



## Expanding Opportunities. Changing Lives. The HiSET® Exam.

If you didn't finish high school, or are at risk of not completing high school, you know that your choices are limited. Even with talent and drive, the lack of a high school diploma can limit your opportunities.

By taking the HiSET® exam, you can earn a state-issued high school equivalency credential which you can use to advance your career, join the military, begin a training program or continue your education at a community college.

## Eligibility Requirements

To take the HiSET exam in LAUSD, you must have not completed high school and meet the following eligibility requirements:

- **Age:** To take the HiSET exam in LAUSD, you must meet any one of the following requirements:
  - 18 years of age or older or within 60 days of your 18th birthday (regardless of school enrollment status).
  - Within 60 days of when you would have graduated from high school had you remained in school and followed the usual course of study (may not currently be enrolled in school).
  - 17 years of age and out of school for at least 60 consecutive days. You must also provide a letter of request for the test from military, postsecondary educational institute or a prospective employer.
- **Test Preparation or Instruction:** Though LAUSD does not require a practice test, we do encourage you to visit your local adult school to take a basic reading, writing and math test and speak to a counselor. Being prepared is important, and LAUSD offers classes to help you study and get ready. Please call 213-765-2573 to find a program near you.

## Cost of the Exam

**Paper-delivered tests:** Individual subtests cost \$30 each. The total cost to take the HiSET exams (all five subtests) is \$175.

**Computer-delivered tests:** Individual subtests cost \$25 each. The total cost of all the HiSET exams (all five subtests) is \$150.

## What's On the HiSET® Exam

Section	Time	Format	Description
Language Arts – Reading	65 minutes – (English) 80 minutes – (Spanish)	Multiple-choice questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This section measures your ability to understand, interpret and analyze a broad range of literary and informational texts.</li> <li>The selected texts range in length from approximately 400 to 600 words.</li> </ul>
Language Arts – Writing	120 minutes	Multiple-choice questions and an essay prompt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This section measures your skill in recognizing and producing standard American English.</li> <li>The multiple-choice section questions measure your ability to edit and revise written text.</li> <li>The essay measures your ability to generate and organize ideas in writing.</li> </ul>
Mathematics	90 minutes	Multiple-choice questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This section measures mathematical knowledge and competencies.</li> <li>Questions are presented as practical problems and are solved by numerical operations, measurement, estimation, data interpretation and logical thinking.</li> <li>Some questions test abstract concepts such as algebraic patterns and probability.</li> <li>You may use a calculator for this section.</li> </ul>
Science	80 minutes	Multiple-choice questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This section measures your ability to use science content knowledge, apply principles of scientific inquiry, and interpret and evaluate scientific information.</li> <li>Graphs, tables and charts are used to present information and results.</li> </ul>
Social Studies	70 minutes	Multiple-choice questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This section measures your ability to analyze and evaluate information from a variety of content areas such as history, political science, psychology, sociology, anthropology, geography and economics.</li> <li>Primary documents, posters, cartoons, timelines, maps, graphs, tables, charts and reading passages are used in questions.</li> </ul>