

# High School Equivalency Testing Program

GED, HiSET, and TASC

The Colorado State Board of Education approves the high school equivalency examinations utilized in Colorado to measure major outcomes and concepts associated with high school education.

There are three state board approved high school equivalency examinations in Colorado: GED, HiSET, and TASC. The Colorado High School Equivalency Diploma is awarded for successful completion of one of these approved examinations.

## GED: General Education Development

### Overview

The GED is administered only on a computer, at approved testing centers. It consists of four (4) content area tests. The GED is published by GED Testing Service (GEDTS).

**Content Area Tests:** Reasoning through Language Arts (RLA), Mathematical Reasoning, Science, Social Studies.

**Minimum Passing Score:** 145 (out of 200) in each content area.

**Cost:** \$37.50 per content area test, for total of \$150 for the complete exam.

### Test Outcomes

**2014 - 2015 Colorado Pass Rate: 88 percent**

*National Pass Rate: 77 percent*

### Individual Content Area Colorado Pass Rates:

Reasoning through Language Arts: 94 percent

Math: 87 percent

Science: 94 percent

Social Studies: 91 percent

## HiSET: High School Equivalency Test

### Overview

The HiSET is administered on computer and paper, at approved testing centers. It consists of five (5) content area tests. The HiSET is published by Educational Testing Service (ETS).

### Approved Testing Centers

- High School Equivalency Examinations can only be administered at testing centers approved by the Colorado Department of Education.
- CDE approves testing centers based on geographic location and testing volume in the region.
- Approved testing centers:
  - Can choose to administer only one or multiple examination types.
  - Can choose to administer examinations on computer, paper, or both.
  - Must also meet the requirements of the publisher of each examination administered on their site.



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**Content Area Tests:** Language Arts – Reading, Language Arts – Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

**Minimum Passing Score:** 8 (out of 20) in each content area, 2 (out of 6) on the essay and achieve a total scaled score on all 5 subtests of at least 45 (out of 100).

**Cost:** \$27.50 per content area test, for total of \$137.50 for the complete exam.

### Test Outcomes

Anticipate delivery of this examination in Colorado to begin Summer 2016.

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## TASC: Test Assessing Secondary Completion

### Overview

The TASC is administered on computer and paper, at approved testing centers. It consists of five (5) content area tests. The TASC is published by Data Recognition Corporation (DRC).

**Content Area Tests:** Language Arts – Reading, Language Arts – Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

**Minimum Passing Score:** 500 (out of 800) in each content area & 2 (out of 8) on the essay.

**Cost:** \$27.90 per content area test, for total of \$139.50 for the complete exam.

### Test Outcomes

Anticipate delivery of this examination in Colorado to begin Summer 2016.

## Where can I learn more?

- GED Testing Services: <http://www.gedtestingservice.com>
- HiSET (ETS): <http://hiset.ets.org/>
- TASC (DRC): <http://www.tasctest.com/>
- Office of Postsecondary & Workforce Pathways, High School Equivalency Testing Program: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/hse>
- To view all CDE fact sheets, visit: [www.cde.state.co.us/Communications/factsheetsandfaq](http://www.cde.state.co.us/Communications/factsheetsandfaq)