

135 GED graduates at CCD for 2013

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(Denver, CO) 135 students received their high school equivalency diplomas through the Community College of Denver's (CCD) Foundational Skills Institute during 2013. Seventy of those participated in a high school completion Graduation Ceremony in January. Held at St. Cajetan's on the Auraria Campus, each graduate had the opportunity speak and discuss his/her academic experience. Over 300 family members and friends of graduates attended the event.

All of the graduates participated in GED® readiness classes or tutoring through the CCD Foundational Skills Institute; students with a high level of readiness are ready to take the tests soon, while others take longer to prepare for the exams. Most typically, students spend from six to nine months to increase their reading and math skills before they are ready to take the tests.

The increase in GED® graduates this year is due to the changes in the GED® tests. The former test battery expired on Dec. 31. The new version of the GED® tests is based on the Common Core Standards and requires more depth of knowledge. The goal of the revised testing is to help those seeking a high school equivalency diploma be more college and career ready. There are four GED® tests, Social Studies, Science, Language Arts: Reading and Writing, and Math.

For more information about GED® testing, costs, or how to enroll in the GED preparation classes contact the:

[CCD Foundational Skills Institute](http://www.ccd.edu/foundationalskillsinstitute), 303-556-3805.

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