



THREE ROUTES TO EARN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

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	ADULT HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT DIPLOMA PROGRAM (AHSCDP)	GED® (General Educational Development)	NATIONAL EXTERNAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM (NEDP)
Requirements	Earn 21 credits by attending classes, transference of previously earned high school credits, military experience, occupational training, community service and work experience.	Meet passing standard on four tests: Reasoning through Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and Mathematical Reasoning.	Demonstrate mastery of academic skills in core subject areas using a computer-based high school diploma program. Meet and work with a certified assessor on a weekly or biweekly basis.
Time and Place	Classes are held Mon/Wed and Tue/Thurs at the Richard Belden Cultural Center, 54 Grove St. Shelton.	GED® Prep course available days and evening at the adult education office. GED® Test info at www.ged.com	Self-paced; weekly appointments with a certified EDP assessor at the adult education office; flexible schedule.
Eligibility	Age 17 or older and officially withdrawn from school. Paperwork must be provided.	Age 17 or older and officially withdrawn from school. Paperwork must be provided.	Recommended for ages 21 or older. Must meet minimum standard on entrance assessment.
Most Appropriate For	Persons recently in high school, often lacking only a few credits; also, those who enjoy school setting and group interaction.	Academically inclined persons who can succeed at testing under group conditions. GED Ready® tests are given.	Mature adults who are functioning well in their daily lives.
How Long Does It Take?	Depends on number of credits needed.	Depends on individual depth of knowledge and class attendance.	Depends on individual ability and time commitment.
Registration	Call adult ed office to start the registration process.	Go to adult ed office with a valid picture I.D. and paperwork.	Call adult ed office to schedule an information session.
Fees	FREE	Classes are FREE. \$13 official GED® test registration fee (for 21 yrs of age and older)	FREE
Diploma Awarded By	Valley Regional Adult Education	State of Connecticut 3 weeks after exam if passed	West Haven Board of Education





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