

HiSET

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (Testers Under 18)

I am under the age of 18, can I take the HiSET?

If you are at least 16 years old, you may take the HiSET, but must follow the guidelines from the State of New Hampshire Department of Education for students under the age of 18. To test at Keene Community Education, the **FIRST** step is to get approval from your parent, **THEN** meet with your high school counselor who will complete the form required by Keene Community Education for taking HiSET tests at our Center.

The link for the State of New Hampshire information for requirements for those under 18 is:
<https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-learner-support/bureau-of-adult-education/high-school-equivalency-testing-for-students-16-and-17-years-of-age>

Note: Permission to pursue HiSET testing **DOES NOT** mean you can stop attending school. Students under 18 are still legally required to attend their high school until passing the HiSET tests and receiving the official equivalency certificate from the State of New Hampshire.

How do I register for and schedule the HiSET?

To register and schedule the HiSET you must first create an online HiSET account.

To create the account go to: <https://hiset.org/test-takers-requirements/>

Please call Customer Service at HiSET (844-562-0512) if you have problems creating your online HiSET account. Keene Community Education does not oversee this part of HiSET and all account issues must be addressed with the HiSET company itself.

After you create your online HiSET account you will need to return to the HiSET website to schedule and pay for your tests. You should do this with your high school counselor who will use the vouchers the high school has purchased to pay for the tests.

IMPORTANT: You will need a government issued photo ID to schedule any HiSET test.

How much does the HiSET cost?

The full battery of tests costs \$125. When you pay for the full battery, you are allowed to retake each subtest test a total of two times, at a cost of \$10 per test. From the time you pay for your test, you have one year to pass each subtest. Subtests may be scheduled over multiple testing sessions.

If you would prefer to take and pay for one subtest at a time, the first subtest you schedule will cost \$25. Each subsequent subtest will cost \$25.

How do I prepare?

FREE preparation materials and low-cost practice materials are available online including a tutorial video and practice tests at <https://hiset.org/test-takers-prepare/>

FREE study materials may be available at your local library.

Materials for purchase are also available in most bookstores.

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Do I need to pass a practice test to register and schedule?

If you are under the age of 18, you are required to pass an official practice test per the State of New Hampshire Department of Education guidelines. If you do not pass the practice test in a subject, the State determines that you are not ready to pass the official test, so will not give approval for you to take it. You may take a practice more than once. You can receive approval one subtest at a time.

Practice tests are given at Keene Community Education and require pre-registration.

Cost and Required Identification:

Practice tests- \$5.00 per test. Payable at **registration time** by cash or money order ONLY. A government-issued photo ID is required to register/pay and to be admitted on the day of testing: passport, driver's license, or non-driver's state ID. **Birth certificate/student ID are not accepted.**

Are computer-based or paper-based testing options available?

The computer-based format is the current option used at Keene Community Education, and the paper-based format is offered as needed. Both formats may be regularly available at other testing centers in New Hampshire. See the State of New Hampshire Adult Education website for information about other testing centers and other high school equivalency options:

https://www.nhadulted.org/locations/?filter_location_address%5Bradius%5D=10&filter_field_programs%5B%5D=HSE%20-%20High%20School%20Equivalency&filter=1

Are test accommodations available?

Test accommodations are available for test takers with disabilities or health-related needs and must be approved by HiSET before testing is scheduled. The process can take up one month. Keene Community Education is **not** authorized to approve accommodations. Please visit the accommodations section of the HiSET website:

<https://hiset.org/test-takers-accommodations/>

How much time do I have for each test?

The complete HiSET battery consists of five subtests:

Language Arts-Reading: 50 multiple choice questions, 65 minutes
Language Arts-Writing: Part I (60 multiple choice) and Part II (essay), 120 minutes
Mathematics: 55 multiple choice questions, 90 minutes
Science: 60 multiple choice questions, 80 minutes
Social Studies: 60 multiple choice questions, 70 minutes

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How is the test scored?

To pass the HiSET and obtain a New Hampshire HiSET certificate, all 3 of the following criteria must be met:

NOTE: A perfect score for each test is 20; a perfect combined score is 100.

1. Minimum of 8 to pass any one test. Any test under 8 must be retaken.
2. Minimum score of 2 on the writing subtest essay (scored separately from the multiple-choice section.)
3. Minimum total combined score of 45 or higher.

When is the next test?

Keene Community Education administers HiSET tests from September through June. Tests are administered in the afternoon, after 12 noon. To see the Keene testing schedule, please visit the Keene Community Education website.

Note: Keene Community Education test sessions currently open for registration are also listed on the HiSET website.

Where do I test?

All testing is done at Keene Community Education, 227 Maple Avenue in Keene.

When will I get my results?

When you complete a computer-delivered test, immediate, unofficial scores are displayed for the multiple-choice section.

On average, official test scores for both computer- and paper-delivered tests are posted within:

- * 3–5 business days for multiple-choice sections
- * 6–10 business days for the essay section

Note: The Language Arts – Writing subtest contains both multiple-choice and essay questions. Only a combined score is reported, so complete scores are available within approximately 6–10 business days.

Note: HiSET does not communicate test results to testers. You will need to log into your HiSET account to see your results.

Note: If you pass all 5 subtests, please allow 6-8 weeks to receive your high school equivalency certificate from the State of New Hampshire.

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