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## **Announcement of the New 2012 Series GED Test Release**

The GED Testing Service® of the American Council on Education® is pleased to announce the development of a new 2012 Series of the GED Test (other non English-language editions will be released in 2013).

The specifications for the GED Test are assessed at regular intervals to certify that content reflects current curricular and academic standards for high school graduates across the United States and Canada. As expectations and standards change for high school students, GED Testing Service aligns the test with these same expectations and standards. The new 2012 Series GED Test will reflect current curricular and academic standards for high school graduates.

All GED examinees should be advised that scores earned on the current 2002 series or previous test series will not be able to be combined with those earned on the new 2012 Series GED Test. By December 31, 2011, examinees must have taken and earned minimum scores on all five content area assessments [language arts, reading; language arts, writing; social studies; science; and mathematics] and earned the minimum total passing standard on the 2002 series, or they will need to take the *entire* 2012 Series test battery.

A list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) and additional information related to the release of the 2012 Series GED Test assessments can be found on the GED Testing Service website ([www.GEDtest.org/2012](http://www.GEDtest.org/2012)). Individuals may also contact their local state/jurisdiction administrator for additional information. A list of those administrators is located at ([www.GEDtest.org/administrators](http://www.GEDtest.org/administrators)). In addition, Official GED Testing Centers may also be found online ([www.GEDtest.org/locator](http://www.GEDtest.org/locator)).

GED Administrators and Examiners are encouraged to distribute this information widely to relevant agencies and educational entities, as well as through other appropriate communications channels so that GED test-takers might receive appropriate counseling and planning assistance in order to meet this deadline.