



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Basic Skills Directors
Chief GED Examiners
GED Coordinators

FROM: Gail Batts, State GED Administrator

SUBJECT: New Spanish GED

Several concerns have prompted a need for clarification of the new Spanish GED test. According to federal guidelines, local programs may give the GED test in Spanish, but cannot teach in Spanish.

SCORING RATE

The new Spanish GED has the same scoring rate as the 2002 GED in English. The minimum passing rate being 410 with a 450 average and a total of 2250. The testing time however, of the Spanish GED is a little different. The guidelines are as follows:

TESTING TIME

Reading Pt. 1	50 questions	80 minutes
Reading Pt. 2	Essay	45 minutes
Social Studies	50 questions	75 minutes
Science	50 questions	85 minutes
Language Arts.	50 questions	70 minutes
Math Pt. 1	40 questions	50 minutes
Math Pt. 2	25 questions	50 minutes

THE CONTENT AREA

The content area is identical to the content area of the 2002 English GED test. There is no new content material. The GED instructors that attended the 2002 GED Workshops already have material to prepare students for this test.

C: Presidents
Senior Continuing Education Administrators

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