



Intro to the HiSET® Exam for Minnesota

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Welcome to the HiSET Family!

- The HiSET exam available in Minnesota in 2022
- HiSET battery consists of five (5) subtests:
 - Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies
 - Mostly multiple-choice questions plus 1 essay
- Computer- or paper-based test formats (CBT or PBT)
 - PBT offered as an accommodation or an exception
- English or Spanish
- Accommodated test forms
- Must take test at an official HiSET test center or through the HiSET Exam at Home option

The HiSET Exam

 Reading	 Writing	 Mathematics	 Science	 Social Studies
50 questions	61 questions	55 questions	60 questions	60 questions
100% multiple choice	multiple choice (60) essay (1)	100% multiple choice	100% multiple choice	100% multiple choice
65 minutes English 80 minutes Spanish	120 minutes	90 minutes	80 minutes	70 minutes

Total test time is **over 7 Hours**

HiSET Exam at Home Option



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HiSET® Exam at Home

To meet the needs of test takers who can't test at a test center because of public health concerns, ETS is offering the *HiSET*® exam at home option. With the at home option, you can take any of the five subtests that make up the HiSET exam on your own computer at home or in another secure location.

Each subtest delivered at home has the same content, format and on-screen experience as the test you would take at a test center. Your at home appointment will be monitored by a human proctor online through ProctorU®.

Currently, at home appointments are available **15 hours a day, seven days a week.**

<https://www.ets.org/s/cv/hiset/at-home/>

Testing Accommodations for Disabilities

- Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder
- Psychological or psychiatric disorders
- Learning and other cognitive disabilities
- Physical disorders/chronic health disabilities
- Intellectual disabilities
- Hearing and visual impairments

Commonly Approved PBT and CBT Accommodations		
Testing Accommodation	PBT	CBT
Extended time	✓	✓
Separate room	✓	✓
Audiocassette or other form of recorded audio	✓	
Large Print	✓	
Screen magnification		✓
Scribe or keyboard entry aide	✓	✓
Additional supervised break time	✓	✓
Sign language-interpreted instructions for deaf or hard-of-hearing test takers	✓	✓
Braille	✓	
Refreshable Braille		✓
Reader	✓	✓
Screen Reader		✓

HiSET Testing Accommodations Process



HiSET Scores

High School Equivalency Passing Scores

- Score at least 8 out of 20 on each subtests
 - On the Writing test essay, earn at least 2 out of 6
- Achieve a total score of at least 45 out of a possible 100 points

College and Career Readiness Scores

- Test takers scoring at 15 and above (plus a 4 on the essay) are considered college-ready

HiSET Reports and Credentials

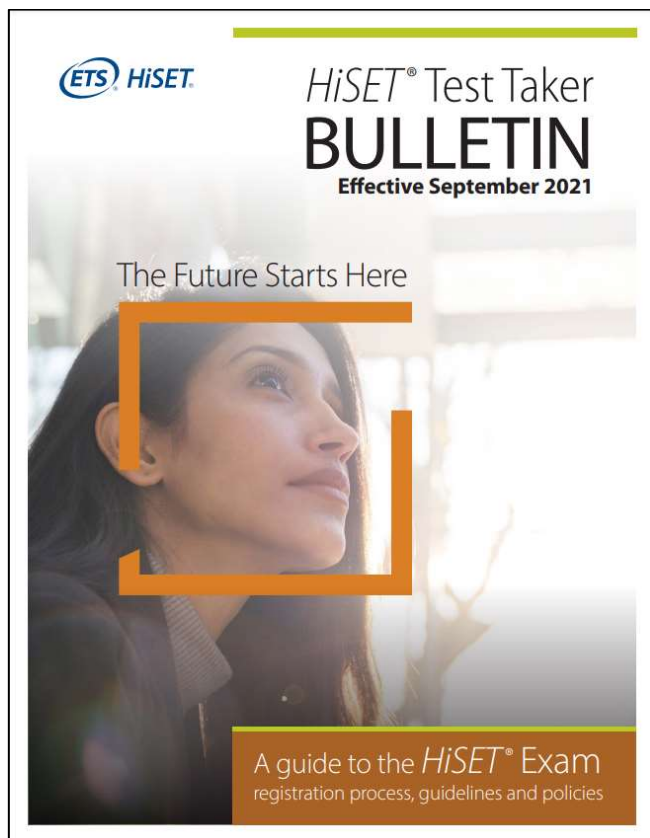
HiSET Reports

- Individual Subtest Score Report
 - https://hiset.ets.org/s/pdf/individual_test_report.pdf
- Comprehensive Score Report
 - https://hiset.ets.org/s/pdf/sample_comprehensive_report.pdf

Official State Credential and Transcript

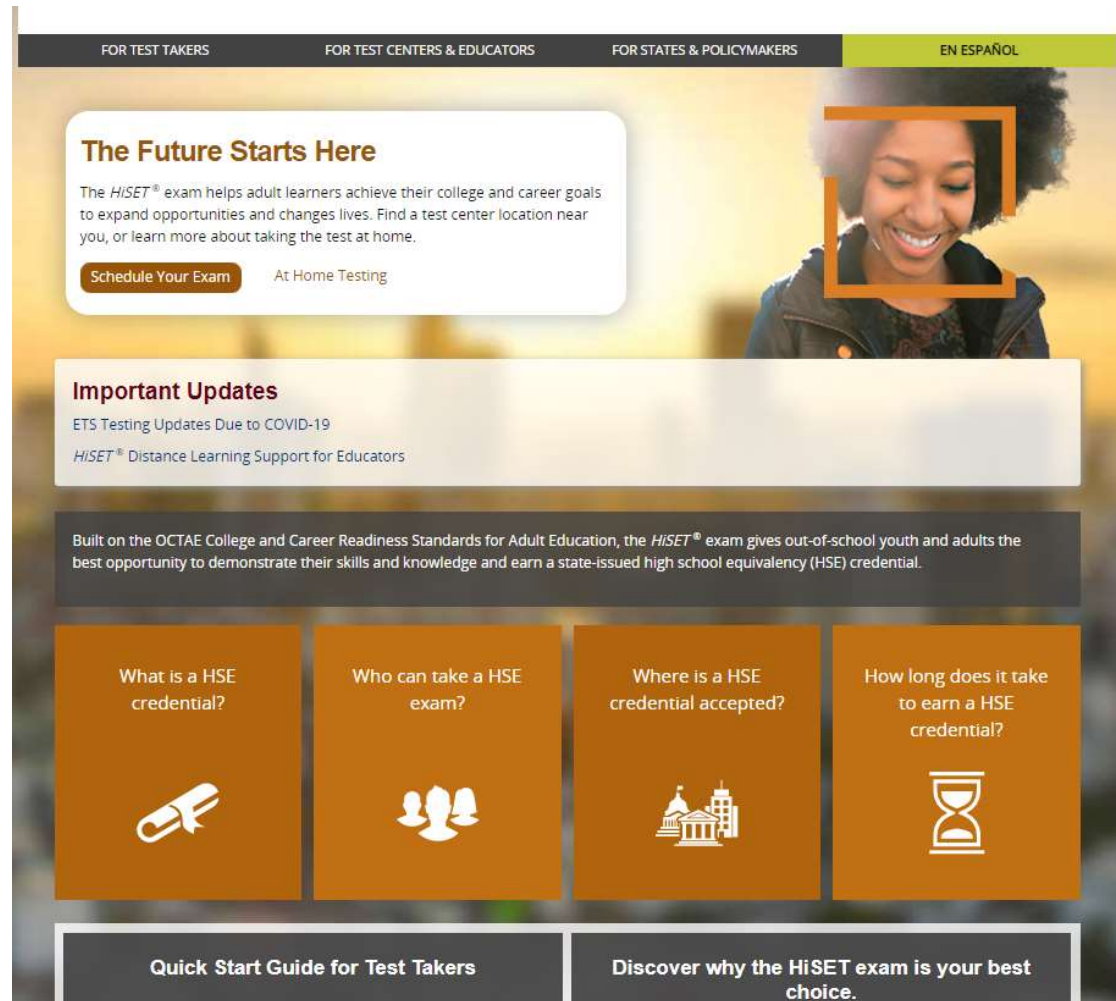
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HiSET Test Taker Bulletin



