



Arizona Department of Education

Adult Education Services

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Arizona Adult Education and High School Equivalency System Stakeholders:

The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) would like to inform you of an important change in the High School Equivalency Test Jurisdictional Guidelines regarding the test language options for GED[®] testing candidates in Arizona.

Effective August 1, 2019, GED[®] testing candidates in Arizona can earn their High School Equivalency Diploma by passing the 4- four GED[®] required sub-tests in English, Spanish, *or a combination of the two languages (such as passing one, two or three GED[®] sub-tests in English and the remaining sub-test(s) in Spanish)*. To earn the Arizona High School Equivalency Diploma, candidates must also pass the Arizona Civics Test which is only administered in English.

This change in the Jurisdictional Guidelines will also be applied retroactively to January 1, 2014. ADE/Adult Education Services will notify GED[®] candidates who previously tested with a combination of languages and are affected by this change.

For more information about Arizona's Adult Education and High School Equivalency System, please see the ADE/Adult Education Services website at <http://www.azed.gov/adultedservices/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheryl O. Hart".

Sheryl O. Hart

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