

## **Other accommodations as warranted by candidate's need:**

### **Emotional/Mental Health Disabilities**

#### Definition:

An emotional or psychological disability is a DSM-IV defined condition, such as schizophrenia, major depression, or Tourette Syndrome that can be expected to impair a candidate's ability to be successful on the GED Tests under regular testing conditions.

#### Documentation:

Most verification of an emotional / mental health disability and needed reasonable accommodations can be made using *Request for Testing Accommodations - Emotional/Mental Health* (Form 6027) for these requests.

#### Process:

Permission from the Florida GED Administrator is required for requested accommodations to standard testing on the basis of emotional disabilities.

### **Adaptations and Accommodations for GED Test Takers with Emotional/Mental Health Disabilities:**

#### **Candidates with Affective Disorders**

- One time administration at a health care facility
- An individual testing session at a testing center
- Supervised, un-timed breaks
- Allowing the candidate to review the examiner's directions prior to the test date

#### **Candidates with Behavior Disorders**

- Behavior controllers may be present to assist with the candidate's testing session (if approved by the GEDTS)
- The behavior controller:
  - must be a high school graduate
  - must not be the candidate's teacher
  - may not see or assist with any part of the test
  - will be called upon only if there is a disruption
  - may be present inside the testing room
- If a candidate becomes disruptive, the examiner:
  - must have candidate removed immediately
  - must have testing results canceled for that session
  - must file Report of Testing Irregularity with the GEDTS and the State GED Administrator