Tests battery OR provide a transcript after taking the Official GEDTS Practice test available at <http://steckvaughn.harcourtachieve.com/en-US/gedpractice>. Examinees that have self-prepped may be given the option to sign a *waiver*. Information on the *waiver* may be provided at the time of registration. Ask for details.
- Payment must be made with cash, money order or credit card (MasterCard or VISA) prior to testing at the JISD Adult Education Department at the Judson Education Resource Center. (210) 945-5338.
- If the examinee is 17 years old, he/she must bring a parent/guardian to sign the registration.
- The Office of Student Support Services will accept telephone registration for testing for those examinees that have prepaid and preregistered by calling (210) 945-7525.
- The deadline to call in prepaid registration is 4:00 PM on the day prior to the requested test date. The examinee's name and requested test(s) will be placed on a list if slots are still available. Examinees need to report to the test site by 4:45 PM on the Wednesday of their test.
- The examinee **must** bring a proper picture ID. (Driver's license, DPS ID, or Military ID) only. Do not bring anything else to the center: backpacks, books, purses, etc.
- The Writing and the Mathematics test portions of the series will be administered by alternating weekly every Tuesday of the month. The other three required test portions which are Social Studies, Science and Reading will be administered every Wednesday of the month unless it is a holiday.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS:**

The Judson ISD GED testing service provides testing accommodations for disabled candidates. Contact the Office of Student Support Services at (210) 945-7525 for further

information and to obtain an official application. Or visit the Texas Education Agency's website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/ged/forms.html> to download the proper forms.

Candidates requesting accommodations must obtain and complete all sections of the proper accommodation application. A certified or licensed professional must complete the forms by providing current documentation and evaluation information on the examinee. The completed forms must then be returned to the Office of Student Support Services for review. The forms are then forwarded to the state department in Austin for review and final approval. All forms must be approved and on file prior to testing with an accommodation.

#### **FEES:**

Cost for the testing is \$105.00 for all 5 tests; this includes registration fees, & must be paid in full at registration in cash, money order, or credit card (VISA or Mastercard). All fees will be kept on file for one year after which time they cannot be refunded nor used for testing. Retest fees are \$18.00 per test. Students must present a retest letter at the time of registration or wait 6 months to retest the failed portion of the GED series. Also, if a student has signed up for a GED test and does not call to cancel taking the test prior to test time, they will forfeit the \$18.00 testing fee.

#### **SCORING:**

- Scoring is not done within the district. Scoring is done at the UT @ Austin Scoring Center. Students should receive their transcript of score(s) approximately two to three weeks after they have been sent in for scoring. If you are approved to receive scores over the phone, you may contact the JISD Testing Center the following week, on Friday, to obtain scores from the prior week's test administration.
- All test scores and certificates earned from 1995 to present are not kept on file at Judson ISD. All testers and graduates must keep all their records received from TEA/GED in Austin. If records are needed from this time frame, individuals must call the GED Unit of the Texas Education Agency in Austin at (512) 463-9292.

**Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Student Support Services at (210) 945-7525.**

### **GED TESTS DATES FOR 2009 - 2010 (SPRING)**

Judson ISD GED Test Center will administer GED testing monthly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 5:00PM in the Secondary Alternative/ Evening High School (formerly Old Converse Elementary). This schedule shall remain in place unless there is a holiday or unforeseen need to cancel. All examinees need to arrive no later than 4:45PM with proper identification. The Writing test portion and the Mathematics test portion will be administered by alternating the Tuesdays of every month. The other three required test portions which are Social Studies, Science and Literature will be administered every Wednesday of the month unless it is a holiday.

**Please note that the dates for January are TENTATIVE as our center must first receive approval from the GED Unit at TEA in order to resume testing for the new contract year.**

#### **JANUARY**

5 Math

6 Social Studies, Science or Reading

12 Writing

13 Social Studies, Science or Reading  
19 Math  
20 Social Studies, Science or Reading  
26 Writing  
27 Social Studies, Science or Reading

## **FEBRUARY**

2 Math  
3 Social Studies, Science or Reading  
9 Writing  
10 Social Studies, Science or Reading  
16 Math  
17 Social Studies, Science or Reading  
23 Writing  
24 Social Studies, Science or Reading

## **MARCH**

2 Math  
3 Social Studies, Science or Reading  
9 Writing  
10 Social Studies, Science or Reading  
16 No Testing – **SPRING BREAK**  
17 No Testing – **SPRING BREAK**  
23 Math  
24 Social Studies, Science or Reading  
30 Writing  
31 Social Studies, Science or Reading

## **APRIL**

6 Math  
7 Social Studies, Science or Reading  
13 Writing  
14 Social Studies, Science or Reading  
20 Math  
21 Social Studies, Science or Reading  
27 Writing  
28 Social Studies, Science or Reading

## **MAY**

4 Math  
5 Social Studies, Science or Reading  
11 Writing  
12 Social Studies, Science or Reading  
18 Math  
19 Social Studies, Science or Reading  
25 Writing  
26 Social Studies, Science or Reading

***The 2010 summer testing schedule will be posted at a later date.***

## ON-LINE GED & ESL COURSES

### GED Preparation

Visit <http://www.ed2go.com/judson> to register for our online “*GED Test Preparation*” course found in the *Test Prep* section and work at your own pace day or night.

### Prepare for GED Language Arts Writing Test

Visit <http://www.ed2go.com/judson> to register for our online “*Prepare for GED Language Arts Writing Test*” course found in the *Test Prep* section and work at your own pace as your schedule allows.

### Prepare for GED Math Test

Visit <http://www.ed2go.com/judson> to register for our online “*Prepare for GED Math Test*” course found in the *Test Prep* section and work on the course as your schedule allows.

### Grammar for ESL

Visit <http://www.ed2go.com/judson> to register for our online “*Grammar for ESL*” course found in the *Test Prep* section and work at your own pace as your schedule allows.

### Writing for ESL

Visit <http://www.ed2go.com/judson> to register for our online “*Writing for ESL*” course found in the *Writing & Publishing* section & work on the course according to your schedule.

***For more information, visit our website at [Judsonisd.org](http://Judsonisd.org)***

## GED GRADUATION CEREMONY

GED students testing with Judson I.S.D. who passed all five portions of the GED exam successfully during the 2009-2010 school year will be honored in graduation ceremonies held on May 27, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Theater. Call 210-945-5338 for additional information.

## GED SCHOLARSHIP

GED students that tested with Judson I.S.D. during the last school year may be eligible to apply for a scholarship through the GED program if they have met minimum scores. Students must be legal U.S. citizens. Students that have met the requirements will be sent a letter of invitation to apply for the scholarship. Students will be given directions on how to obtain a copy of the scholarship application in the letter of invitation. Eligible

students that receive the scholarship must participate in the graduation ceremony, as recipients will be honored at graduation.