

High School Equivalency (HSE) Testing

Beginning January 2014, the HISET® exam, the new alternative to the GED® test, can help you achieve this important Missouri high school equivalency credential. More information can be found at http://hiset.ets.org/test_takers/.

The HSE test will measure your knowledge in five core areas:

***Language Arts-Reading.** The Reading subtest measures your ability to understand, interpret, and analyze a broad range of literary and informational texts. The selections are from different genres on subject matter that varies in purpose and style. They may be in the form of memoirs, essays, biographical sketches, editorials, or poetry. The texts generally range in length from approximately 400 to 600 words.

Time: 65 minutes

Format: 40 multiple-choice questions

***Language Arts--Writing.** If you are taking the HSE exam in English, the Writing subtest measures your skill in recognizing and producing effective, standard, American-written English and is in two parts.

Part 1 measures your ability to edit and revise written text. In Part one, you are asked to make revision choices concerning organization, diction and clarity, sentence structure, usage, and mechanics. The subtest questions are embedded in complete texts in the form of letters, essays, newspaper articles, personal accounts, and reports. The texts are presented as drafts in which parts have been underlined to indicate a possible need for revision. You are given alternatives that may correct or improve the underlined portions. Aspects of written language that are measured may include appropriate style, logical transitions, discourse structure and organization, conciseness and clarity, or usage and mechanics.

Part 2 measures your ability to generate and organize ideas in writing. In Part two, you are asked to generate and organize ideas in writing. Your writing is assessed on development, organization, language facility and writing convention.

Time: Part 1, 75 minutes

Part 2, 45 minutes

Format: Part 1, 50 questions, multiple choice

Part 2, 1 essay prompt

***Mathematics.** The Mathematics subtest measures mathematical knowledge and competencies. You are asked to solve quantitative problems using fundamental concepts and reasoning skills. The questions present practical problems that require numerical operations, measurement, estimation, data interpretation and logical thinking. Problems are based on realistic situations and may test abstract concepts such as algebraic patterns, precision in measurement and probability. You may use a calculator for the entire subject test, if you choose to do so.

Time: 90 minutes

Format: 50 multiple-choice questions

***Science.** The Science subtest measures your ability to use science content knowledge, apply principles of scientific inquiry, and interpret and evaluate scientific information. Most of the questions provide descriptions of scientific investigations and their results. Scientific information is based on reports that might be found in scientific journals. Graphs, tables and charts are used to present information and results. The questions use material from a variety of content areas such as: physics, chemistry, botany, zoology, health and astronomy. You may be asked to identify the research question of interest, select the best design for a specific research question and recognize conclusions that can be drawn from results. You may also be asked to evaluate the adequacy of procedures and distinguish among hypotheses, assumptions and observations.

Time: 80 minutes

Format: 50 multiple-choice questions

***Social Studies.** The Social Studies subtest measures your ability to analyze and evaluate various kinds of social studies information. The subtest uses materials from a variety of content areas, including history, political science, psychology, sociology, anthropology, geography and economics. Primary documents, posters, cartoons, timelines, maps, graphs, tables, charts and reading passages may be used to present information. You may be asked to distinguish statements of fact from opinion; recognize the limitations of procedures and methods; and make judgments about the reliability of sources, the validity of inferences and conclusions, and the adequacy of information for drawing conclusions.

Time: 70 minutes

Format: 50 multiple-choice questions

HSE Hours and Location

The Student Success Center at Crowder College conducts the HSE exam Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8:15-12:45 as well as one Saturday a month. The times available will be listed while signing up with your HiSET account.

You must register for your HiSET Account and Exam at <https://ereg.ets.org/ereg-web/public/signin>

HiSET Testing Registration

Creating a HiSET® account gives you quick, easy access to all of your HiSET exam information. With a HiSET account, you can:

Schedule and pay for a test

View your appointment confirmation

Reschedule or cancel a test

View your account history

View your scores

Update your profile information

Note: When you create your HiSET account, the name you use to register must exactly match the name printed on your identification documents (excluding accents) that you will present on the day of your test at the test center. See Identification Requirements for more information at <http://hiset.ets.org/take/schedule/id/>

State Eligibility Requirements

To take the HSE exam in the state of Missouri, you must meet the following eligibility requirements:

Age: You must be at least 16 years of age and out of high school to take the HiSET exam. If you are 16 years of age, you must also have completed at least 16 units toward high school graduation. For more on documentation required, exceptions to this policy and homeschooler information, review the Additional Policies section below.

Residency: You must be a resident of Missouri to take the HiSET exam.

Test Preparation or Instruction: Missouri does not have any test preparation or instruction requirements to take the initial test. However, they do encourage instruction before retesting. See the Additional Policies section below for more information.

Practice Test: Missouri does not require you to take a practice test to qualify for the HSE exam.

Identification: You must present identification on test day at the HSE test center. A valid permanent or temporary Missouri license (Driver, Nondriver, Intermediate, Commercial or Instruction (learners) permit), U.S. passport, or U.S. military ID. Outdated or expired identification will not be accepted.

Fees and Payment

In Missouri, the total price for the battery is \$95 (\$60 ETS and Missouri State Department of Education administration fee and \$35 test center administration fee). If you pay for the battery and need to retest on an individual test, you must pay a \$7 test center retesting fee.

NOTE FOR BATTERY PURCHASERS: When you purchase all five subtests at one time in a battery, the purchase expires after 12 months. If you haven't completed all the tests your scores will carryover but your payment will need to be renewed.

For information about HSE test preparation in the Crowder College AEL classes phone (417) 455-5521.