

HSE OVERVIEW

High School Equivalency Tests



	GED®	HiSET®	
TEST OVERVIEW			
Number of Sections	4	5	
Cost for Whole Test	\$120 \$40 with voucher	Paper \$115 \$35 with voucher	Computer \$94 \$14 with voucher
Ways to Take the Test	Computer Only	Paper/Pencil or Computer	
Where to Sign Up	www.ged.com	www.hiset.ets.org	
LANGUAGE ARTS			
Time	150 Minutes	READING 65 Minutes	WRITING 120 Minutes
Types of Questions	Multiple Choice Drag & Drop Drop-Down Menu Extended Response (the Essay)	Multiple Choice	Multiple Choice Essay
Subjects Covered	30% Literary Texts 70% Informational Texts Argumentative Essay	60% Literary Text 40% Informational Text	60% Literary Text 40% Informational Text Argumentative Essay
Minimum Essay Score	No minimum		2 out of 6
MATH			
Time	115 Minutes	90 Minutes	
Types of Questions	Multiple Choice Drag & Drop Drop-Down Menu Hotspots	Multiple Choice	
Subjects Covered	45% Quantitative (numbers based) 55% Algebraic (variable based)	19% Order of Operations 18% Measurement & Geometry 18% Data Analysis & Probability 45% Algebra	
Calculator Usage	5-7 questions with no calculator TI-30XS for the rest	TI-30XS calculator for the entire test	

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SOCIAL STUDIES		
Time	70 Minutes	70 Minutes
Type of Questions	Multiple Choice Drag & Drop Drop-Down Menu	Multiple Choice
Subjects Covered	Civics & Government US History Economics Geography	Civics & Government US History Economics Geography World History
SCIENCE		
Time	90 Minutes	80 Minutes
Type of Questions	Multiple Choice Drag & Drop Drop-Down Menu	Multiple Choice
Subjects Covered	Life Science Chemistry Physics Geology Meteorology Astronomy	Life Science Chemistry Physics Geology Meteorology Astronomy
HOW WILL I CHOOSE WHICH TEST TO TAKE?		
CONSIDER GED IF...		CONSIDER HiSET IF...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓Already taken portions of the GED ✓Already have a GED voucher ✓Can do well on Language Arts questions but may struggle with writing ✓Like variety and are comfortable with computer-based questions ✓Want Science & Social Studies closely tied to reading skills 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓Prefer a paper test / are not comfortable on computer ✓Want to spend the least amount of money ✓Like writing, and can learn to write well enough to help <ul style="list-style-type: none"> raise Language Arts score ✓Prefer multiple choice questions ✓Feel comfortable with Science and Social Studies and can apply concepts

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