

1. What do HSE and GED® mean?

HSE is an abbreviation for High School Equivalency.

GED® is an abbreviation for the General Educational Development high school equivalency tests.

In January 2014, the HiSET™ test replaced the GED® test as the official High School Equivalency (HSE) test for Missouri.

2. Why should I take the High School Equivalency (HSE) Tests?

The HSE Test will give you a high school equivalency certificate, which is recognized by the military, community colleges, universities, and employers as being equivalent to a high school diploma.

3. Who can take the High School Equivalency (HSE) Tests?

Anyone who is at least 17 years old, is not enrolled in high school and has not graduated from high school. If you are 16 years old, you must have 16 hours of high school credit, a letter from your principal stating that you have these credits, and be withdrawn from school.

4. Can I take the High School Equivalency (HSE) Tests in St. Louis?

Yes. To find a testing location near you, you can do a zip code search at:

https://ereg.ets.org/ereg/public/testcenter/search?_p=HSE

5. Does the Parkway-Rockwood Adult Education and Literacy Program administer the High School Equivalency (HSE) Tests?

No. Our classes help you prepare for the test.

6. What areas are tested on the High School Equivalency (HSE) Tests?

Language Arts/Writing (including writing an essay), Social Studies, Science, Language Arts/Reading, and Mathematics. More information can be found at <https://hiset.ets.org/about/content>

7. Do I need to know how to use a computer?

Yes, the tests are computer based.

8. How long are the High School Equivalency (HSE) Tests?

It takes approximately 8 hours to complete the entire battery of tests. The individual tests range from 65 minutes to 2 hours in length. Most people schedule the tests one at a time.

9. How do I apply to take the HSE test?

If you are certain you are ready for the HSE Tests, go https://ereg.ets.org/ereg/public/jump?_p=HSE to schedule your test.

10. Is there a charge for the HSE Tests?

The HSE test costs \$98.75 for the complete battery. You can pay for the tests individually. It's \$27.75 for the first test and \$17.75 for each subsequent test.

11. How do I know if I am ready to take the HSE Tests?

Enroll in one of our classes, take our preliminary tests, and we can give you an idea how close you are to being ready to pass the HSE Tests.

12. How do I enroll in one of your classes?

Call or text us at 314-415-4940. We will be glad to help you choose a site and give you registration information.

13. If I am 16 or 17, do I have to do anything special before I take classes?

If you are 16 years old, you must have a letter from your principal stating that you have 16 credit hours, are no longer enrolled in high school, and have permission to take HSE classes. If you are 17 years old, you must be withdrawn from school.

14. What if my tests show that I am not ready to pass the HSE Tests?

The teacher at your site will design an independent study plan just for you with your needs in mind. You will work on lessons designed to help you learn everything you need to know in order to pass the tests.

15. Is there a charge for your classes?

No, our classes are free. Books and materials are available for students to use in the classroom.

16. Do I have to live in the Parkway AEL attendance area to enroll in one of your classes?

No.

17. I am older and I quit school a long time ago. Can I come to your classes?

Yes. Our students range in age from 16 to 80 and above.

18. I graduated from high school. I don't need to take the HSE Tests, but would like to improve my skills. Can I come to class?

Yes.

19. After I have been in class, will there be a chance to take an HSE official practice test?

Yes, when your teacher determines that you are ready, you can take an HSE official practice test in class.

20. I know that I need your classes, but I'm nervous about starting something so new and different. Can I talk to someone about your classes?

Yes, just call or text Parkway-Rockwood Adult Education and Literacy at 314-415-4940 and we will be glad to answer any other questions that you may have.

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