

Maryland External Diploma Program Information Session

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE INFORMATION SESSION

- A detailed explanation of the program
- Evaluation of your math and reading skills

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THIS EVALUATION?

Math You must be able to add, subtract, multiply, and divide using money. For example:

$$\begin{array}{r} \$64.73 \\ + 75.06 \\ \hline \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} \$74.07 \\ - 10.62 \\ \hline \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} \$369.84 \\ \times .13 \\ \hline \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} 36 \overline{) \$497.81} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

You must be able to figure out percentage problems. For example:

Find 6% of \$38.71

Find 27% of \$923.81

You must be able to write a fraction as a percent and a decimal. For example:

$$\frac{1}{2} = 50\% = .50$$

You must be able to find the area of a rectangle.



Reading You will be asked to read and answer questions about ads from a newspaper, medicine and food labels, directions for filling out a report, a legal document, a tax table and graphs. Many of these items can be found at home in a newspaper or magazine.

WHY IS THERE AN EVALUATION IN MATH AND READING?

To find out if you are ready to enter the External Diploma Program immediately or if you need tutoring before you register.

WHAT CAN I DO TO PREPARE?

If you cannot do any of the examples given, find someone who can help you – a friend or a family member; go to the library or a bookstore and get a math and reading skills book. A seventh or eighth grade school math book would also help.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE EVALUATION?

If you receive an acceptable score on both math and reading skills, a staff member will call you for your first appointment and you will then register in the program. If you do not receive an acceptable score, you may seek help from an Adult Basic Education class, a friend, someone at home, or a tutor.

This information is provided to assist you in your pursuit of a high school diploma. If you need further assistance, please call the External Diploma Program at Howard Community College at 410-772-4747.