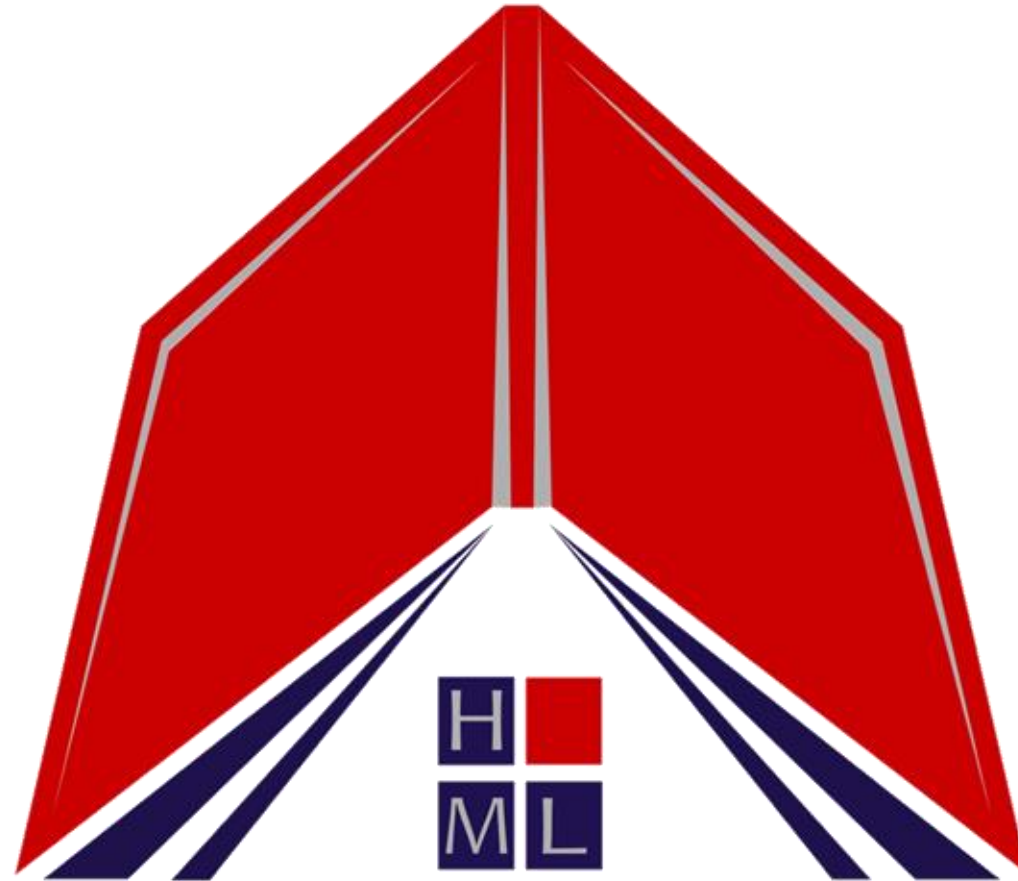


# ACADEMIC INFORMATION



Home of Modern Learning

*Education without barriers*

PRIVATE SCHOOL

# SCHOOL REGISTRATION

HOME OF MODERN LEARNING PTY LTD is registered as an independent school with the Eastern Cape Department of Education. This allows us to provide an accredited curriculum to our students.

Change the Way you  
Look at Education!

