



TASC Test Overview

- Based in Minneapolis, MN & Monterey, CA
- Full-service, large-scale assessment publisher, founded in 1926
- Over 48 years experience serving adult education community with high quality, nationally researched assessment (paper, online, adaptive)
- Strong content development capabilities, authoritative assessment expertise, universal design/accessibility leadership, engaging and rigorous content
- Highly accomplished research and psychometric staff and practices ensure validity, reliability, professional support
- Well engineered, robust systems from content management through test delivery and reporting
- Trusted provider of secure, summative tests, including high school and end-of-course testing programs

DRC/CTB History in Adult Education Assessment

- TABE 1 & 2 1967
- TABE 3 & 4 1975
- TABE 5 & 6 1983
- TABE 7 & 8 1994
- TABE 9 & 10 2003
- TABE 9&10 Online 2006
- TABE CLAS-E (ESL) 2007
- **TASC (High School Equivalency) 2014**
- TABE Free Formative CCR Tests 2014
- TABE 11 & 12 2017

The National TASC Test Landscape

Current States:

- California – TASC Test, HiSET, GED
- Colorado – TASC Test, HiSET, GED
- Illinois – TASC Test, HiSET, GED
- **Indiana – TASC Test**
- Mississippi – TASC Test, GED
- **New York – TASC Test**
- Nevada – TASC Test, HiSET, GED
- New Jersey – TASC Test, HiSET, GED
- North Carolina – TASC Test, HiSET, GED
- Oklahoma – TASC Test, HiSET, GED
- South Carolina – TASC Test, GED
- South Dakota – TASC Test, GED
- Texas – TASC Test, HiSET, GED
- **West Virginia – TASC Test**
- Wyoming – TASC Test, HiSET, GED



The TASC Test

Format, Design, Item Types

TASC Test Overview

TASC test is a secure, reliable and valid assessment that indicates whether test-takers have knowledge in core content areas equivalent to that of graduating high school students.

- Launched on January 2, 2014
- Three new forms published each year in both **English** and **Spanish**
- Alternate formats are Braille, large print, and audio
- Available Paper/Pencil (PBT) and Computer-Based (CBT)
- 5 Subtests:
 - Reading
 - Writing
 - Math
 - Science
 - Social Studies

TASC Content Frameworks

- English Language Arts
 - College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education
- Mathematics
 - College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education
- Science
 - Next Generation Science Standards
- Social Studies
 - CTB Social Studies Standards are based on national frameworks in the areas of US history, world history, civics and government, and economics

TASC Test Content Overview

Reading: Assesses an examinee's ability to understand the information presented in excerpts from newspapers, magazines, novels, short stories, poetry, drama, and business or legal text passages. Includes both literary and informational texts.

Writing: Examinees must identify errors and make corrections in sentence structure, usage, mechanics, and organization. Examinees will also write a text-based essay.

Mathematics: Assesses quantity, algebra, functions, geometry, and statistics and probability. Most are word problems and involve real-life situations or ask examinees to interpret information presented in diagrams, charts, graphs, and tables. Examinees are given a page of Mathematic formulas to use during the test.

Science: Assesses Physical Science, Life Science, and Earth and Space Science. Each discipline is subdivided into several core ideas, which each containing multiple performance expectations. Each test items assess one performance expectations. Items may require recalling knowledge, applying knowledge and skills or reasoning.

Social Studies: Examinees answer questions on history, economics, geography, civics, and government. The Social Studies test gauges examinees' understanding of the basic principles in each of those areas.

TASC GHI DOK Item Distribution

Subtest	DOK 1	DOK 2	DOK 3	DOK 4
Reading	10%	65%	25%	
Writing	10-15%	65-70%	20%	
Writing Essay				100%
Mathematics	10-20%	55-75%	20-30%	
Science	15-20%	65-70%	15-20%	
Social Studies	8%	72%	20%	

TASC GHI Testing Times

Subject	English and Spanish Testing Time in Minutes
Mathematics Part I (calculator)	55
Mathematics Part II (non-calculator)	50
Reading	85
Science (calculator)	75
Social Studies	75
Writing	110 (45 minutes of this is for the essay portion)

TASC Item Types

Item Types	Subtests	Scoring
Selected-response	All subtests	Machine scored
Writing prompt	Writing subtest	Hand scored
Constructed-response	All subtests	Hand scored
Gridded-response	Math subtest	Machine scored
Technology-enhanced*	All computer-based subtests	Machine scored
TE Twin	All paper-based subtests	Machine scored

*Technology-enhanced item types

- Drag and drop
- Multiple correct response
- Evidence-based selected response

Item Counts by Item Type - GHI

Subject	MC	GR	TE 1-point	TE 2-point	CR Items	ECR Items
Mathematics	43	12	1	1	1	n/a
Reading	48	n/a	1	1	1	n/a
Science	48	n/a	1	1	1	n/a
Social Studies	46	n/a	1	1	2	n/a
Writing	47	n/a	2	1	n/a	1

TASC Cut Scores

Subject	Passing Score	Distinguished Achievement Score
Language Arts Reading	500	580
Mathematics	500	560
Language Arts Writing	500 and at least a 2 out of 8 on the Writing Prompt	560 and at least a 6 out of 8 on the Writing Prompt
Science	500	N/A
Social Studies	500	N/A

TASC Test Fee Structure

- TASC's Test fee is \$54 (\$10.80 per content area)
- Colorado's Testing fee is \$141.50 (\$28.30 per content area)
 - Includes 2 free retests per student

INSIGHT Online Assessment System

- Proven, valid, and powerful online test engine
 - More than 23 million secure, online assessments delivered to date in the 2015–2016 school year
 - Delivered in Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Wisconsin, and the WIDA Consortium (38 member states)
- Intuitive and easy to use for students, with research-based online accessibility tools and accommodations
- Straightforward processes reduce the burdens on teachers, administrators, and department staff
- No requirement for local servers or caching of files
- No reliance on 3rd party applications
- Both TABE and TASC will be on this platform



Thank You!

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