

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO GRADUATE

INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA

FWCS Continuing Education is an official center for the administration of the Indiana High School Equivalency Assessment - HSE/ Test Assessing Secondary Completion - TASC program. Formerly known as the GED Program.

Adult Basic Education classes provide adults the opportunity to develop skills in English, writing, reading, math, social studies and science to prepare for the HSE Equivalency Diploma, pre-employment testing, and/or basic skill development for entrance to college or vocational training. Adult learners will be pre-tested to determine the areas where basic skill improvement is needed followed by the development of a study plan to assist learners in achieving their individual goals. The required assessment test and FREE HSE classes are available morning, afternoon and evenings at various locations throughout the city. Graduates of the HSE/TASC program and Anthis high school diploma recipients are eligible to participate in a cap and gown graduation ceremony held every year on the first Wednesday in March. For information and registration dates, call FWCS Continuing Education at 260-467-1060.

WHERE CAN I TAKE CLASSES TO PREPARE FOR THE HSE?

Daytime Classes @ Anthis Career Center
Evening Classes @ Anthis Career Center

Mon - Fri, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tues & Thur, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Classes @ Ivy Tech Campus
Parkview Education Center
Grabill Public Library

Mon & Wed, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Mon & Wed, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Tues & Thurs, 4:00- 6:00 p.m.

East Wayne Street Center- Project Solve

Tues & Thurs, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Mon & Weds, 10:00 -1:00 p.m.

WHAT ARE THE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY ASSESSMENT (HSE) TEST ASSESSING SECONDARY COMPLETION (TASC) FORMERLY KNOWN AS GED TESTS?

High School Equivalency Assessment (HSE) / Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) is a state-of-the-art national high school equivalency assessment that assesses five subject areas including Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. The test has been nationally-normed and measures one's level of achievement relative to that of graduating high school seniors, and career and college readiness, as outlined by the Indiana State Standards. This gradual three year transition allows students to smoothly transition from their current preparation and practice, to that required by the full Indiana State Standards. The HSE/TASC® Assessment will be available in both English and Spanish, both online and in paper-and- pencil format. Large print, Braille, and audio formats are also available. HSE/TASC® provides a transitional approach to the Indiana State Standards by gradually introducing new innovative test item types and increasing rigor (i.e. Depth of Knowledge levels) over three years. See HSE/TASC® Testing Fact Sheet at www.tasctest.com.

Language-Arts Reading

Time limit – 75 minutes. Reading - Informational and Language (Vocabulary Acquisition)
Reading – Literary and Language (Vocabulary Acquisition).

Language-Arts Writing

Time limits – Language 60 minutes, Writing (Essay) 50 minutes.

Mathematics

Time limit 90 minutes. Number and Quantity, Algebra, Functions, Geometry, Statistics and Probability.

Social Studies

Time limit - 70 minutes. US History, World History, Civics and Government, Geography, Economics.

Science

Time limit - 80 minutes. Physical Science, Life Science, Earth and Space Science. Science items incorporate at least one of the following dimensions: Engineering, Technology, Application of Science, Scientific and Engineering Practices, Cross-Cutting Concepts.

Am I eligible to take the HSE / TASC® Tests formerly known as GED Tests?

You may take the tests if you meet all of the following qualifications:

- You are at least 16 years of age. 16 & 17 year-olds must provide this documentation:
- Indiana exit interview showing withdrawal from school
- Passing Official Career Readiness Practice Tests
- You have lived in Indiana a minimum of 30 days immediately preceding the testing • You have **NOT** earned a high school diploma from an accredited United States high school.

How much does it cost to take the HSE / TASC® Tests?

It will cost \$90 to take the HSE /TASC Tests at Anthis Center. The cost covers all five content area tests. You must complete a registration and pay the testing fee in cash, cashier's check or money order. Bring an Indiana-issued photo I.D. **Where can I get more information about the HSE / TASC® Test?**

To register for **FREE** preparation classes prior to taking the HSE /TASC test contact the Continuing Education Office at the Anthis Career Center, Room 120, 1200 South Barr Street (260) 467-1060. **How do I register for the official test?**

Bring information to the HSE /TASC TESTING CENTER at the Anthis Center. The testing department is open for registration **Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Room 120.** If you have any questions regarding the official test, you may call 260-467-1060.

What does it mean to pass the HSE / TASC® test?

Passing HSE /TASC® means you have proven that what you have learned and can do is as much or more than 40 percent of seniors who graduate from high school. That's why HSE /TASC is called an equivalency test since it shows what a test taker knows is equal to at least 40 percent of the people who get a high school diploma.

How do I know if I am ready for the HSE/TASC® test?

There is a TASC Readiness Practice assessment that will give you an opportunity to see if you are prepared for the HSE/TASC test. Practice assessment fee is \$10.

What if I fail the HSE / TASC® Tests?

You may retake the content area tests twice in one year, retesting is \$18 per section. You should focus further studies on areas that received low scores, which are reported in your test results. This means that if you had a passing score on Reading, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies but did not reach a passing grade on Writing, you will need to study more Writing and take that part of the test again. The same is true for specific areas within each of the 5 subject areas. HSE /TASC® results will help guide and focus you on the right places to study.

How many people will take the HSE /TASC® Test?

Since HSE /TASC is a new standard test for high school equivalency, there are no numbers of test takers yet. We do know that in 2010, more than 860,000 adults worldwide used a high school equivalency test to try to earn their high school degree and realize the dream of moving forward in their lives.