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Find Adult Ed Programs or Test Centers

Find Test Centers

The HSET exam is offered in states/jurisdictions that have adopted the HSET program. Each state/jurisdiction may have its own requirements for testing, so be sure to check your state/jurisdiction's requirements before you schedule an appointment to take the test. You can find test centers near you by entering your city, state and/or ZIP code. Results will display by distance from the center of the location you enter.

Remote Home Testing is now available. If you are interested in this option, please login and go to My HSET Home page.

Search Criteria

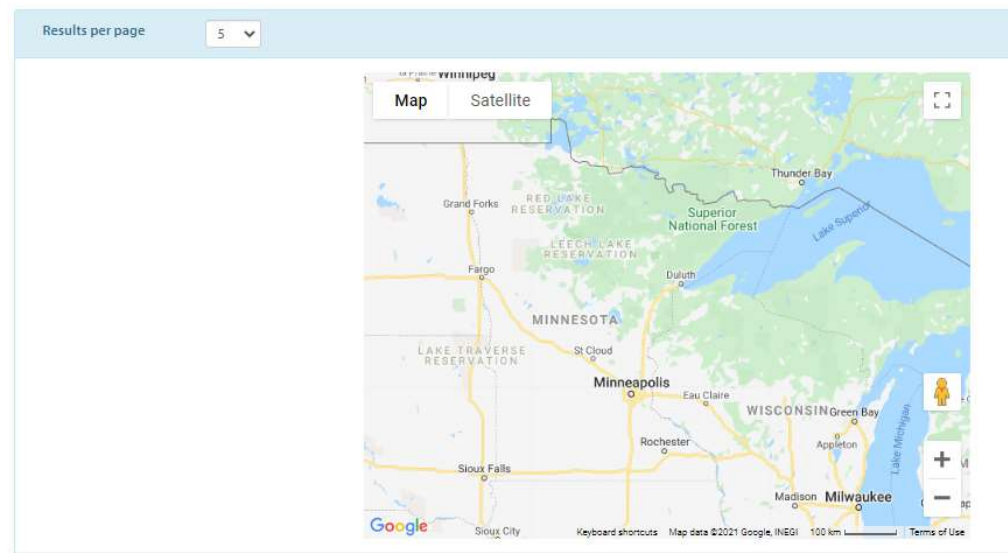
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HiSET® Exam Requirements by State or Jurisdiction

Each state or jurisdiction has its own testing requirements and policies. Some require you to be a minimum age or resident of that state, or to take a preparation course before taking the exam. In addition, fees and retesting rules may vary.

Before you schedule your exam, it's important that you read and understand the policies for the state or jurisdiction where you plan to take it.

+ States

+ U.S. Territories

If you don't see your state or jurisdiction listed above, it may not offer the HiSET® exam yet. Check with your high school equivalency office to see what your test options are.

What's next?

- [I want to set up a HiSET account.](#)
- [I want to learn more about the exam.](#)
- [I want to find a test center.](#)

For Test Takers

Not sure if you're ready?

