# High School Proficiency and Equivalency Programs Summer Convenings Resource Guide

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## Welcome

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## California’s Equivalency Vendors

* GED Testing Service
* HiSET provided by PSI

### HSE Eligibility—Who

The Equivalency Program is for individuals who are

* not enrolled in high school;
* eighteen year of age or older; or
* seventeen years of age under certain circumstances.

[California Department of Education (CDE) Who May Take a High School Equivalency Test web page](https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/gd/hseligibilityreqs.asp)

### HSE Subtests—What

[GED Test Subjects web page](https://www.ged.com/about_test/test_subjects/)

GED has four subtests:

* Reading and Writing
* Mathematics
* Social Studies
* Science

[HiSET Test Takers web page](https://hiset.org/test-takers-about/)

HiSET has five subtests:

* Reading
* Writing
* Mathematics
* Social Studies
* Science

### Exam Options—How

* In-person, at a testing center (both vendors)
* At home, with live proctors (both vendors)
* Computer-based testing (both vendors)
* Paper-based testing at select testing sites (only HiSET)

[GED Accommodations web page](https://ged.com/en/faq/accommodations/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwnrmlBhDHARIsADJ5b_ltSMIGASJX6KqvpqWURfw0NQ2h1CeSb065Rq4SWEOEQzAzRSh9DmsaAnonEALw_wcB)

[HiSET Accommodations web page](https://hiset.org/test-takers-accommodations/)

### Practice, Prepare, Study

* [GED Free Test Preview web page](https://www.ged.com/study/free_online_ged_test/)
* [GED Practice Questions web page](https://www.ged.com/study/practice_questions/)
* [GED Free Classroom Materials web page](https://www.ged.com/educators-admins/teaching/classroom_materials/)
* [GED Prep Products web page](https://www.ged.com/educators-admins/teaching/prep_products/)
* [HiSET Practice Tests web page](https://hiset.org/hiset-practice-tests/)
* [HiSET Test Prep Materials web page](https://hiset.org/test-takers-hiset-test-prep-materials/)
* [HiSET For Test Centers & Adult Educators web page](https://hiset.org/test-centers-adult-ed-prep/)
* [HiSET Resources for Supporting HiSET Test Takers web page](https://hiset.org/test-centers-test-taker-support-resources/)

### HSE Minimum Passing Scores

[GED Scores web page](https://www.ged.com/about_test/scores/)

[HiSET Scores web page](https://hiset.org/test-takers-hiset-scores/)

### After Passing the HSE

[GED Grads and Transcripts web page](https://www.ged.com/life_after_ged/)

[After the HiSET web page](https://hiset.org/test-takers-after-the-hiset/)

### Ordering Document Reprints

To place an order of a GED certificate or transcript, a passer needs to use the [GED California Transcript portal](https://www.ged.com/transcripts/california/).

* GED Parchment help desk phone number: 1-888-906-4031

To place an order of a HiSET certificate or transcript, a passer needs to use the [HiSET Parchment registration portal](https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/24172917/account).

* HiSET Parchment help desk phone number: 1-888-662-0874

## The Proficiency Program

### The California Proficiency Program (CPP)

* For currently enrolled students
* CA *Education Code* Section 48412
* Excelling or struggling students
* Certificate of Proficiency
* Subjects covered:
	+ Mathematics
	+ Language Arts
		- Reading
		- Writing
* HiSET only CPP Vendor
* College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards

### CPP Eligibility Part 1

The CPP is for students who are

* at least sixteen years of age and currently enrolled in high school;
* in their second semester of tenth grade; or
* enrolled in grade ten for one year or longer.

### CPP Eligibility Part 2

* CA Public High School
* Private or Homeschooled
* Work Permit issued by the Department of Industrial Relations

For more detailed information please read the eligibility criteria posted on the [CDE CPP web page](https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/cp.asp).

**CPP Testing Options**

* Testing available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year
* Test at home through online proctoring
* Test at a testing center on the computer
* Paper and pencil testing available at some testing centers
* Scores available within 48 hours after testing on the student’s HiSET Profile

**Minimum Passing Scores**

* CPP cut score higher than HSE
* Score at least 15/20 on each subtest:
* Language Arts:
	+ Reading
	+ Writing
* Mathematics
* Score at least 4/6 on the Writing subtest
* Achieve a total scaled score of at least 45/60 on all three subtests

**Opportunities After Passing the CPP**

* Exit high school with parental approval
* Enroll in higher education
* Embark on a career
* Stay in high school

### Homeless and Foster Youth Fee Waiver

If you are under the age of twenty-five (and certified as a homeless youth by a homeless services provider) or a foster youth as defined in *Education Code* Section 48412, you qualify for a fee waiver for the HSE and CPP tests.

* [Homeless and Foster Youths Fee Waiver for HSE and Proficiency Tests flyer (PDF)](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/gd/documents/hfyfeewaiver.pdf)
* [CDE Homeless Certification Form (PDF)](https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/gd/documents/homelesscertform.pdf).

### Questions and Answers

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