

**TRANSMITTAL #9**

**MEMORANDUM**

MAY 8, 2012

**TO:** Idaho Workforce Development Council

**FROM:** Division of Professional-Technical Education

**SUBJECT:** Change in GED® Testing

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workforce Development, educational and community support organizations are asked to disseminate this information to all service providers connected with GED services or providing referral to the same.

**BACKGROUND:**

GED® Testing

The current GED® test series will be retired on December 31, 2013 and the new 2014 GED® 21<sup>st</sup> Century Initiative Series will debut on January 2, 2014. There are several implications with this change:

- All testers who have not completed and passed their GED® by December 31, 2013 will be required to begin again and all prior test scores will be considered null and void.
- Idaho is phasing in computer-based GED® testing in 2012-2013. Paper-pencil testing will be eliminated when the new test is introduced in 2014.
- Computer based testing (CBT) will raise the cost per test.
- The new GED® test series will be aligned to the Common Core State Standards and include higher level thinking skills, analysis, applied math skills, and increased reading comprehension skills.

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