[Sign up to get resources that can help you make your decision.](#)

HiSET® Test-taker Bulletin (PDF)

Find an adult education center or test center near you

Learn more about HiSET At Home Testing

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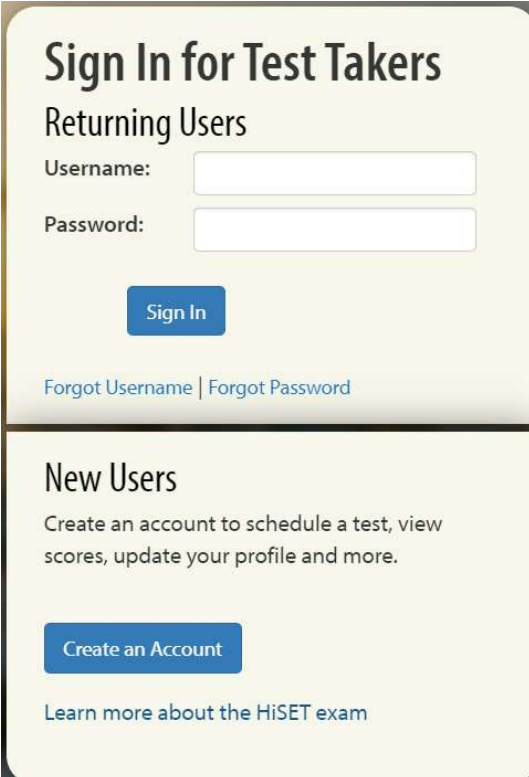
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<https://hiset.ets.org/requirements/state>

My HiSET Account

My HiSET Account

- Create, update and manage profile
- Schedule appointments
- View HiSET score reports
 - Individual subtest report
 - Comprehensive score report
- <https://hiset.ets.org/myhiset>



The screenshot shows a web interface for signing in or creating an account. It is divided into two main sections: 'Returning Users' and 'New Users'. The 'Returning Users' section includes fields for 'Username' and 'Password', a 'Sign In' button, and links for 'Forgot Username' and 'Forgot Password'. The 'New Users' section includes a description of account benefits, a 'Create an Account' button, and a link to 'Learn more about the HiSET exam'.

Sign In for Test Takers

Returning Users

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New Users

Create an account to schedule a test, view scores, update your profile and more.

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HiSET Test at a Glance (TAAG)

HiSET® – Test at a Glance (TAAG) Information Brief

The purpose of the ETS High School Equivalency Test (*HiSET*®) is to certify a candidate's attainment of academic knowledge and skills equivalent to those of a high school graduate. HiSET scores will identify those candidates who have performed at a level consistent with high school equivalency. Information from the HiSET program also will help identify areas in which candidates are career and college ready, as well as areas in which additional preparation may be needed.

Candidates will be tested in five core areas: Language Arts – Reading, Language Arts – Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Descriptions of each of these five tests are contained in this document. The ***HiSET*® Practice Tests** allow candidates to view sample content and item types and provide them with general information about their level of preparation for taking the operational form.

Through ongoing validity research, the HiSET program has been connected to college-readiness indicators. Candidate performance relative to these indicators is part of the reporting system for the assessment.

The following TAAG sections give a quick overview of each HiSET test and include:

- Test name
- Length of test (Time)
- Number and types of questions (Format)
- Content Categories and approximate percentage of the test
- Process Categories
- Process Category Descriptors
- Depth of Knowledge Levels (DOK)*

The emphasis of each category is expressed as the average percentage of the number of questions per category. This percentage is the approximate average number of questions across the forms on the HiSET exam.

English TAAG

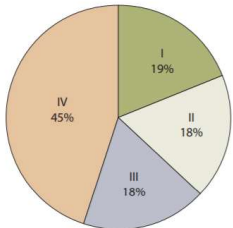
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Spanish TAAG

https://hiset.ets.org/s/pdf/taag_es.pdf

HiSET Test at a Glance (TAAG)

Mathematics

Test at a Glance	
Test Name	Mathematics
Time	90 minutes
Number of Questions	55
Format	Multiple-choice questions
Calculator	Calculator neutral. Please refer to the state policies for the state in which you are testing.
	Content Categories (Approximate Percentage of Questions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Numbers and Operations on Numbers (19%) II. Measurement/Geometry (18%) III. Data Analysis/Probability/Statistics (18%) IV. Algebraic Concepts (45%)
	Process Categories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Understand Mathematical Concepts and Procedures B. Analyze and Interpret Information C. Synthesize Data and Solve Problems

The following is a list of the College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS)* that are included in the Mathematics test.

