

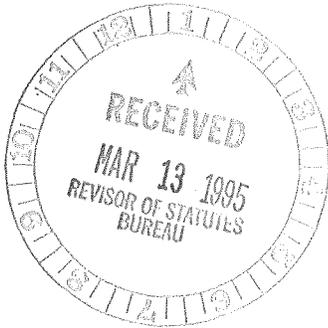
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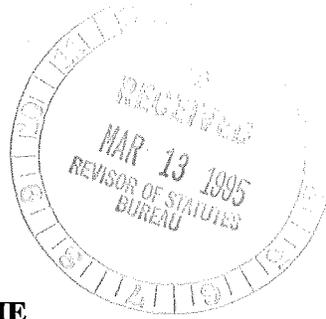
I, State Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction and custodian of the official records of said Department, do hereby certify that the annexed rule relating to the general educational development test was duly approved and adopted by this Department on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department at General Executive Facility (GEF) 3, 125 South Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841, in the city of Madison, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1995.

  
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John T. Benson  
State Superintendent  
State Department of Public Instruction



**ORDER OF THE  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
CREATING RULES**

The state superintendent of public instruction hereby renumbers PI 5.035(intro.) and creates PI 5.035(2) to (6), relating to the standard passing score for the general educational development test.

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**ANALYSIS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

Statutory authority: ss. 115.29(4), 118.15(1)(cm) and 227.11(2)(a), Stats.

Statute interpreted: s. 115.29(4), Stats.

On August 23, 1994, the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR) directed the Department of Public Instruction to promulgate emergency rules relating to the standard passing score for the general educational development (GED) test.

This permanent rule is a result of JCRAR's directive and specifies both the passing GED test scores and the process used to determine those scores.

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**SECTION 1.** PI 5.02(11m) and (11p) are created to read:

PI 5.02(11m) "Subtest" means one of the 5 content area tests given under the general educational development test.

(11p) "Test" means the entire battery of 5 subtests given under the general educational development test.

**SECTION 2.** PI 5.035 (intro.) is renumbered PI 5.035(1)(intro.)

**SECTION 3.** PI 5.035(2) to (6) are created to read:

PI 5.035(2) The state superintendent shall determine the general educational development test passing score on each subtest and a passing aggregate test score. The aggregate test score and the score for each subtest shall be set above the minimum standard established by the general educational development testing service of the American council on education.

(3) The subtest and test scores established under sub. (2) may be based on either of the following:

(a) The national norming study conducted by the general educational development testing service of the American council on education.

(b) A statewide norming study which shall be conducted at the state superintendent's direction.

If a statewide norming study is conducted, all of the following requirements shall be met:

1. The norming study shall be conducted in collaboration with the general educational development testing service of the American council on education or other equivalent, qualified agency.

2. The norming study shall include administering the general educational development tests to a representative sample of graduating high school seniors in Wisconsin. A representative sample shall be comparable to Wisconsin's high school senior population with respect to gender, race, size of school district and regions of the state.

3. The norming study results shall be summarized by the collaborating entity under subd. 1 and evaluated by the task force established under sub. (5).

(4) The state superintendent shall consider the recommendations made by the general educational development task force established under sub. (5).

(5) The state superintendent shall appoint a task force representing business, labor, education interest groups, students, counselors, teachers, and other interested persons to advise the state superintendent in establishing a general educational development test passing score on each subtest and a passing aggregate score.

(6) Based on the process specified under sub. (3)(b), the state superintendent establishes the general educational development subtest and test passing scores as follows:

(a) A minimum standard score of no less than 40 shall be required on each subtest in the battery of 5 subtests; and

(b) A total aggregate score of the 5 subtests may not be less than 230.

Note: An average standard score of at least 46 must be achieved in order to produce a total aggregate score of 230.

**SECTION 4. INITIAL APPLICABILITY.** This rule shall apply to persons taking any general educational development subtest on or after the effective date of this rule.

The rules contained in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month commencing after the date of publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, as provided in s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1995



John T. Benson  
State Superintendent

