

HSE / FAQs



What Is A High School Equivalency (HSE) Certificate?

Adults who did not earn a high school diploma have another way to demonstrate high school equivalency by passing a series of tests in either Spanish or English to earn a California-issued certificate.

Who Can Take The HSE Exam?

High school equivalency (HSE) exams are designed for out-of-school youth and adults of any age without a high school diploma.

Which Test Do I Take?

The HiSET®, GED® and TASC™ exams are three tests that measure high school equivalency skills. California offers all three tests and you decide which test you wish to take. They are very similar but each test has its own guidelines, regulations and scoring procedures. All three exams are approved and accepted in all 50 states for educational and employment purposes. For details, visit: www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/gd/hsecertltr.asp

Where Can I Take The Test?

Saddleback College has a HiSET® Testing Center that offers exams on the first Friday and Saturday of every month. The cost for each subtest is \$24. You must pass all five HiSET® subtests (Reading, Writing, Math, Science, Social Studies) to earn your high school equivalency certificate. (Review the box at right for more information.) Make your HiSET® test appointment at www.hiset.ets.org.

Do I Need To Take Classes To Take The Test?

You are not required to take HSE classes, but we highly recommend that you visit Saddleback Adult Education to get a proper assessment on how close you are to passing the HSE exams. Our FREE preparation classes are designed to ensure students pass all sections of the HiSET, GED, or TASC exam.

How Long Will It Take to Get My HSE Certificate?

You can study at your own pace! How long it will take for you to pass the entire set of subtests depends on you. For some people it takes a month; for others it can take up to a year. Factors that affect how long it takes, include:

- your level of education;
- how much time you have to study;
- how quickly you want to take the test: you can take one subtest at a time or all five on the same weekend of the month at Saddleback College;
- whether or not you pass each subtest on the first attempt.

SADDLEBACK ADULT EDUCATION

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HSE accepts donations through the Saddleback College Foundation,
Account #GFB00592.

To donate, visit:

www.saddlebackcollegegiving.org

OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES

California Dept. of Education: www.cde.ca.gov

HiSET ETS Test: <http://hiset.ets.org>

High School Diploma (HSD) Classes
Orange County Department of Education
College and Career Preparatory Academy
(714) 245-6417

GED testing at Irvine Valley College
<http://academics.ivc.edu/testingcenter/Pages/ged.aspx>

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PREPARATION CLASSES

offered in English and Spanish

High School Equivalency (HSE) preparation not-for-credit classes are designed to ensure that students pass all sections of the HiSET®, GED, or TASC™.

Year-round classes are offered in Math, Science, Social Studies and Language Arts. Exam preparation includes placement and practice tests.

REGISTER TODAY!

Call (949) 493-0658

Classes are open entry. Start anytime.

TWO LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU

Saddleback Adult Education SJC
31351 El Camino Real, San Juan Capistrano
(on the Serra High School Campus)

Saddleback Adult Education MV
25632 Peter A. Hartman Way, Mission Viejo
(on the Silverado High School Campus)

www.saddleback.edu/ae/hse
<http://www.saddleback.edu/ae/hiset>

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You & We Guarantee

Saddleback Adult Education will provide HSE students with an opportunity to earn reimbursement* of the HiSET® testing fee (*up to \$140, depending on ongoing funding; no cash value). For eligibility, information about acceptance into the **HSE Scholar Program**, and requirements for completion, visit www.saddleback.edu/ae/hse-guarantee.

HiSET® TESTING AT SADDLEBACK COLLEGE

ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible to take the HiSET® if you are:

- at least 18 years old, or are within 60 days of your 18th birthday.
- 17 years old, and have been absent at least 60 consecutive school days, and provide a letter of request from either the military, a post-secondary educational institution, or a prospective employer (subject to approval).
- a California resident. If you are not a California resident, contact Saddleback Adult Education.

COST

\$10 per test subject*†

*plus \$14 per testing center appointment

†plus \$20 California CSS State Fee (one-time fee)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTER AT LEAST 2 DAYS PRIOR to the desired test date.

Registration is limited to 20 students per test period.

Register online at: <http://hiset.ets.org> OR

Phone: 1 (855) MyHiSET (1-855-694-4738)

LOCATION: SADDLEBACK COLLEGE VILLAGE 9-03 / 9-04

Use the Avery Parkway entrance to Saddleback College.

Proceed to Lot 1.

- Parking at Saddleback College requires a \$5 daily fee (cash, debit, or credit card accepted). Purchase your daily pass at the kiosk in Lot 1. Pull forward into parking spaces.

ON THE DAY OF THE TEST...

Bring one of the following: Driver's license or ID card from any state's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV); Military ID card; Passport; Mexican Consulate card; Indian Tribal card.

- HiSET® proctoring/testing is available in Spanish and English.
- Students can take any of the five tests in an available time slot.
- Tests can be taken one at a time in no particular order. (Example: All five on a weekend or just one on a weekend).
- Students must arrive **15 minutes prior to the start of the test** to be admitted.
- Food is not allowed during testing. Small breaks are provided between tests, so students taking multiple tests may wish to bring a snack.

GETTING YOUR TEST RESULTS

To pass the HiSET® you must receive a standard score of at least 8 on each of the five sub-tests AND earn an average total standard score of 45 or higher.

- Check your scores online with your ETS ID. (You are the only one who has access to your ID number).
- Once you pass the HiSET® you may order a copy of your High School Equivalency (HSE) certificate through www.parchment.com (fee applies). It will arrive within two to three weeks.

UPCOMING HiSET® TESTING DATES AT SADDLEBACK COLLEGE

Saddleback Adult Education offers the paper-based HiSET test on the **first weekend of every month**.

Test times are: Friday at 3 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.; Saturday at 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 1 p.m.

2018 DATES

May 4 / 5
June 1 / 2
July 6 / 7
August 3 / 4
September 7 / 8
October 5 / 6
November 2 / 3
December 7 / 8

2019 DATES

January 4 / 5
February 1 / 2
March 1 / 2
April 5 / 6
May 3 / 4
June 7 / 8

2019 DATES, cont.

July 5 / 6
August 2 / 3
September 6 / 7
October 4 / 5
November 1 / 2
December 6 / 7

To view the schedule, visit www.saddleback.edu/ae/hiset