

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

GED vs High School Diploma



GED stands for General Education Development and it is not the same as a high school diploma. It is a certificate issued to those who pass the exam and only shows that you demonstrated a basic ability level.

If you drop out, you can get your GED and it will be just as good as a high school diploma right?

Maybe not. Read on to learn more.

While obtaining your GED is better than not having any kind of degree at all, it is not the same as having a high school diploma. Having a GED *will* open doors to students that would be closed if they dropped out of school. On the other hand, a GED is not viewed the same as a high school diploma, especially by potential employers:

- 15% of GED recipients who enter college earn a degree while 65% of students who enter college with a high school diploma earn a degree.
- Research suggests that, especially in today's tough job market, workers with a high school diploma are favored for entry-level jobs over students with a GED.

Many employers view a high school diploma as more than just a piece of paper. It represents a student's ability to work hard, "stick to it" and work through any obstacles they encounter. All of these are important traits in a potential employee.

While, of course, it is possible for someone who obtains their GED to have a successful career, research shows that it's often harder for these students to fulfill their career goals than for students who complete their high school diploma.

**Learn the facts
before you decide!**

Are you or someone you know thinking about dropping out? Leaving school can affect you for the rest of your life. Contact us and let us help you discover ways to stay in school and be successful.



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