



# News Release

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**Media Advisory: 22 county jail inmates pass GED's so far in 2010**

Twenty-two county jail inmates have passed their GED tests so far in 2010. The inmates are on pace to break testing records set during the last two years when 43 inmates passed their high school equivalency tests in 2009 and 2008.

Twenty-two inmates passed their General Educational Development (GED) tests in 2007. In 2006, fifteen inmates obtained GED's while at the jail. The average grade level for those tested in 2009 was the fourth grade. Their average length of their stay at the jail was 40-60 days.

All general population inmates are eligible to improve their educational skills through a partnership with the Alachua County School Board. After completing the Test of Adult Basic Education, GED preparation is provided for those inmates without a high school diploma who test at or above the ninth grade level. Those who test below the ninth grade level in one or more of three subject areas (reading, writing and math) are given intensive pre-GED preparation to get them to the level to take GED classes.

For more information on this news release, contact Eugene Morris, Public Information Officer at the jail at 352-491-4525. For more information on other programs at the Alachua County Jail, go to [www.alachuasheriff.org/jail](http://www.alachuasheriff.org/jail).