

# Diploma or GED?



If you are in the job market and never graduated from high school you may find yourself at a disadvantage. Of course, you can bite the bullet and just finish high school with night classes or online. But, you may have also considered getting a GED certificate (General Education Development), which some employers accept in place of a diploma.

However, put yourself in the employer's shoes for a moment. He has two equally qualified applicants, one with a high school diploma and the other with a GED. The diploma tells the employer that this applicant was able to finish what he started. The GED certificate tells the employer that this applicant never finished high school, but took a test that verified that he has "at least a basic ability level." Which applicant would you choose?

According to an opinion put forth at [Expertlaw.com](http://Expertlaw.com), "A high school education is always better than a GED."

Well, ok, a high school diploma is better. But let's be practical here. You're trying to get a job within the next few weeks. You might be able to pass the GED test in that amount of time, but can you finish high school in the same amount of time?

The answer may surprise you. If you've continued to develop useful skills and improved your vocabulary since leaving school you may be qualified to receive your high school diploma now.

In some cases the assessment and transcript preparation for a diploma is no more expensive or time-consuming than GED preparation and testing. If you need to bring your GPA (grade point average) up, ASOA will work with you to improve your GPA in a timely fashion.

If you don't have a high school diploma, you owe it to yourself to check out our graduation program.

May your studies be rewarding.

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