

Structural Comparison of the HiSET[®] and GED[®] Tests
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| HiSET [®] (5 Subtests/Battery) Both computer-delivered and paper-based testing | GED [®] (4 Modules/Battery) Computer-delivered testing only (except for accommodations) |
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| <p>Language Arts-Reading (65 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 multiple Choice Questions | <p>Reasoning through Language Arts (150 minutes) (51 Questions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 1- (27 minutes*) Section 2-Extended Response (45 minutes) Student Break (10 minutes) Section 3 – (60 minutes) <p>*The time allotted for Sections 1 and 3 may vary slightly, but the total test time will always be 150 minutes.</p> |
| <p>Language Arts-Writing (120 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 51 Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 multiple-choice questions 1 Essay | |
| <p>Mathematics (90 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 Multiple-Choice Questions <p>Calculator: TI-30XS scientific calculator</p> | <p>Mathematical Reasoning (115 minutes) (46 Questions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 1 (first 5 questions) calculator not allowed Part 2 (remaining 41 questions) calculator allowed Possible Item Types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple choice Drag-and-drop Hot spot Fill in the blank <p>Calculator: TI-30XS scientific calculator</p> |
| <p>Science (80 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 multiple-choice questions | <p>Science (90 minutes) (34 Questions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible Item Types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple choice Short answer Drag-and-drop Hot spot Fill in the blank <p>Calculator: TI-30XS scientific calculator</p> |
| <p>Social Studies (70 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 Multiple-Choice Questions | <p>Social Studies (70 minutes) (35 questions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible Item Types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple choice Drag-and-drop Hot spot Fill in the blank <p>Calculator: TI-30XS scientific calculator</p> |
| <p>Scoring: scaled-score range per subtest: 0-20 To pass: no subtest score lower than 8 and a battery total of 45 or above</p> | <p>Scoring: scaled-score range per module: 100-200 To pass: a score on each module of 145 or above</p> |
| <p>For more detailed information on the content and structure of the HiSET[®], go to: https://hiset.ets.org/s/pdf/2017_taaq.pdf</p> | <p>For more detailed information on the content and structure of the GED[®] test, go to: http://www.gedtesting.com/educators/the-new-assessment-downloads</p> |
| <p>Fee: \$24 for the 1st subtest, \$19 for the remaining 4 subtests in the initial battery (up to two per subtest, within one year of initial test) \$19 (after one year from initial test)</p> <p>Effective January 1, 2019: Computer battery Paper battery (proportional increase in individual subtest fees)</p> | <p>Fee: \$31.25/module (up to two per module, within one year of initial test) (after one year from initial test)</p> |

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