On January 2, 2014, states across the country adopted one of three high school equivalency assessments: GED, TASC (Test Assessing Secondary Completion), or HiSET. These tests are premised on College and Career Readiness and Common Core State Standards (CCSS). These changes help move toward a goal of making high school equivalency exams less of an endpoint and more of a launching pad to postsecondary education and careers.

Over 60% of states will adopt the 2014 GED version of the test. Several aspects of the test will change including cost increases and test-taking modality (moving from a paper and pencil to a computer-based test), as well as content and skills assessed. Visit GED Testing Services' GED FAQ to learn more about these changes.

Here you will find the most recent resources and websites dealing with the new high school equivalency tests, including testing information within your specific state, worksheets and instructional activities that support instructional shifts needed to prepare students for these new exams, and links to lesson plans and projects that address CCSS skills. We are also working with YouthBuild educators to document lesson plans and instructional activities built around GED and CCSS skills so that you have access to practical tools that have worked in other YouthBuild classrooms. Visit our Instructional Shifts page to learn about these approaches.

VISIT OUR FAQ

Have a specific question about how you can be successful in preparing students for new high school equivalency exams? Visit our FAQ to learn specific information about the GED, TASC and HiSET tests and adapt strategies to ensure that all YouthBuild program staff play a role in supporting student success.