

## The Value of Your GED

What is the value of having a general education diploma (GED)? Your GED can be an amazing tool which allows you to apply for jobs, go on to college to receive an even higher education, and earn more dollars. This tool will open up your horizons, as you can expect to earn more dollars in your lifetime with your GED. Research shows that you can earn up to \$385,000.00 dollars more than those who do not have a GED. This is definitely an amount to take notice of for your future potential.



Having a GED will be of great help getting a job and better yet, keeping that job. The GED will help you appear more valuable in the eyes of your potential employer because you have acquired the basic skills of reading, writing, math, and problem solving. This would be a level of learning that would meet or exceed the performance of the top two thirds of U.S. high school graduates. You will find that a lot of doors open up for advanced training. You may even be eligible for promotions and on-the-job training programs. Most specialized training requires either a high school diploma or a GED.

With your GED, you will have the opportunity to go on to higher educational opportunities which will further increase your earning power. If the college or university you wish to attend does not accept a GED, always think about alternate strategies. Consider attending a community college first then transferring to that four year college or university of your choice. Once you have college experience, the lack of a high school diploma becomes a non-issue.

If you are interested in getting your GED and opening up your opportunities, simply pick up your phone and dial 425-388-9288 (Everett Community College GED Testing). If you need some refresher classes call Jayne Joyner at 360-716-4892. Of course, you can always contact the Higher Education Department for questions also.

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