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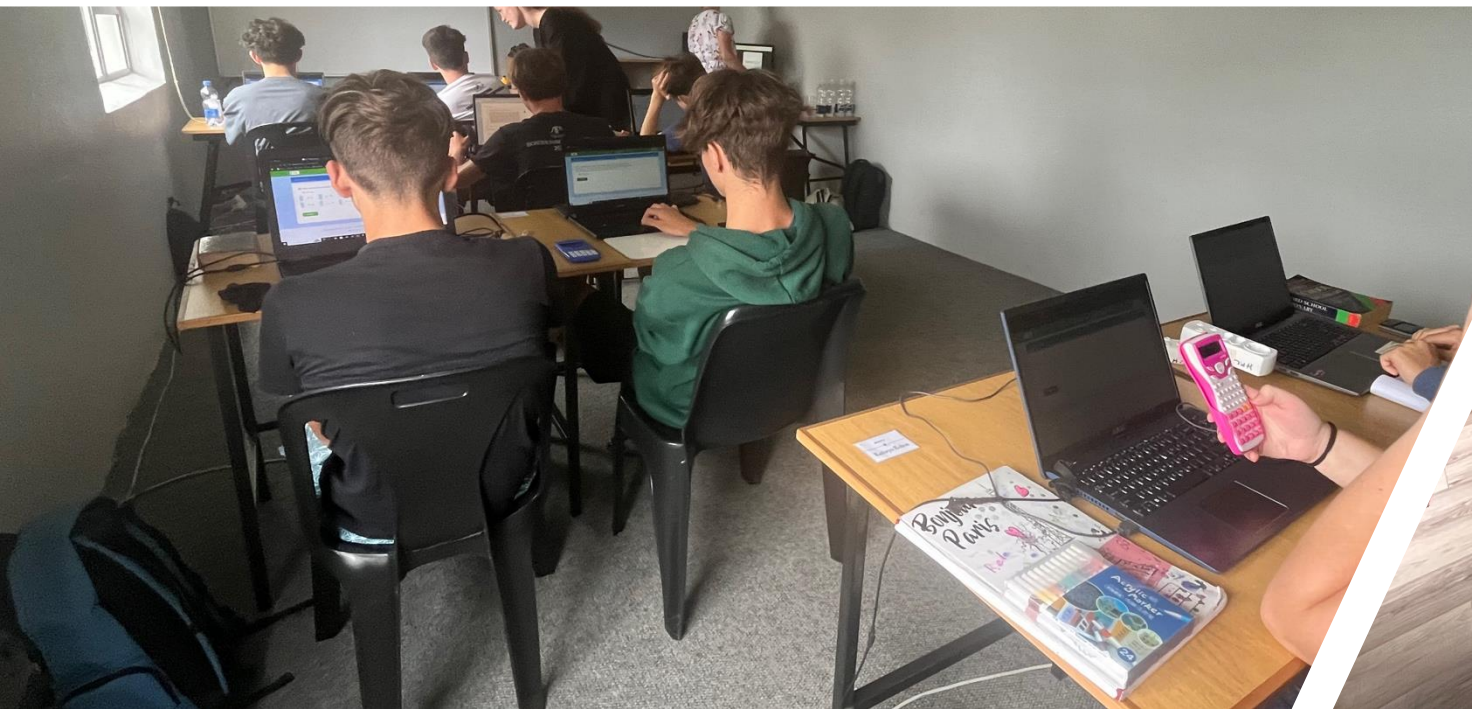
# Modern Educational Approach

- ▶ Many traditional schools follow an outdated one-size fits all model
- ▶ At HML we keep up to date with modern proven effective educational models
- ▶ We make use of a **blended learning** approach
- ▶ The focus is shifted from teaching to learning
- ▶ Students are at the centre of the learning process
- ▶ The role of the teacher is to engage and empower students rather than command and control while taking on the role of guide and facilitator

# Advantages of Blended Learning

**Blended Learning:** the integration of face-to-face and online learning experiences that allows students to work at their own pace and level

- ▶ Embraces a personalized learning ethos
- ▶ Helps students discover their own potential
- ▶ Encourages learning through trial and error
- ▶ Views “mistakes” as beneficial to learning
- ▶ Develops independent and critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- ▶ Equips students with the key skills they will rely on in life





# AMERICAN SCHOOL CURRICULUM

- High Standard
- Internationally Recognized
- Individualized Learning Programs
- Flexible Work Pace
- **ACCREDITED** School Leaving Credential
- Suited to ALL Students (including those with specific learning disorders and/or gifted students)

# Learning Differences Friendly

- ▶ Digital learning – suitable for a wide range of learning styles and needs with integrated visual and auditory support
- ▶ Learning pace is flexible
- ▶ Learning plans are customized
- ▶ Individual support
- ▶ Reduced subject load
- ▶ Reduced assessment load
- ▶ Accommodations available

# ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

## GRADE 8

- Middle School

## GRADE 9

- High School
- Non-Credit Bearing\*

\*Does NOT form part of the American High School Diploma

## GED® PREP

- Age 16+
- Prep is not grade-based
- Exit qualification is equivalent to Grade 12

**\*\*\* AMERICAN CURRICULUM \*\*\***

# GRADE 8 AND 9

- ▶ The American **Middle School (Grade 6 – 8)** resembles the South African **Senior Phase (Grade 7 – 9)**
- ▶ The curriculum follows the **American Common Core Standards** and **NGSS**
- ▶ Focus is on developing **strong foundational skills** in the **four core subjects** i.e. **English, Mathematics, Science** and **Social Studies**
- ▶ A variety of **interactive digital learning material** and **online platforms** are used

# GRADE 8 AND 9

- ▶ Emphasis is on **good work ethic, class participation** and **continuous formative assessments** rather than high-stakes examinations
- ▶ **Assessments** include **lessons, quizzes, tasks, tests** and **examinations**
- ▶ The **minimum passing standard** is **60%**, promoting **mastery of concepts**

## Grade 8 and 9 Academic Course Structure

**ENGLISH**

- Home Language
- Academic

**MATHEMATICS**

- Pre-Algebra
- Algebra

**SCIENCE**

- Integrated Life Science, Physical Science, Earth and Space Science

**SOCIAL SCIENCE**

- Contemporary World
- World History

### LEVEL DESCRIPTORS

<b>Exemplary</b>	90 - 100%	A
<b>Proficient</b>	80 - 89%	B
<b>Approaching</b>	70 - 79%	C
<b>Beginning</b>	60 - 69%	D
<b>Below Standard</b>	0 - 59%	F

## Grade 8 and 9 Non-Academic Curriculum

<b>AFRIKAANS</b>	- Second Language - Conversational
<b>LIFE SKILLS</b>	- Personal development skills
<b>SPORT*</b>	- Fingerboard - Chess - Yoga
<b>CULTURE*</b>	- Foreign Language - Music Appreciation - Scripture Union

- Compulsory time-tabled lessons
- Not formally assessed

\* Students choose one option. Options on offer are subject to change.

# GED® (High School Alternative)

- ▶ The GED® is an **internationally recognized high school equivalency credential**
- ▶ It is recognized in SA by SAQA as a **NQF level 4** qualification, with the National Senior Certificate (Grade 12/Matric) being the closest locally comparable qualification
- ▶ The GED® tests **reasoning skills** rather than content knowledge in **four subject areas: Reasoning Through Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies**
- ▶ Students are required to **pass a single external test** in each subject
- ▶ **Scaled scores** range between **100 and 200** with a **minimum passing score of 145**
- ▶ Although GED® scaled scores cannot be converted to percentages, the **passing standard is high**. Students generally need to be able to score 60% on a traditional assessment to obtain the minimum passing score on an official GED® test

# GED® (High School Alternative)

- ▶ **GED® tests** are **written externally** throughout the year at any **Boston City Campus branch**
- ▶ GED® **test fees** are currently **\$90 each**
- ▶ **GED® Ready™ tests** are available that provide the most **reliable indication** of a student's **likely score** on the official test
- ▶ GED® Ready tests currently cost \$7.99, but are **partially subsidized by HML** for students
- ▶ **Classroom focus** is on developing **advanced critical thinking and reasoning skills** through **active engagement** with a wide range of resources
- ▶ Students **prepare for tests at their own pace** according to **individualized learning plans**

# GED® (High School Alternative)

- ▶ Students with **diagnosed conditions** such as ASD, ADD, ADHD, dyslexia/dysgraphia, SLDs or other medical conditions may be eligible for **accommodations**
- ▶ Available accommodations:
  - ▶ Extended time: Standard +25%, 50%, 100%
  - ▶ Reader
  - ▶ Recorder
  - ▶ Separate venue
  - ▶ Rest breaks

