

# WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

HiSET Exam

VS

HiSET Options

## OVERVIEW



The HiSET exam is a battery of tests available to individuals who lack a high school diploma.

The HiSET Options Program is designed to be a part of a high school curriculum that provides another pathway for students to obtain a high school diploma.

## CREDENTIALS



A high school equivalency (HSE) credential is seen as an equivalent to a high school diploma and allows individuals to enter post-secondary education and training programs, gain employment and advance career options, or pursue military opportunities.

Montana HiSET Options Program students are high school seniors who may have the capabilities to complete high school but are behind in the credits needed to graduate with their class.

## OPPORTUNITY



Individuals may choose to study independently or utilize an Adult Education Program to help with preparations prior to taking the HiSET exam.

This program allows eligible students who meet the HiSET Options Program requirements an opportunity to stay in school, graduate with their class, and earn a high school diploma.

### HiSET Exam is:

- ✓ Directed by the OPI HiSET State Administrator and given at approved testing centers by qualified examiners.
- ✓ For individuals 16 years of age and older, who do not have a high school diploma and are no longer enrolled in a high school program for credit.
- ✓ For State of Montana residents only.
- ✓ Highly standardized, rigorous exam that proves an individual has the same academic knowledge and proficiency as a high school graduate.
- ✓ Proves college and career readiness skills and leads to future college, career, and training opportunities.

### HiSET Options Program is:

- ✓ A Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) approved option affiliated with Educational Testing Services (ETS).
- ✓ A voluntary program.
- ✓ A screened-entry program with guidelines for student eligibility.
- ✓ A high school diploma producing program upon completion of requirements.
- ✓ Aligned with high school course curriculum for quality, best practice instruction.
- ✓ A program for full-time high school students.
- ✓ A program where students must continue to fulfill all other high school graduation requirements.
- ✓ An active learning experience.