Colorado High School Equivalency Newsletter

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Colorado Department of Education

What's New

Adult Education Grant Open

CDE's Office of Adult Education Initiatives (AEI) is conducting a competitive Request for Applications (RFA) process to award 18 months of funding to eligible providers. The purpose of the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) is to implement and improve adult education, literacy activities, and workforce development within Colorado.

The application opened on Monday, **August 17, 2026** and closes Thursday, **October 15, 2026**. Interested applicants must complete the 2026-2028 AEFLA Grant Competition Intent to Apply Form by Friday, **October 2, 2026**, at 12 p.m. MT. Grants will be awarded for an 18-month term beginning in January 2027.

Community

Virtual Connection Time

Our next HSE webinar will be on Wednesday, September 9th. Going forward, I am considering setting up a recurring monthly meeting that functions as office hours plus updates as applicable. We will discuss this further in the September meeting.

When: September 9th, 10-11:30AM (will be recorded)

Where: Zoom – register here

Who: HSE staff of all levels: program leads, instructors, proctors, site administrators, etc.

What: I will share updates from me and vendors, have GED provide a how-to on using PrepConnect and the GED app, and leave some unstructured time for discussion and Q&A. Please complete this topics form if you have anything specific you'd like to discuss.

Shout Outs:

Welcome to our newest HSE testing sites!

- **Florence Crittenton High School in Denver**: providing GED prep and testing for their public school students
- **Alternative Homes for Youth in Greeley**: providing GED prep and testing for their residential youth

Publisher Updates

HiSET

- **New GPS2 system**: PSI is moving to a new system that will require users to create a new login. Expect automated emails regarding this new login if you have not received one already.
- **HiSET Opportunity Pathways**: HiSET recently launched a Second Chances Program for current learners and a Graduate Scholarship for completers. Both applications must be completed by the learner. The application deadline for Second Chances is Sunday, **September 13, 2026**. The application deadline for the Scholarship is Monday, **September 7, 2026**.
- **Second Camera Requirement**: At-home online testing now requires a second camera to be set up, such as a phone camera.

GED

- **Welcome Reference Guide**: This is a quick guide for new program staff of prep and testing sites alike. It addresses common topics like becoming a test center, GED Manager roles, resources for instructors, and much more. *Note: this guide will soon live on your GED Manager Dashboard under "Helpful Documents" (bottom right). For now, I have posted this in my Google drive to provide a shareable link.*
- **GED Direct**: GED has made several updates to Direct, including the ability to be in more than one group. Reference the July Direct Updates email and Direct powerpoint sent last month.
- **Career Connect**: GED has partnered with MedCerts to create a healthcare pathway for GED graduates to earn in-demand healthcare certifications.
- **GED Flash now in Spanish**: The GED flashcard product is now available in Spanish. Users simply toggle the language between English/Spanish within GED Flash.

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!