

HiSET/GED Comparison

The Montana GED® and HiSET® are each a battery of tests that measure an individual’s academic skills as compared to a high school graduate. If passed, a Montana High School Equivalency Diploma is issued which is accepted by institutions of higher education and employers as equivalent to a regular high school diploma.

HiSET	GED
5 Subtests - 7 hours and 5 minutes to take the entire battery.	4 Subtests - 7 hours and 25 minutes to take the entire battery.
Subject areas: Language Arts Reading (65 minutes), Language Arts Writing (120 minutes), Math (90 minutes), Science (80 minutes), and Social Studies (70 minutes).	Subject areas: Language Arts (150 minutes), Math (115 minutes), Science (90 minutes), and Social Studies (70 minutes).
Each test is scored on a scale from 1-20. To pass: a score of 8 or above on each subtest and a battery total of 45 or above.	Each test is scored on a scale from 100-200. To pass: a score on each subtest of 145 or above.
Computer and Paper Testing. (Montana is not approving any new paper-based testing sites).	Computer Testing Only.
Question Type: multiple choice, and essay.	Question Type: extended response, drag and drop, drop-down, fill in the blank, hot spot, multiple choice, and short answer.
<p><u>Cost for In-Person Testing</u> \$15 per subtest = <i>\$75 for the battery</i> + up to \$5 test center fee/per subtest = <i>\$25 for the battery</i> Two free retakes (+ up to \$5 test center fee)</p>	<p><u>Cost for In-Person Testing</u> \$26 per subtest = \$104 for the battery + up to \$5 test center fee/per subtest = \$20 for the battery One Free Retake (+ up to \$5 test center fee) <i>Return to full price after a second failed attempt and then the next retake is free and so on.</i></p>
<p><u>Cost for Online Proctored Tests</u> \$15 per subtest = <i>\$75 for the battery</i> + \$17.50 online proctor fee/per subtest = <i>\$87.50 for the battery</i> Two free retakes (+ \$17.50 online proctor fee)</p>	<p><u>Cost for Online Proctored Tests</u> \$26 per subtest = \$104 for the battery + \$10 online proctor fee per subtest = \$40 for the battery One Free Retake (+ \$10 online proctor fee) <i>Return to full price after a second failed attempt and then the next retake is free and so on.</i></p>
For more detailed information on the content and structure of the HiSET, visit the HiSET Test At a Glance Information Brief .	For more detailed information on the content and structure of the GED, visit the GED Website .
<p>WIOA Adult Education Programs can help you prepare to pass the HiSET or the GED at no cost. Click this link for contact information for your regional Adult Education Program.</p>	