CCRS Code	College and Career Readiness Standards
6.RP.3	Use ratio and rate reasoning to solve real-world and mathematical problems, e.g., by reasoning about tables of equivalent ratios, tape diagrams, double number line diagrams, or equations.
6.SP.5	Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context, such as by: Describing the nature of the attribute under investigation, including how it was measured and its units of measurement. Giving quantitative measures of center (median and/or mean) and variability (interquartile range and/or mean absolute deviation), as well as describing any overall pattern and any striking deviations from the overall pattern with reference to the context in which the data were gathered. Relating the choice of measures of center and variability to the shape of the data distribution and the context in which the data were gathered.
7.EE.2	Understand that rewriting an expression in different forms in a problem context can shed light on the problem and how the quantities in it are related. For example, $a + 0.05a = 1.05a$ means that "increase by 5%" is the same as "multiply by 1.05."
7.EE.3	Solve multi-step, real-life and mathematical problems posed with positive and negative rational numbers in any form (whole numbers, fractions, and decimals), using tools strategically. Apply properties of operations to calculate with numbers in any form; convert between forms as appropriate; and assess the reasonableness of answers using mental computation and estimation strategies. For example: If a woman making \$25 an hour gets a 10% raise, she will make an additional $\frac{1}{10}$ of her salary an hour, or \$2.50, for a new salary of \$27.50. If you want to place a towel bar $9\frac{3}{4}$ inches long in the center of a door that is $27\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, you will need to place the bar about 9 inches from each edge; this estimate can be used as a check on the exact computation.

Content Categories

The **Content Category Descriptors** are numbered under each **Content Category** below. The **Process Category Descriptors** are numbered under the Mathematics **Process Categories** section starting on page 14.

I. Numbers and Operations on Numbers

1. Use properties of operations with real numbers, including rational and irrational numbers (e.g., identify rational and irrational numbers, locate these numbers between two points on a number line, find the product and sum of rational and irrational numbers, and determine if the product or sum is rational or irrational).
2. Rewrite expressions involving radicals and rational exponents using the properties of exponents (e.g., find an equivalent expression to the cube root of $27x^5y^6$).

Writing Essay Scoring Guide and Samples

- **Writing Response Scoring Guide:** scoring explanations and rationales from 1–6
 - English https://hiset.ets.org/s/pdf/writing_response_scoring_guide.pdf
 - Spanish https://hiset.ets.org/s/pdf/writing_response_scoring_guide_es.pdf
- **Scored Sample Writing Responses:** examples of scored writing responses and rationale of the scores
 - English https://hiset.ets.org/s/pdf/2016_scored_sample_writing_responses.pdf
 - Spanish https://hiset.ets.org/s/pdf/2016_scored_sample_writing_responses_es.pdf

Mathematics Formula Sheet

Included formulas:

