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

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Total test time is **over 7 Hours**
HiSET Exam at Home Option

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

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HiSET Testing Accommodations Process

1. Review the HiSET Test Taker Bulletin and Web site
2. Reach out to ETS Disability Services for support
3. Determine needed accommodations
4. Complete the HiSET Testing Accommodations Request form and gather supporting documentation
5. Submit completed request to ETS
   - Applicants are encouraged to apply early
   - ETS Disability Services may need more documentation before approval
6. Applicants will receive a testing accommodations letter with registration instructions
   - ETS will coordinate with the appropriate test center on behalf of the test taker

https://hiset.ets.org/requirements/disabilities/
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

• Comprehensive Score Report

Official State Credential and Transcript

• HSE Diploma
• Transcript
HiSET Test Taker Bulletin

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HiSET Web Site

https://hiset.ets.org/
Important Updates

ETS launches the HiSET® exam at home option for test takers

The Future Starts Here


If you didn’t finish high school, you know that your choices are limited. Even with talent and drive, the lack of a high school diploma can limit your opportunities.

By taking the HiSET® exam, you can earn a state-issued high school equivalency credential which you can use to advance your career, join the military, begin a training program or continue your education. Affordable, accessible and flexible, the HiSET exam is the fastest-growing high school equivalency test.

Schedule Your Exam Today  |  About the Exam

Need Help?

Chat with one of our Customer Service Representatives.

Hours:
M-F, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. ET

Find an adult education center or test center near you

Stay informed

Receive resources, tips and strategies to help guide you through your HiSET journey.

Sign Up

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Schedule Your Exam Today  About the Exam
Find Test Centers

The HiSET exam is offered in states/jurisdictions that have adopted the HiSET 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 log in and go to My HiSET Home page.

Search Criteria

- City, State and/or ZIP Code:
- Test Center Name:
- Distance:
- Test Delivery Method:

Results per page

https://hiset.ets.org/test-takers
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.

https://hiset.ets.org/requirements/state
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](https://hiset.ets.org/myhiset)
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 in 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

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

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<td>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.</td>
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<td>6.SP.5</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>7.EE.2</td>
<td>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 &quot;increase by 5%&quot; is the same as &quot;multiply by 1.05.&quot;</td>
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<td>7.EE.3</td>
<td>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 $2.50 of her salary an hour, or $52.50, for a new salary of $527.50. If you want to place a towel bar 9 3/4 inches long in the center of a door that is 27 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.</td>
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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 any 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

• **Scored Sample Writing Responses**: examples of scored writing responses and rationale of the scores
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
### 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

https://hiset.ets.org/resources/prep/
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

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

https://hiset.ets.org/prepare/providers/
Becoming a HiSET Test Center

• Please review the HiSET Program Manual

• 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
Questions?

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