## GED® Course Structure

### REASONING THROUGH LANGUAGE ARTS (RLA)

- Reading for Meaning
- Identifying and Creating Arguments
- Grammar and Language

### MATHEMATICAL REASONING

- Basic Math
- Geometry
- Basic Algebra
- Graphs and Function

### SCIENCE

- Life Science
- Physical Science
- Earth and Space Science

### SOCIAL SCIENCE

- Civics and Government
- US. History
- Economics
- Geography

## SCORE DESCRIPTORS

**Scaled Score Range**

100 - 200

**Minimum Passing Score**

**145**

## Graduation Requirement

Candidates must earn a minimum score of 145 on each test subject to pass and earn the high school equivalency credential.

# Office of the State Superintendent of Education

This Certifies That



having satisfactorily completed the Tests of General Educational Development with scores comparable to those of high school graduates, is hereby awarded this

## High School Equivalency Credential

and is entitled to all the Rights and Privileges appertaining thereto.

In witness whereof our names are hereto affixed, this the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 2023

Handwritten signature of Christina Grant.

Christina Grant, Ed.D.  
State Superintendent of Education

Handwritten signature of Antoinette S. Mitchell.

Antoinette S. Mitchell, Ph.D.  
Assistant Superintendent  
Postsecondary and Career Education

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GED Administrator



District of Columbia  
Office of the State  
Superintendent of Education

\*\*\* GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR





120 GED® Graduates  
(and counting) since the  
start of our GED® prep  
classes in 2018!

# SAQA

- ▶ **SAQA** (South African Qualifications Authority) is the oversight body of the **NQF** (National Qualifications Framework) and **evaluates foreign qualifications** with reference to the NQF
- ▶ SAQA recognizes the **GED®** at **NQF level 4**, with the NSC (Grade 12/matric) as being the closest comparable qualification
- ▶ This letter of evaluation from SAQA is **required** by **most higher education institutes**
- ▶ **HML** handles the **application process**
- ▶ SAQA foreign evaluation fees are currently R2270



# CERTIFICATE OF EVALUATION

[Redacted]

**Date of birth:**

[Redacted]

**Serial Number**

[Redacted]

**Reference Number**

[Redacted]

**Qualification:** High School Equivalency Credential (GED)

**Awarding Body / Institution:** American Council on Education (ACE)

**Date of Completion / Award:** 2023

**Closest Comparable South African  
Qualification / Qualification Type:** National Senior Certificate

**Organising Field:** Education, Training and Development

**Sub Framework Location:** General and Further Education and Training Sub-framework

**NQF Level:** 4

**Credits:** 130

SAQA verified that, at the time of award of qualifications listed on this certificate, the institutions were part of the national systems in their countries of origin and had the right to award these qualifications. SAQA took all responsible steps to ensure that the qualifications are authentic.

SAQA provides a foreign qualifications evaluation and advisory service in terms of the NQF Act 67 of 2008.

# USAf

- ▶ **USAf** (Universities South Africa) **represents** the 26 **public universities in SA**
- ▶ Students with a **foreign qualification** require **foreign conditional exemption** from USAf to **study a degree at most universities**
- ▶ USAf no longer issues foreign conditional exemption directly to South African GED® graduates
- ▶ Where applicable, institutions apply for USAf exemption on the student's behalf if accepted for degree studies

# Further Study Opportunities

## - Academic

### PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ **generally accept applications** from **GED®** graduates
- ▶ graduates usually start with a **NQF level 5 Higher Certificate** or **Bridging Courses** before gaining access to diploma or degree studies
- ▶ graduates may also be **accepted directly into diploma or degree studies** if they meet **specific score requirements at the discretion of the institution**

### PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

- ▶ **do not accept applications** from **GED®** graduates for further study

# Further Study Opportunities - Academic

## INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

- ▶ The GED® is **accepted** by 98% of **US universities** and many **international universities** for both **online** and **on-campus** studies
- ▶ Applications are **assessed** according to **merit**
- ▶ **SAT benchmark** tests may be required

## POPULAR ONLINE ACCREDITED INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

- ▶ **University of the People (Tuition Free)**  
<https://www.uopeople.edu/>
- ▶ **The Open University**  
<https://www.open.ac.uk/>

