



High School Equivalency Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the High School Equivalency program?

The OUHSD High School Equivalency program is a computer-based study lab designed to assist students who are preparing for the High School Equivalency exam.

2. Is there more than one equivalency exam offered?

Yes. The two exams offered are the HiSET and the GED. Both exams offer the same exact High School Equivalency certificate issued by the State of California's Department of Education.

3. Is the High School Equivalency certificate recognized by Federal programs?

Yes. The US Military and Department of Labor recognize the equivalency certificate. Students who pass the exam also qualify for Federal student aid in the form of grants, loans and work-study. This includes free tuition at Oxnard and Ventura College through their "Promise" programs.

4. How old do I have to be to take the exam?

You must be within 60 days of your 18th birthday to take the exam.

5. How many chances do I get to pass the exam?

You get three attempts per calendar year. Only previously failed subjects need to be retaken.

6. How long does the program take?

It varies based on the skill level of the student. Pre-tests and lessons are provided to assist the instructor in determining when a student is ready to test. Some students are ready to test in a week, while others may take a 3-4 months.