

## RIVERSIDE ADULT SCHOOL

### INDEPENDENT STUDY/ONLINE GED PROGRAM 2023-2024 INFORMATION

Welcome to the RAS independent study online GED program! There have been changes to the program as we exit the pandemic. Please read below to learn more about how this program will be offered in the 2023-2024 school year.

**PROGRAM STRUCTURE:** You will complete your self study and course work online through a program called Pearson Connexus. Your teacher will communicate with you via email and has online Zoom hours where they are available to help you in the areas you are struggling with, or answer any questions you may have. The hours that your teacher is available via Zoom are:

- GED Reading/Language Arts, GED Science and GED Social Studies Thursdays from 5:30-8pm or Fridays from 8:45am to 12:15pm.
- GED Math Preparation Tuesdays 5:30-8:00pm or Fridays 8:45am.

You should plan to attend your teacher's Zoom office hours the first week that you are enrolled so that you can make sure that you understand how to use the online Pearson Connexus program. A link to your teacher's class webpage with all of their contact information and Zoom link will be sent to you within 24-48 hours. Please be sure that you have given us a valid email and phone number so that you do not miss out on receiving this information.

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:** You are required to complete at least eight (8) hours of work each week. The eight hours are computed by the Pearson Connexus online program and entered into the attendance system by your teacher. Work must be completed in the Connexus system, simply logging in and not completing work will not allow you to meet the eight hour per week requirement. Attendance is calculated each Friday. If we have not seen any progress or attendance time for you in the two weeks prior, you will be dropped. If something happens that prevents you from being able to complete the minimum number of hours per week, it is your responsibility to notify your teacher. Any student who does not complete at least eight (8) hours of online work **for two consecutive weeks** will be dropped from the program unless prior arrangements have been made. You will need to re-enroll at the next registration period if you are dropped.

**TEXTBOOK:** It is highly recommended that you obtain a GED Test preparation book. The book that we use at RAS is the Kaplan GED Test Preparation book, but you can use any preparation book that you would like as long as it is a 2019 edition or newer. These books are available at Barnes and Noble, Amazon and occasionally the public library.

**ON CAMPUS REQUIREMENTS:** You will be required to come to RAS periodically through the school year to complete the CASAS post-test. The test results are reported to the state and federal government and are what determines the federal funding level RAS receives each year. If you do not complete the post-testing you will not be able to continue with your class and will be dropped.

**GED EXAM INFORMATION:** You may take the GED at any time, if you are 18 years old or older. When to take the GED exam is an individual decision. The GED exam requires that you be competent and comfortable in using a computer to complete the exam. To register for the computerized GED exam, you must visit [www.GED.com](http://www.GED.com) to complete the process, including paying the testing fees. Each subsection of the GED is currently \$35 in person and \$41 if you take the exam online at home. RAS has vouchers for practice tests and official in person tests for students with financial need. RAS is an authorized GED testing site, but you do not have to take the exam here if another testing center is closer to your home or work. It is expected that students take the official GED exam when their practice test indicates that they are ready to do so.