



Workforce Development Update

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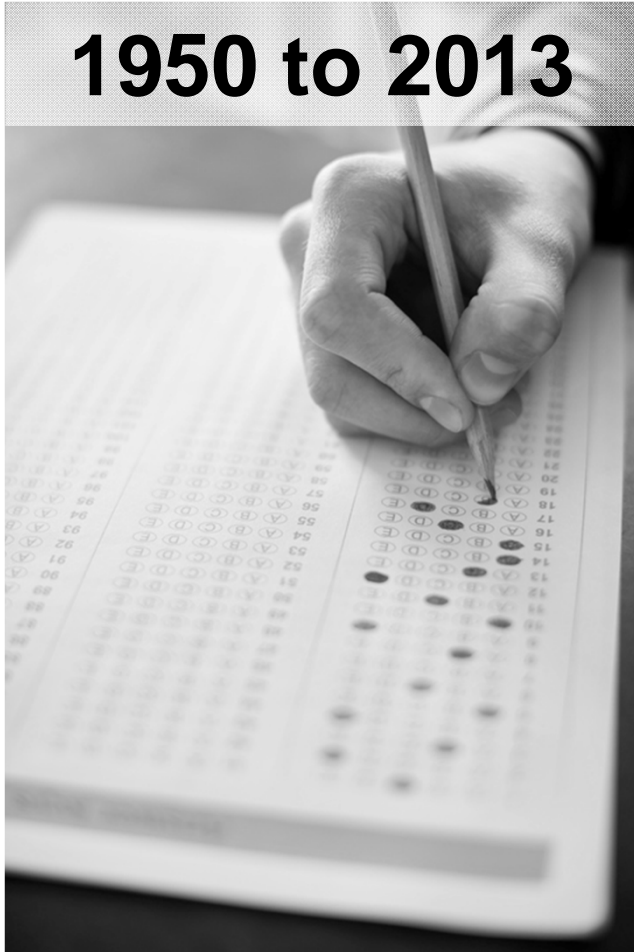
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A close-up photograph of a person's hands using a laptop. One hand is holding a pencil, and the other is typing on the keyboard. The background is blurred, showing a desk with papers and a pink folder. The text "High School Equivalency Exams" is overlaid in a semi-transparent white box with a red border.

High School Equivalency Exams

Looking Back

1950 to 2013



High School
Equivalence (HSE) Test

General Educational
Development Testing
Services (GEDTS) offered
a paper/pencil test for Ohio

Moving Ahead

Switch to computer-based testing



Nationally Recognized High School Equivalency Tests

Department approves at least two nationally recognized high school equivalency tests



GEDTS

HiSET

TASC

GEDTS: Language

English and
Spanish

GEDTS: Sections

- Reasoning through Language Arts
- Mathematical Reasoning
- Science
- Social Studies

GEDTS Scoring System

- (145-164) – Pass / High School Equivalency
- (165-174) – GED® College Ready
- (175-200) – GED® College Ready + Credit



HiSET: Language

English and
Spanish

HiSET Sections

- Reading
- Writing (with essay)
- Math (calculator optional; whole test)
- Science
- Social Studies

HiSET Scoring System

- Minimum score of 0
- Maximum score of 20
- **Passing score of 8 in each section**
 - Must also get a 2 out of 6 on the essay piece in Writing
- **45 total points required to pass**

GEDTS

HiSET

TASC

TASC: Language

English and
Spanish

TASC: Sections

- Reading
- Writing (with essay)
- Math (calculator available for first half)
- Science
- Social Studies

TASC Scoring System

- Minimum score of 300
- Maximum score of 800
- **Passing score of 500**
 - Must also get a 2 out of 8 on the essay piece in Writing

Costs and Reimbursements

Test taker pays the cost of the test

- Test cost is set by each vendor
 - GED: \$120
 - HiSET: \$90
 - TASC: \$92
- State voucher code for \$80 available for first time test takers
- Test takers must contact a Career-Technical Planning District to receive the voucher code

Costs and Reimbursements

Cost for retesting

- Generally, students are able to retake individual sections of the tests for free within twelve months
- Test center fees still apply

Testing Centers

Reimbursements to testing centers

- All centers receive a maximum \$40 reimbursement per test taker.
- The reimbursement comes from the individual testing vendors.



How to Become a Testing Center



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OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal

- Formal recognition for high school students.
- Shows students have the work ethic and professionalism businesses need.
- Available for the graduating classes of 2018 and beyond.
- Printed directly on Ohio diplomas and transcripts.

Potential Role for Libraries

- To receive the seal, students must have mentors sign off on proficiency in specific professional skills.
 - Mentors can interact with students in educational, professional or community-based settings.



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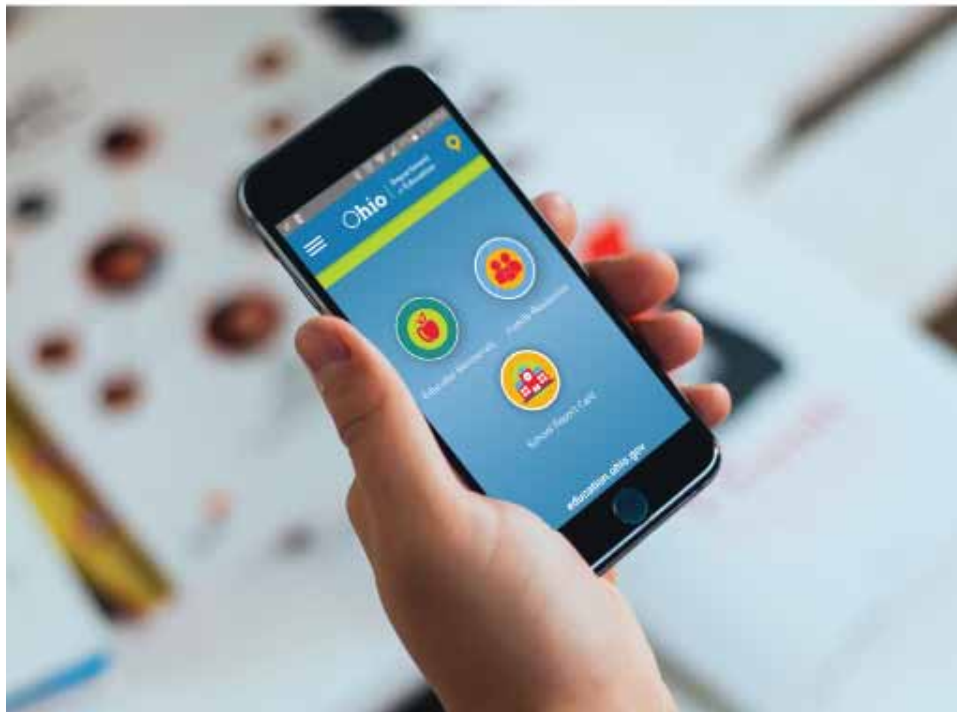


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