

# High School Equivalency (HiSET) Frequently Asked Questions – FAQ

HiSET Information – Computer-Based Testing developed by Educational Testing Services (ETS)

Score Requirements: A minimum standard score of 45; with no section score below 8 is necessary to qualify for the HSE certificate. The HiSET is made up of 5 subtests: Language Arts; Reading; Writing; Mathematics; Science; Social Studies

How much does it cost to take the HiSET? 2021 HiSET Test Fees: Total of \$98.75

- HiSET Subtest Fee paid to ETS is \$10.75 per subtest
- Test Center Administration Fee is \$7 per subject. Retake fee is \$7 per subject.
- Annual State Administration Fee of \$10 will be charged when you register for your first subtest.
- You will receive two retests annually per subtest purchased. If you need to retake a subtest within the original 12-month period, you pay only the \$7 test center fee to retest.

## **Knowledge in 5 Core Areas is Tested**

**Language Arts-Reading:** 50 multiple-choice questions. 65 minutes

Content Categories: Literary Texts 40%; Information Texts 60%

Categories include comprehension, inference and interpretation, Analysis, Syntheses and Generalization

**Writing:** 60 multiple-choice questions and 1 essay question. 120 minutes

Content Categories: Organization of ideas 22%; Language Facility 43%; Writing Conventions 35%

Content Categories: Essay Question – development of Central Position or Claim; Organization of Ideas; Language Facility; Writing Conventions. The Essay Scoring Guide can be found at [hiset.ets.org](http://hiset.ets.org) under the ‘Resources’ tab, in the Test-Prep Resources section.

**Mathematics:** 55 multiple-choice questions. 90 minutes

Content Categories: Numbers and Operations on Numbers 19%; Measurement/Geometry 18%; Data “Analysis/Probability/Statistics 18%; Algebraic Concepts 45%

Process Categories: Understand Mathematical Concepts and Procedures; Analyze and Interpret Information; Synthesize Data and Solve Problems

**Social Studies:** 60 multiple-choice questions. 70 minutes

Content Categories: History 35%; Civics/Government 35%; Economics 20%; Geography 10%

Process Categories: Interpret and Apply; Analyze; Evaluate and Generalize

**Science:** 60 multiple-choice questions. 80 minutes

Content Categories: Life Science 49%; Physical Science 28%; Earth Science 23%

Process Categories: Interpret and Apply; Analyze; Evaluate and Generalize

## Adult Education & Literacy (AEL) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Welcome to the Missouri State University-West Plains Adult Education & Literacy program. If you have any question or concern that is not answered here, or if you would like additional information, please don't hesitate to ask your instructor or call our office in West Plains at 417-255-7744.

1. **Am I required to attend class every day?** You are required to attend class at least 75% of the time offered to you. Ask your Instructor how many hours per week that is. If you have to miss a class, you must contact your instructor or our office, preferably prior to the day you will miss class. Communication between you and your instructor is a key factor in your efforts to get your High School Equivalency.
2. **Is there any cost to attend classes?** No, it is FREE! We will provide you with all the books and class supplies you will need. We will even help you find outside agencies that may be able to help you pay for the HiSET test when you are ready to take it.
3. **I really want to get my HiSET, but there are so many things getting in my way. Can you help with childcare, transportation, getting a job, or things like that?** Yes! We can work with you to help you overcome many of the barriers that get in the way of you being able to meet your goals. Let us know what you need.
4. **How long will it take me to get ready to take the HiSET test?** Every student is different, and there are many factors that go into getting prepared, the most important of which is *regular ATTENDANCE*.
5. **I'm thinking about going to college. Can you help?** Yes! In addition to building up basic college readiness skills, we can connect you with agencies that can assist with financial aid planning, the application process, and other services at no charge.
6. **I need to get my HiSET in order to keep my job. How long will it take?** Again, much of that depends on you. If you attend regularly, work hard when you are here, ask questions when you have them, and take advantage of additional outside-of-class practice (online and/or optional homework) you will realize your goals sooner.
7. **I am required to attend HSE/HiSET classes. Will you sign my document?** Yes. If you are fulfilling your attendance obligations, working hard while you are in class, and complete your required post-testing, your instructor or AEL Director will sign documents and/or send letters out.
8. **I depend on someone else to bring me to class and pick me up. Can that person wait for me in the classroom?** No. Visitors may not wait inside a facility. They may leave and return, or wait in the parking lot in their car.
9. **Will you share my progress or attendance with parents, employers, or anyone else who asks?** As an adult student, you have a right to expect privacy with regard to your status as a student in the AEL program. We will not share your information without written consent from you in the form of a *Release of Information*.
10. **Do you have a smoking policy?** Ask your instructor for your site's tobacco policy and designated locations. NO SMOKING, VAPING, OR USE OF SMOKELESS TOBACCO is allowed in any AEL classroom or building.
11. **What is your cell phone policy?** Cell phones can be a great tool for you in the classroom, but you may only use them with your teacher's permission. Otherwise, cell phones must be TURNED OFF, and placed out of sight, or left in your car. If you have extenuating circumstances, please visit with your instructor before class. Please leave the classroom to take or make phone calls.
12. **How can I leave a message for my instructor?** You may leave a message with the central office at 417-255-7744, or email us at [wpael@missouristate.edu](mailto:wpael@missouristate.edu). Please leave a message that includes your name, class site, and instructor's name.
13. **What about "Remote Learning" like during the COVID-19 Crisis?** Our AEL and ESL programs follow Missouri State University policies. If MSU requires students to return to "Remote Learning" due to a quarantine or other similar situation, the AEL/ESL programs will also hold classes using remote or 'distance learning' platforms. Students will access their learning materials using the same online resources they have used during seated classes. Teachers will be available to assist students via virtual meetings.