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**Is this the same as GED?** The Montana Office of Public Instruction officially replaced *GED* with *HiSET* in January of 2014. *HiSET* is separate from *GED*, but it accomplishes the same thing: a high school equivalency certificate.

--> **How do I get started?** Simply enroll in our program by going online to our Coursestorm site at <https://skc.coursestorm.com/> and clicking on the *HiSET*<sup>®</sup> Prep window. This can be done here at our computer lab, or elsewhere on your own device. Fill out the steps and submit. *HiSET*<sup>®</sup> Prep coach Brian DuMontier will then contact you about the further steps toward *HiSET* success.

**When are the diagnostics?** The preliminary diagnostic sessions are every Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 pm, and every Thursday morning at 9:00 am.

**When are the regular classes?** The regular classes are held each Tuesday at 10:00 am, and each Thursday at 2:00 pm. Attendance may be in-person, or virtual via [Zoom](#) link.

**Can I work online from home?** Yes, it is possible to work from home. *HiSET*<sup>®</sup> Prep is a hybrid class, in-person, or virtual attendance. Prospective testers can be enrolled in *HiSET*<sup>®</sup>Academy at [essential.com](https://essential.com) for online, interactive test preparation in all five subjects.

**How old do you have to be?** Prospective *HiSET* testers must be a minimum of 16 years of age with several preliminary requirements to fulfill if 16 years old (inquire about the preliminary requirements). 17 & 18 year-olds need only an original letter (not a copy) signed by a chief education officer from their district with the student's name, birthdate, and a statement that the student has exited school (date) and that a High School Equivalency is the best option.

High school aged prospective **HiSET** testers cannot be enrolled in high school when taking the exam nor return to high school after passing the exam.

### How much does it cost?

Preparation costs nothing, but the **HiSET** exam itself costs a total of \$75.00. This cost includes two retries, if necessary, in each subject.

There are five subjects: Reading, Writing, Social Studies, Science, and Math. Each subject costs \$15.00. There are no testing site fees.

While a tester can schedule all five subjects at once, it is not necessary to schedule the entire battery in the same session, and you pay only for the test(s) that you do schedule. Payment is made on the tester's personal online **HiSET** test taker account with a debit/credit card.

Those who register with **HiSET® Prep** and work under coach Brian DuMontier's direct guidance will be eligible for a prepaid voucher for the full **HiSET** exam. Prepaid gift cards are also available.

### Can I test elsewhere?

Yes. Once you establish an active **HiSET** Test Taker Account, you may schedule an exam in any registered **HiSET** test center in Montana.

### Can I get into college with a HiSET?

Absolutely. Any of the staff here at the Department of Academic Success would be glad to discuss this with you if college is your goal. If you are interested in attending SKC, first quarter funding is available through **HiSET® Prep**.

