TRHS HiSET Preparation Program

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Timberlane Regional High School
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Timberlane Regional High School is dedicated to supporting our students in earning academic success, and we recognize that sometimes this is best achieved through alternative educational pathways, such as our HiSET Prep program. This preparatory program culminates in a High School Equivalency (HSE) Certificate as opposed to a standard high school diploma.

TRHS HiSET Prep

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Preparing students for the New Hampshire High School Equivalency Test

The HiSET is one of the major tests taken to earn a High School Equivalency (HSE) Certificate. The other equivalency test, the GED, is not available through TRHS.

Timberlane Regional High School offers a HiSET Preparation program to students ages 16-18 who are registered in the Timberlane Regional School District and are 11 or more credits shy of the standard graduation requirements for a high school diploma.

TRHS HiSET Prep students participate at their own pace in classes held during the school year Monday through Thursday from 4pm - 7pm. During these classes, teaching staff prepare students to take the five (5) official HiSET subtests in these core content areas:

- **Science**
- **Social Studies**
- **Math**
- **Reading**
- **Writing**

A student under the age of 18 must regularly attend the HiSET Prep classes for a minimum of eight weeks **and** successfully pass **two** official practice tests in a content area during class in order to be eligible to register to take that content's NH HiSET subtest at Salem High School. HiSET Prep Program staff will work with the student through the registration process, including submitting the Request to Waive the Age Requirement form to the NH DOE.

Students who pass all five official content-specific HiSET subtests with a total scaled score of at least 45 will earn a High School Equivalency (HSE) Certificate from the State of NH.

★ **Benefits of the TRHS HiSET Prep Program:**

- Classes take place in the evenings four days a week for three hours (Monday - Thursday, 4pm - 7pm).
    - This allows students to work or tend to other responsibilities during the day.
- Each class is dedicated to only one content area per day: Science, Social Studies, Math, and Language Arts (prepares for both the Reading & Writing HiSET subtests).
    - This limits the stress some students feel having to attend multiple 90-minute classes per day to earn the required number of credits for a diploma.
- Small class sizes.
    - This offers the opportunity for more one-on-one help from your teacher in areas with which you struggle.
    - Limits the social challenges some students face during the day.
- Work at your own pace.
    - This limits the pressure some students feel having to keep up with others.
- You can take a practice test as soon as you are prepared.
    - You do not have to wait for pre-determined practice test sessions.
    - If you do not complete a practice test successfully, your teachers will work with

you to understand the material before trying again to ensure you are ready to take the official HiSET subtest in that content area.

- Dedicated staff are here to support you in your alternative educational path.
    - Teachers are knowledgeable in their content area.
    - A school counselor is on site one evening a week.
    - The Assistant Principal of Alternative Pathways is on site during all classes.
- Test vouchers are provided.
    - If you are enrolled in the TRHS HiSET Prep program, the cost of the official HiSET subtest is covered through vouchers acquired by the district (up to three subtests are covered per content area)
- You still have the opportunity to attend Prom with what would be your graduating class and purchase a yearbook.

★ **Students who believe the TRHS HiSET Prep Program may be the best educational pathway for them to complete their high school education should consider the following:**

- Just like a high school diploma, a HSE Certificate is **earned**. TRHS HiSET Prep classes require effort, self-discipline, and dedication in order to be prepared for the five HiSET content-area subtests.
- Once enrolled, you will **not** be eligible to:
    - participate in TRHS athletics, theater, or other extracurricular activities such as clubs and honor societies (you may still be permitted to attend your class's prom)
    - walk in the TRHS graduation ceremony in June. (You and your close friends and family will be offered the opportunity to attend a small HiSET Completion Ceremony held at TRHS at the end of the school year.)
- Transportation to and from TRHS HiSET Prep classes is not provided. You must make these arrangements.
- Students under the age of 18 will need to have a Request to Waive the Age Requirements form completed and signed by all necessary parties, including their parent/guardian(s), in order to register for any HiSET exams.
- **Attendance is required by NH state law for all students under the age of 18, even though the TRHS HiSET Prep program is a form of alternative education.**
    - Once you turn 18, if you do not attend the classes or respond to communication from TRHS, you may be removed from the roster. At that point you will be withdrawn from a high school education program and will be independently responsible for pursuing your HSE Certificate through the State of NH.

If you would like more information about the TRHS HiSET Prep Program, please contact your school counselor and Ms. Danielle Foley, TRHS Assistant Principal of Alternative Pathways: danielle.foley@timberlane.net - (603) 382-6541 ext. 3907

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