

Test Assessing Secondary Curriculum (TASC)/ High School Equivalency (HSE) and You

What is the TASC/HSE Test?

The TASC/HSE Test offers adults who left school an opportunity to earn a high school credential. TASC examinees must demonstrate major skills (twelfth grade competencies that would have been acquired in a four year high school education) in a battery of tests covering five major subject areas.

Language Arts: Writing

The Writing Skills Test consists of two parts. The score for this test is a combination of both scores.

Part I (Time Limit - 60 minutes)

This is a multiple-choice test of the ability to edit and correct problems in sentence structure, usage, mechanics, and organization.

Part II The Essay (Time Limit - 45 minutes)

Examinees must respond to an essay question in writing. The essay question presents an issue or situation with which examinees are familiar. Two trained readers according to a method called holistic scoring score the essay section of the Writing Skills Test independently.

Social Studies

(Time Limit - 75 minutes)

The Social Studies Test measures the ability to comprehend and use information in the content areas of history, economics, civics, government, geography, and world history. The focus of this test is assessing the examinees' ability to use concepts and information to solve problems or answer problems.

Science

(Time Limit - 85 minutes)

The Science Test measures the ability to comprehend and use information in the content areas of life sciences, the physical sciences, also earth and space science.

Language Arts: Reading

(Time Limit - 75 minutes)

This test measures examinees' ability to comprehend and answer questions about literary selections from popular literature and nonfiction prose, such as business documents.

Mathematics

(Time Limit - 105 minutes)

Part 2 (50 minutes) - Permits use of calculator provided by testing site, the TI-30xs Multiview Solar calculator.

Part 1 (55 minutes) - No calculator permitted. Focuses on mental math.

The Mathematics Test measures problem-solving skills in arithmetic, algebra, geometry, data, statistics and probability. The focus is on the ability to solve problems in realistic contexts. Item sets on the test may involve analyzing multiple pieces of information--charts, graphs, and tables.

Am I eligible to take the TASC/HSE Test?

If you meet all of the following qualifications, you may take the test:

- You are at least 17 years of age. (Only 17 year-olds **must** provide this documentation)
 - ✚ Indiana exit interview showing withdrawal from school
 - ✚ Passing HSE practice test scores
 - ✚ Superintendent's Recommendation Form with signature
- You have lived in Indiana a minimum of 30 days immediately preceding the testing.
- You have **NOT** earned a high school diploma from an accredited United States high school.

How may I prepare to take the test?

You may wish to enroll in an adult basic education program, which provides free, individualized instruction year round for adults who have not earned a high school diploma. For information, check with your local Area Career Center or call 219-933-2419.

You may wish to prepare on your own. Many self-study books for the TASC are available in bookstores and libraries. They are usually titled something like, How to Prepare for the High School Equivalency Exam. Also be sure that the books give explanations of the correct answers to sample test questions.

How much does it cost to take the TASC/HSE test?

In Indiana, it will cost up to \$90 to take the TASC Test. The cost covers all five sub-tests. The cost to take one or more individual sub-tests will vary from \$18.00. You should register and pay ahead to take the test. Bring photo I.D. and at least two other pieces of identification.

No study aids (such as dictionaries or notes) are allowed. If you are 17 years of age, bring the required documentation when you registered.

Where can I take the test?

There are over 70 testing centers in Indiana. They can be found in high schools, vocational school facilities, or career centers. Be sure to call for the testing schedule at a site near you. Each testing center sets its own schedule for testing. <https://secure.in.gov/dwd/adulted.htm>

Do I get a high school diploma if I pass the TASC Test?

No, if you pass, you will be eligible to receive a High School Equivalency Diploma issued by the Department of Workforce.