# Further Study Opportunities - Vocational

Graduates are readily accepted into vocational studies in a wide variety of fields, including:

- ▶ Artisan trades (ALL)
- ▶ Beauty
- ▶ Hair
- ▶ Hospitality
- ▶ Culinary
- ▶ Nursing
- ▶ Digital design, film and animation
- ▶ Flight schools



# Career Opportunities for GED® Graduates Studying in South Africa



## Comprehensive List of Accredited Private South African Higher Education Institutions:

<https://fundiconnect.co.za/institutions-private-colleges/>

### Some Local (East London) Institutions:

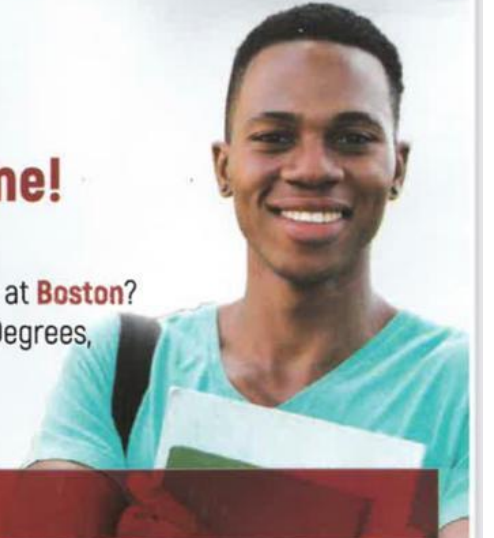


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SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE



## So you've written and passed your GED Exams – well done!

Once you've received your GED diploma and transcript, why not come and study at **Boston**? You can choose from one of our many Degrees, Diplomas, or Higher Certificates.



TO STUDY A:	YOU NEED A COMBINED GED SCORE OF:	AND:
Degree	625 or more and 155 for English (RLA)*	You must turn 18 or older in your first year of study. You must have achieved your GED after 2018.† We'll apply for your Matriculation Board Exemption on your behalf (though you will need to pay the application fee). Please DO NOT apply directly to USAF.
Diploma	605 or more and 150 for English (RLA)	You must turn 18 or older in your first year of study. You must have achieved your GED after 2018.†
Higher Certificate	580 or more and 145 for English (RLA)	You must turn 18 or older in your year of study. You must have achieved your GED after 2018.† No SAQA equivalency certificate required to register. If you complete a Higher Certificate you may apply to Boston degree studies with credit transfer.

\* Excludes Bachelor of Accounting, for which you also need the Boston Higher Certificate in Accounting Practice.  
† We also accept and assist pre-2019 GED graduates, on an individual application basis.

# Accreditation



- ▶ Home of Modern Learning is an **Authorized Education Partner** for the GED® - this quality assurance program **recognizes excellent education providers**
- ▶ The GED® is **nationally accredited** in the **US** and **internationally recognized**
- ▶ The GED® is evaluated by **SAQA** at **NQF level 4** (comparable to the National Senior Certificate)

Province of the  
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EDUCATION



# CERTIFICATE

## OF REGISTRATION FOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

This Certificate of registration is issued to:

**HOME OF MODERN LEARNING SECONDARY SCHOOL**

of the Physical Addresses: NO. 38 HEBBES STREET  
CAMBRIDGE  
EAST LONDON

in the District of: BUFFALO CITY METRO

Grades registered: 8 - 12

with EMIS Number: 200201114

  
MS. S. MAASDORP  
IAHOD FOR EDUCATION

14/11/24  
DATE:



THIS CERTIFICATE IS ONLY VALID IF THE SCHOOL CONTINUES TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS REGISTRATION POLICY AND ACT NO. 1 OF 1995 (E.G. CHANGES OF PREMISES, EXTENSION OF A GRANGE/CURRICULUM ETC). THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DeregISTER THE SCHOOL.

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## CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZED PARTNER

### Home of Modern Learning

**GED TESTING SERVICE® AUTHORIZED TEST PREPARATION PARTNER**

Approval Period:  
July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2027



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