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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

2014 forward
Nationally Recognized High School Equivalency Tests

Department approves at least two nationally recognized high school equivalency tests
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
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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