- Perimeter/circumference; Area; Volume; Length; Capacity/Volume; Weight

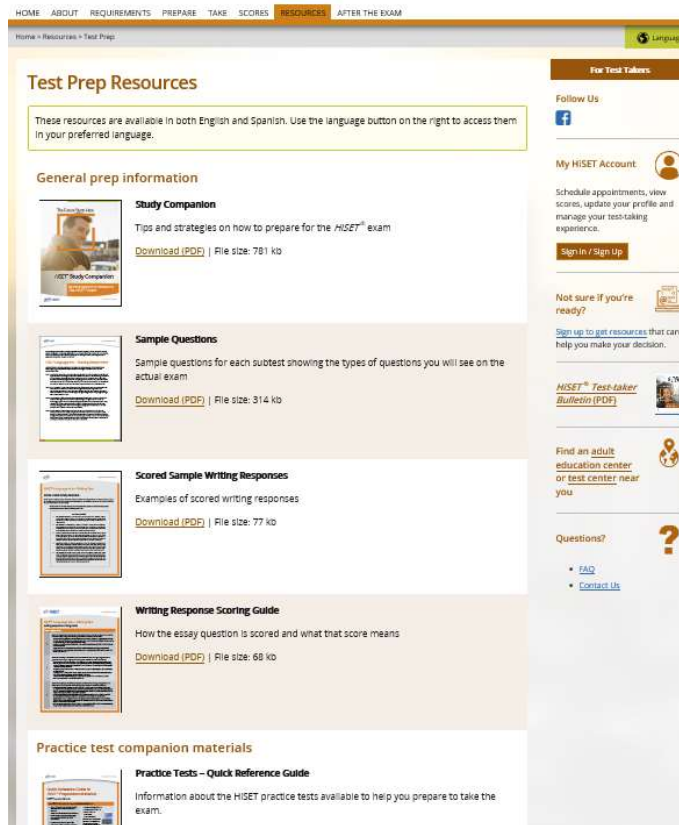
Not included formulas:

- distance = (rate) (time) or $d = rt$; note d is distance, r is rate, and t is time
- Pythagorean Theorem: $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$. Note c is the longest side of the triangle; a and b are the other two sides of the triangle
- quadratic formula: $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$, where $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ and $a \neq 0$

Math formula sheet

- English: https://hiset.ets.org/s/pdf/mathematics_formula_sheet.pdf
- Spanish: https://hiset.ets.org/s/pdf/mathematics_formula_sheet_es.pdf

Test Prep Resources



General prep information

- Study Companion
- Sample Questions
- Scored Sample Writing Responses
- Writing Response Scoring Guide

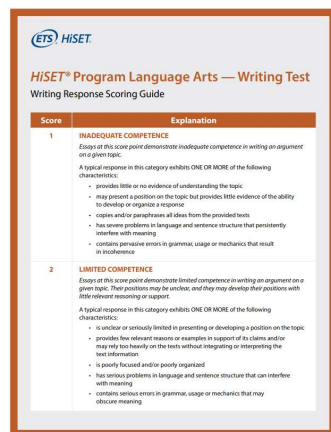
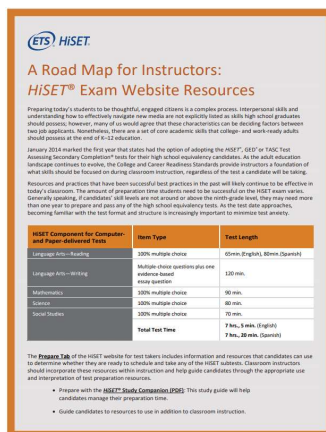
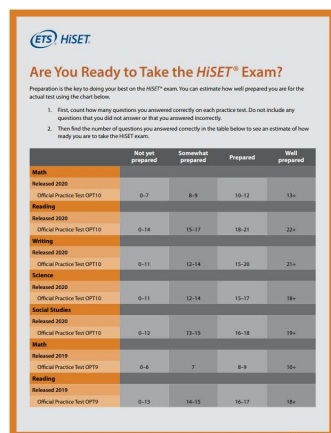
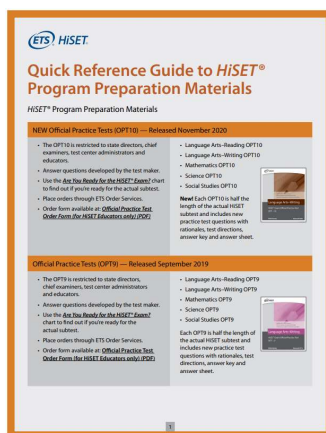
Practice test companion materials

- Practice Tests – Quick Reference Guide
- Are You Ready to Take the Exam?
- HiSET Practice Test Blank Answer Sheets
- Mathematics Formula Sheet

