Colorado High School Equivalency Newsletter

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Colorado Department of Education

What's New

CDE Website

This fall, CDE switched to a new website. The content on the HSE pages remains the same, but the look is quite different than before. The URLs for pages are slightly different, but redirects are in place, so if you link to these pages from your website, your constituents should still be getting to CDE's pages without issue.

Update: GED Option™ for K12 Sites

Last year, I was discussing with GED how to make our K12 programs official "Option" programs. The information I was initially given around the benefits of this for our state turned out to be incorrect, namely, that this would remove the K12 sites from the public class finder. Apparently, it will not accomplish that, and since that was the main concern I was hearing from programs, I have stopped pursuing this.

A workaround for programs that do not want to be on the public finder is to modify your account access in GED Manager. Student-Authorized View (SAV) is the most common type of account. It connects you and your students to your program, and your program must appear publicly in the class finder. Jurisdiction View Only (JVO) does not require your program to be on the finder and allows you to search all students in the state, which is helpful for certain types of programs. You can have either or both of these access types. Please reach out if you think changing your account type could be helpful.

Community

Virtual Connection Time

The first statewide HSE Community Connect will be on Wednesday, February 25. Since this is the first of its kind, it will be virtual to accommodate as many programs as possible from around the state. *This will be recorded and shared with registrants and in the next Newsletter.*

When: February 25, 11:00am to 1:00pm

Where: Zoom – register here

Who: HSE staff of all levels: program leads, instructors, proctors, chief examiners, etc.

What: Topics will include best practices, successes and struggles, ways to foster community and celebration, and troubleshooting issues with vendors. There will be time to ask questions and get guidance from Alena and time to connect with other programs.

Shout Outs:

Welcome to our newest HSE prep sites!

- **Larimer County Economic and Workforce Development in Fort Collins**: providing GED prep to the youth and adults in their workforce programs
- **The Landing/Matthews House in Loveland**: providing GED prep for their youth experiencing homelessness and other transitions
- **Morgan County School District in Fort Morgan**: providing GED prep for their district students

Publisher Updates

HiSET

- **The HiSET Help Form** has a new URL, and redirects are in place for the previous link (Zendesk). You will notice at the top of that form that test center-specific needs have another link ("Support Form" in blue).
- **Check upcoming system maintenance** that PSI has scheduled each month.

GED

- **The GED & Me mobile app** is now available for Android users. From the data GED has shared, it seems to be a helpful tool especially for students struggling with algebraic concepts.
- **Corrections users**: GED Manager now has the "Student Email Post Release" field where you can input the student's personal email address. Upon release, the personal email will be used so individuals are able to access their accounts after release. You should have received an email with more specifics from GED on November 24, 2025.
- **The 2026 GED Conference** will be in Atlanta, GA July 29-31 (Wednesday-Friday).

Free Professional Development

Both of the following organizations are official curriculum partners of GED and HiSET and provide free webinars for adult education professionals that may be helpful for your programs. I am sharing these resources in an effort to assist HSE professionals, but this does not include all free PD opportunities possible. *CDE does not endorse any particular resource or product, nor does it provide any funding to these resources.*

- **Essential Education's** Upcoming Webinar Series

- **Aztec's** Upcoming Webinars

As always, please reach out if you need anything!

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