

Truck Driver Now Headed for CDL License

James Hendricks, 56, is a truck driver who has been on the road for 12 years. He wanted to improve the quality of his life by passing his high school equivalency test. "I needed a GED to apply for a higher paying job at a bigger company. It would also help me get a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) which I do not have now," he said.

In September 2016 he was one of the first to enroll in Center for Literacy (CFL)'s *Fast Track GED* program. To be eligible you need to score at 9th grade or above in reading and math on TABE tests or have successfully completed three of the four GED tests.

To date, CFL has enrolled seven students into the program which is taught by Larry Hastings. "James came to our *Fast Track GED* program committed to his goal of quickly achieving his GED credential. His steadfast pursuit involved attending classes twice monthly, working on lessons at home, and following through and registering for each of the four GED tests after passing each GED Ready Practice Test. By receiving his GED within three months of registering at CFL he gave other newer students hope that they too could complete their GED in a timely manner," said Larry, an instructor who has been at CFL for nine years.

James was able to share his success story at a *Fast Track GED* meeting on January 24, two weeks after he passed his last GED test, in social studies. In appreciation, he received a CFL mug and a graduation card from Larry on behalf of CFL.