

# HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY

Antelope Valley Adult Education

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## Approved Exams in California

“California has approved the use of three high school equivalency tests (GED®, HiSET®, and TASC™) for students 18 years old and older, and 17 years old in some instances, for the purpose of receiving a California High School Equivalency Certificate” (<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/gd/>). All three exams are based on the Common Core State Standards. The state-issued High School Equivalency Certificate is recognized nationwide.

While three exams have been approved, only the GED® and HiSET® are currently administered at Antelope Valley Adult Education. Both exams are offered in a computer-based format, with the HiSET also available in paper-based format at select test centers. All exams must be taken at an approved test center and cannot be taken online from home. Accommodations are available for documented disabilities.

## Preparation Classes at AV Adult Education

Antelope Valley Adult Education offers High School Equivalency (HSE) classes to help adults prepare to successfully complete any of the approved HSE exams. Classes are available days and evenings, and most include an online component. Registration appointments can be scheduled at [www.AVAdultEd.org](http://www.AVAdultEd.org). Contact the Guidance Office for more information.

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*47% of adults  
without a high  
school diploma or  
equivalency  
certificate are  
unemployed.*

*- U.S. Census Bureau  
2013  
American  
Community Survey*

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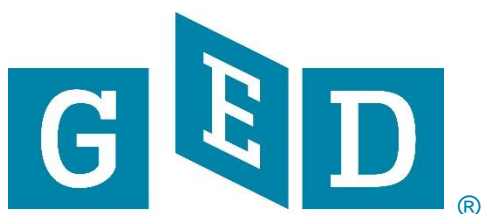


Antelope Valley Adult Education's Lancaster campus, on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East, South of Avenue I

## Contact Info:

- [www.AVAdultEd.org](http://www.AVAdultEd.org)
- [www.GED.com](http://www.GED.com)
- [www.HiSet.ets.org](http://www.HiSet.ets.org)

AV Adult Education  
45110 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East  
Lancaster, CA 93535  
(661) 942-3042  
(661) 949-0936 (Guidance)



## The Test:

Available in both English and Spanish. The GED® is made up of four subtests:

- **Reasoning Through Language Arts** (150 minutes)
  - Section 1 (27 minutes\*)
  - Section 2 (45 minutes) – extended response
  - Optional Break (10 minutes)
  - Section 3 (60 minutes\*)

\*The time allotted for sections 1 and 3 may vary slightly, but the total test time will always be 150 minutes.
- **Mathematical Reasoning** (115 minutes)
  - Part 1 – (first 5 test questions) calculator **not** allowed
  - Part 2 – (remaining 41 test questions) calculator allowed
- **Science** (90 minutes)
- **Social Studies** (70 minutes)

## The Cost:

The cost of each subtest is \$35, for a total of \$140.

## Retakes:

Students can test three times on the same subject without waiting. After the third attempt, there is a 60-day waiting period before trying again. See GED.com for information on retest costs.

## Register & Schedule:

Create an account at [www.GED.com](http://www.GED.com) to access GED Ready™, the official practice test, and to schedule your exams.

## More Information:

For more information visit [www.GED.com](http://www.GED.com)



## The Test:

Available in both English and Spanish. The HiSet® is made up of five subtests:

- **Language Arts – Reading** (65 minutes)
- **Language Arts – Writing**
  - Part 1 (75 minutes)
  - Part 2 (45 minutes) – essay
- **Mathematics** (90 minutes) calculator allowed
- **Science** (80 minutes)
- **Social Studies** (70 minutes)

## The Cost:

The cost of each subtest is \$10 (5 subtests = \$50), plus a one-time California State fee of \$20. In addition, each time a subtest is scheduled, there will be a \$14 per test-center charge. All subtests must be completed within 12 months of payment. Total cost:  $[5(\$10)=\$50+\$20+5(\$14)] = \$140$

## Retakes:

Each subtest can be taken three times in a calendar year. See [www.HiSET.ets.org](http://www.HiSET.ets.org) for information on retest costs.

## Register & Schedule:

Create an account at [www.HiSET.ets.org](http://www.HiSET.ets.org) to access official practice tests, and to schedule your exams.

## More Information:

For more information visit [www.HiSET.ets.org](http://www.HiSET.ets.org)

**NOTE:** A valid government-issued photo ID is required for both the GED and HiSET exams. If your identification is a passport, military, or from another state or country, you must provide proof of California residency.