

CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA & EQUIVALENCY OPTIONS

Roseville Adult School (RAS) offers direct and independent-study classes to help adults earn a *California High School Diploma*, or to prepare for the General Educational Development (GED) Test or High School Equivalency Test (HiSET) leading to a *California High School Equivalency Certificate*.

To learn more about high school equivalency tests approved by the California Department of Education, please visit: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/gd/> .

Our Counselors can help you determine which option is best for you! Call for drop-in times or an appointment! (** = program available at RAS)

	High School Diploma **	GED **	HiSET**	CHSPE
What It Is	High school diploma from a WASC accredited institution	High School Equivalency Certificate	High School Equivalency Certificate	California Certificate of High School Proficiency
Subject Area Requirements	English, US History World History, American Government, Economics, Fine Art or Language Other Than English, Math (including Algebra and Geometry), Science (Physical and Life), Health, and Electives	Reading & Writing; Mathematics (Algebra, Geometry, Statistics); Science; Social Studies	Reading & Writing; Science; Social Studies; Mathematics (Algebra, Geometry, Statistics)	Reading & Writing; Mathematics (Algebra, Geometry, Statistics)
Advantages	Accepted by all employers, colleges, and the military. May be quicker to achieve if you have previously completed the majority of your high school school credits.	Accepted by most employers and colleges. May be quicker to achieve if you have only earned a few high school credits. Also offered in Spanish.	Accepted by most employers and colleges. May be quicker to achieve if you have only earned a few high school credits. Also offered in Spanish.	Has fewer subject requirements than the HiSET and GED. May be quicker to achieve if you have only earned a few high school credits.
Disadvantages	May take longer to complete unless you have previously earned a large number of high school credits.	Not accepted by some employers, and the military has stipulations.	Not accepted by some employers. The military has stipulations.	Not accepted by some employers. The military has stipulations. May not be accepted outside of California. Limited opportunities to test each year.
To Get Started or For More Info	Bring a transcript and meet with a counselor at Roseville Adult School. Call for drop-in times or for an appointment: 916-782-3952. (An official unopened transcript is preferred.)	To get started in GED Prep at Roseville Adult School, come to an HSE orientation meeting. Call 916-782-3952 for the next meeting/details.	To get started in HiSET Prep at Roseville Adult School, come to an HSE orientation meeting. Call 916-782-3952 for the next meeting/details.	www.chspe.net

College-Bound Adult Student Timeline

<http://www.rjuhsd.us/rosevilleadult> > Counseling

One Year Before Starting College:

- Take a career interest assessment. See Website above and/or your counselor for more information!
- Research careers that interest you and develop a career goal. Helpful sites include:
 - www.bls.gov/ooh
 - mynextmove.org
 - cacareerzone.org
 - californiacolleges.edu
 - collegeboard.org
 - ccc.emsicc.com
- Find the right school to prepare for your career of choice - your school counselor can help!
- Ask your employer to recommend schools that provide training in the skills you will need, and ask them if financial assistance is available.
- Create a college folder/file with info on tuition/fees, courses, programs, requirements and deadlines.
- Develop a resume, sample cover-letter and job app, record of employment history, and references.
- Visit your local community college and take a tour to learn about low-cost programs near you!

Six - Nine Months Before Starting College:

- Apply for college online at the college website.
- Become familiar with the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend (they can help with applications and explain the types of aid available).
- Apply for federal financial aid by completing the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov (US citizens/permanent residents only) before March 2nd of preceding school year.
- Eligible undocumented students should apply for California state financial aid and institutional aid by completing the *California Dream Act Application* instead of the FAFSA before March 2nd – see dream.csac.ca.gov for more information about the CA Dream Act and eligibility.
- All community college-bound students: visit www.icanaffordcollege.com for more information on financial aid and to obtain a copy of the California College Promise Grant (formerly called Board of Governor's Fee Waiver) which completely waives the \$46 per unit cost of classes!
- All students: Complete a CalGrant GPA Verification Form (available for download at www.csac.ca.gov or at your college's financial aid office), get it signed by your adult school, and then mail it in before the March 2nd deadline.
- Search for scholarships at:
 - finaid.org
 - bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college
 - studentaid.ed.gov
 - your college's financial aid website
 - your employer and/or your parents'/guardians' employers
 - community organizations connected with you and your family
- Beware of Scholarship Scams! Read more at www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml