

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)
Language Arts-Reading (65 minutes) 40 Multiple Choice Questions	Reasoning through Language Arts (150 minutes) (51 Questions) - Section 1- (27 minutes*) - Section 2-Extended Response (45 minutes) - Student Break (10 minutes) - Section 3 – (60 minutes) *The time allotted for Sections 1 and 3 may vary slightly, but the total test time will always be 150 minutes.
Language Arts-Writing (120 minutes) 51 Questions 50 multiple-choice questions 1 Essay	
Mathematics (90 minutes) 50 Multiple-Choice Questions Calculator: TI-30XS scientific calculator	Mathematical Reasoning (115 minutes) (46 Questions) - Part 1 (first 5 questions) calculator not allowed - Part 2 (remaining 41 questions) calculator allowed - Possible Item Types: - Multiple choice - Drag-and-drop - Hot spot - Fill in the blank Calculator: TI-30XS scientific calculator
Science (80 minutes) 50 multiple-choice questions	Science (90 minutes) (34 Questions) - Possible Item Types: - Multiple choice - Short answer - Drag-and-drop - Hot spot - Fill in the blank Calculator: TI-30XS scientific calculator
Social Studies (70 minutes) 50 Multiple-Choice Questions	Social Studies (70 minutes) (35 questions) - Possible Item Types: - Multiple choice - Drag-and-drop - Hot spot - Fill in the blank Calculator: TI-30XS scientific calculator
Scoring: scaled-score range per subtest: 0-20 To pass: no subtest score lower than 8 and a battery total of 45 or above	Scoring: scaled-score range per module: 100-200 To pass: a score on each module of 145 or above
For more detailed information on the content and structure of the HiSET [®] , go to: https://hiset.ets.org/s/pdf/2017_taaq.pdf	For more detailed information on the content and structure of the GED [®] test, go to: http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/the-new-assessment-downloads
Fee: \$24 for the 1 st 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) January 1, 2019: computer battery paper battery proportional increase in individual subtest fees)	Fee: \$31.25/module) (up to two per module, within one year of initial test) (after one year from initial test)

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