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### Current Version of GED Test to Expire at end of 2013

(Topeka, Kansas) - As the official administrator of the GED® test for the state of Kansas, the Kansas Board of Regents is announcing the current version of the GED® test will expire at the end of 2013. This version, known as the 2002 Series GED® test, will be replaced with the new 2014 GED® test on January 2, 2014.

GED Testing Service, which is the creator of the exam, reports the 2014 GED® test to be released on January 2 will continue to measure high school equivalency and provide detailed information about a test-taker's readiness for college and career training programs.

Over the past five years, approximately 16,600 Kansas adults have taken the GED® test, with over 95% passing the exam. Kansans who have taken the 2002 Series GED® test within the last two years, but did not pass all five sub-tests, have until the end of 2013 to complete the current exam. If a test-taker does not complete all five sub-tests by the end of 2013, they will need to start over again in 2014 with the new GED® test in order to receive a Kansas state high school diploma.

"The GED® test opens doors to college, better jobs, and the satisfaction of earning a high school credential," said Andy Tompkins, Kansas Board of Regents CEO and President. "So we want to be sure that everyone is aware of this deadline. Therefore, for those GED® test-takers who want to take all or complete the current exam, you need to act now before the current test expires."

"Support is available at over 30 Adult Education Centers across the state," said Susan Fish, State Director of Adult Education at the Kansas Board of Regents. "There is help available for all adult learners to get prepared and take the sub-tests of the GED® test they still need to pass."

Interested GED® test-takers can find more information at [www.kansasged.org](http://www.kansasged.org), including a complete list of GED® Testing Centers and listings of where preparation assistance is available at Adult Education Centers across the state. It is also important to note, all GED® test-takers must pass the Official GED Practice Test™ prior to registering for the Official GED® exam. This link, along with eligibility and fee information, accessibility and language options, and other testing information, is available at: [www.kansasregents.org/ged\\_faqs](http://www.kansasregents.org/ged_faqs).

Contact authorized GED® Testing Centers directly for remaining registration and test dates, additional location information, and further comment: [www.kansasregents.org/ged\\_testing\\_centers](http://www.kansasregents.org/ged_testing_centers).

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#### About GED Testing Service:

The GED test has opened doors to better jobs and college programs for more than 18 million graduates since 1942. Last year nearly 800,000 adults sat for the GED test, which is accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and employers. As the creator of the official GED test, GED Testing Service has a responsibility to ensure that the program continues to be a reliable and valuable pathway to a better life for the millions of adults without a high school credential. Learn more at [GEDtestingservice.com](http://GEDtestingservice.com).

#### About the Kansas Board of Regents:

The nine-member Kansas Board of Regents, founded in 1925 and established in the Kansas Constitution, is the governing board of the six state universities and the statewide coordinating board for the state's 32 public higher education institutions (six state universities, one municipal university, nineteen community colleges, and six technical colleges). In addition, the Board administers the state's student financial aid, adult education, GED, career and technical education programs, and the state university retirement plans. The Board also approves private proprietary schools and out-of-state institutions to operate in Kansas and administers the Kan-ed network, a statewide network that provides broadband Internet access and distance learning capabilities for schools, hospitals, and libraries. Visit the Kansas Board of Regents online at [www.kansasregents.org](http://www.kansasregents.org).

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