The New High School Equivalency Test

The GED test expired at the end of 2013. Beginning January 2014, Missouri’s new high school equivalency test will be the HiSet test developed by Educational Testing Service. The test replaces the current GED examination and will be recognized as the new measure of high school equivalency. The test will be referred to as the HSE (High School Equivalency).

The HSE HiSet exam will be administered via computer delivery in Missouri. The test consists of five subtests in the areas of Language Arts-Reading, Language Arts-Writing, Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics. Testers can take the five subtests in any order. If the test center has availability, they can take all five subtests in one day or they can schedule them across more than one day.

Testers may register to take the test at http://hiset.ets.org/test_takers or by phoning 1-855-694-4738. They must pay for the exam at the time scheduled. If a tester is scheduling online, they may pay by debit or credit card, Pay Pal, or eCheck. If they schedule by phone they may pay by debit or credit card.

The cost of the new test will be $95. Examinees who do not pass the test the first time can retake the entire test or any of the test sections two more times within the 12-month period by paying an additional $7-per-section fee. Test takers are encouraged to register close to the date they want to test as the 12-month validity period begins on the date of registration, not the test date.

Test scores are generally available within 2 weeks. Each of the five subtests in the HiSET battery is scored on a scale of 1–20. In order to pass testers must do all three of the following:

• Achieve a score of at least 8 on each of the five individual subtests
• Score at least 2 out of 6 on the essay portion of the writing test
• Have a total combined score on all five subtests of at least 45

For each individual test scoring report, it indicates:

• tester score, the total possible score and whether the tester passed
• the minimum score required to pass
• the number answered correctly and the maximum number of questions in each content category
• tester college and career readiness score

Additional testing information including how to request accommodations can be found at http://hiset.ets.org/requirements/mo

Students who wish to complete most of their high school equivalency test preparation online may use MOLEARS, Missouri’s FREE online classroom for students looking for the flexibility of completing most of their high school equivalency test preparation at home.

Go to https://molearns.com/
Adult Education and Literacy Classes

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education supports Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) services throughout the St. Louis Area. AEL services are designed to teach eligible persons 16 years of age or older to read and write English and acquire basic skills necessary to function in society and to become more employable, productive and responsible citizens as well as allowing them to continue their education to at least the completion of secondary school. AEL programs are designed to provide adult education services to students at all basic literacy levels and encompass more than high school equivalency test preparation.

Many students enroll in AEL classes in order to prepare for the high school equivalency examination. Classes prepare students for the exam and include instruction in the five subject areas tested: Language Arts- Reading, Language Arts-Writing, Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics. Students have the opportunity to pursue studies in those areas and to take a practice version of the Hi-Set examination.

Free classes are provided through the following programs. Please contact the program for specific location information about class times and locations.

- **City of St. Louis Public Schools – 314-367-5000**
  Serving the school districts of St. Louis city, Ferguson-Floissant, Hancock Place, Jennings, Normandy, Riverview Gardens, and Wellston.

- **Parkway School District – 314-415-4940**
  Serving the school districts of Brentwood, Clayton, Hazelwood, Ladue, Maplewood-Richmond Heights, Pattonville, and Parkway.

- **Ritenour School District – 314-426-7900**
  Serving the Ritenour School District.

- **Rockwood School District – 636-733-2161**
  Serving the Rockwood School District.

- **St. Louis Community College at Meramec – 314-984-7777**
  Serving the school districts of Affton, Bayless, Kirkwood, Lindbergh, Mehlville, Valley Park, and Webster Groves.

- **University City Schools – 314-290-4052**
  Serving the University City School District.