Free practice tests

- Language Arts – Reading
- Language Arts – Writing
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies

Helpful Educator Resources



- Quick Reference Guide to HiSET Preparation Materials
- HiSET Road Map for Instructors
- Are You Ready to Take the HiSET Exam?
- Scored Sample Writing Responses
- Writing Response Scoring Guide
- Find these and more resources at <https://hiset.ets.org/tcs-ae/resources/printable/>

HiSET Test Prep Providers

The screenshot shows the 'HiSET® Test Prep Providers' page on the Essential Education website. The page has a navigation bar at the top with links: HOME, ABOUT, REQUIREMENTS, PREPARE (highlighted), TAKE, SCORES, RESOURCES, and AFTER THE EXAM. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'HiSET® Test Prep Providers'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains information about Essential Education, including a description of the HiSET Academy™ Online Learning Program, access to the HiSET Academy (Diagnostic Assessment and Interactive Instruction), and contact information (Website, Phone, Email). The right column contains a 'For Test Takers' section with links for 'My HiSET Account', 'Find an adult education center or test center near you', 'Not sure if you're ready?', 'HiSET® Test-taker Bulletin (PDF)', and 'Questions?'. At the bottom of the page, there is a section for 'Other Test Prep Providers'.

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Essential Education — The official ETS test prep provider for the HiSET exam

The *HiSET Academy™* Online Learning Program, from Essential Education, is a customized, adaptive learning program to accelerate learning. The program can be used to supplement Adult Education Courses or fully support independent study.

Access to the HiSET Academy includes:

- **Diagnostic Assessment** — After working through the pre-assessment and personalized learning plan, you take the built-in practice test evaluating depth of knowledge. Based on your responses, specific HiSET Academy lessons and Essential Skills Workbook practice are prescribed to help you improve.
- **Interactive Instruction** — Over 200 hours of lessons in math, reading, writing, science and social studies. This functions as a personal tutor for the adult learner.

For more information:

Website: <https://www.essentialied.com/students/hiset-academy>

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Email: dan@essentialied.com

For Instructors Only

Working with the *HiSET®* program, Essential Education brings you the online HiSET Official Practice Tests designed to measure readiness for the HiSET exam, providing adult learners and instructors pinpoint diagnostics for improvement.

Essential Education is the exclusive provider of this online study tool that:

- Covers all five curriculum subjects
- Aligns to the format and structure of the HiSET exam
- Provides actionable feedback on learning gaps and areas of proficiency
- Links to HiSET Academy lessons for further study (additional purchase may apply)

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Other Test Prep Providers

There are several programs* developed by outside test prep providers which may help you prepare for the

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- New Readers Press
- Aztec Software
- and many more...

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Becoming a HiSET Test Center

- Please review the HiSET Program Manual
 - https://hiset.ets.org/s/pdf/program_manual.pdf
- All HiSET test centers
 - Confirm meeting specifications as described in the HiSET Program Manual
 - Complete HiSET Test Center forms
 - Chief examiners and test administrators will need to complete HiSET e-Learning
 - Existing GED sites are pre-approved
 - Additional training and support is available
 - No restrictions on other tests at HiSET test centers



HiSET Test Fees

- HiSET battery consists of five (5) subtests
- Test taker pays the HiSET subtest fee plus the test center support fee
 - CBT – \$13.75 HiSET subtest fee plus \$10 test center fee = \$23.75 per subtest
 - PBT – \$18.00 HiSET subtest fee plus \$10 test center fee = \$28 per subtest
 - PBT available as an exception
- MN Subsidy will apply to the HiSET exam
- Retests – each subtest includes two (2) free HiSET retests
 - Test taker will still need to pay the test center fee for retests
 - Retest credits need to be used within 12 months
- For the HiSET Exam At Home – a \$17.50 remote proctor fee replaces the \$10 test center fee

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