

## GED testing restructured for 2014

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Beginning at the start of January, the General Education Development tests became much more technology-oriented.

To attain a GED previously, five tests were completed with paper and pencil. Now, just four computer-based tests are necessary to complete a GED program.

Reading and writing tests have been combined to form a reasoning through language arts test. The other three tests are still mathematical reasoning, science and social studies.

With the move to computers, Phillips County Family Education Services, Inc. executive director Trisha Herman said PCFES offers basic computer guidance to help those less familiar with the technology.

Herman also noted that the long essay that many students dreaded in the past has been replaced with extended- and short-answer essays. More reasoning and critical thinking is involved in the new comprehensive tests.

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