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New 2014 GED exam available at OC Testing Center

ODESSA (Jan. 29, 2014) – The GED Testing Service launched a new version of the exam effective January 1, 2014. The 2014 GED program is aligned with College and Career Readiness Standards and is a vital tool to ensure that all community members are college and career ready. The aim is simple – to open up doors to better paying jobs, new careers, more access to college classrooms and a brighter future for all Texans.

The 2014 version of the exam is considered to be a new test and cannot be combined with any portion of the 2002 series.

If a candidate successfully completed the 2002 series before December 31, 2013, he or she will receive the Texas Credential of High School Equivalency based on those test scores.

If a candidate did not successfully complete all five required exams of the 2002 series, those scores are no longer valid. The individual will need to begin the testing process again in order to complete the 2014 GED exam.

Currently, there are more than 3.5 million high school dropouts in Texas – more than 19.7 percent of the state's population. The new GED exam will measure more skills in order to better prepare adults for a college classroom or career training programs. The test will also better prepare adults as they head into the workforce.

Registration, scheduling, payment processes, and information about the exam are available at GED.com. The new test is a computer-based exam and is currently being offered at the Odessa College Testing Center.

For more information, call the Testing Center at 432-335-6620.