High School Equivalency

New York State has selected a new high school equivalency test called the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC™) to replace the General Educational Development (GED®) as the primary pathway to a New York State High School Equivalency Diploma effective January 2, 2014.

There are five tests in the TASC™ test Battery:

- Reading
- Writing
- Social Studies
- Science
- Mathematics

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Adult Education Programs and Policy

ACCES - Adult Education Programs and Policy (AEPP) oversees the development of adult education programs that support the entire continuum of adult literacy, Limited English Proficient / English Language Learners (LEP / ELLS) instruction, preparation for the NYS High School Equivalency diploma, and career and technical education for out-of-school youth and adults.

- Responsible for administering federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title II funding and managing state funding for Employment Preparation Education (EPE), Adult Literacy Education (ALE), and the Welfare Education Program (WEP).
- Oversees seven Regional Adult Education Network (RAEN) centers that provide staff development and support to over 200 adult education agencies throughout the State. Develops statewide Literacy Zones (LZ) that support family and adult literacy services in underserved neighborhoods and supports agencies in promoting successful Post Secondary Transition.
- Oversees a comprehensive performance data system for reporting student outcomes and manages intensive technical assistance planning to raise performance of funded programs.
- Oversees statewide policy and the administration of the HSE tests and the issuance of high school equivalency diplomas.

Find out more at:
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Vocational Rehabilitation

Adult Career and Continuing Education Services - Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) offers access to a full range of employment and independent living services that may be needed by persons with disabilities through their lives, including:

- **Vocational rehabilitation services** for working age individuals with disabilities, including students transitioning from school to adult services. ACCES-VR assists eligible individuals with disabilities to prepare for, find, and keep suitable employment consistent with their strengths, abilities and interests.
- **Independent living services** for people with disabilities of all ages. ACCES-VR administers the New York State Independent Living Program consisting of 39 Statewide Independent Living Centers (ILCs) which provide an array of services that assist individuals with disabilities to remove barriers, live integrated and self-directed lives, and gain full participation in the local community.
- **Business services** for hiring a qualified diverse workforce. ACCES-VR can provide pre-screened employees, while reducing hiring and recruitment costs through providing financial incentives and tax credits, as well as providing follow-up support for employees and technical assistance for employers on disability topics.

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Bureau of Proprietary School Supervision

ACCES - Bureau of Proprietary School Supervision (BPSS) oversees and monitors non-degree granting proprietary schools in NYS.

- Proprietary schools under BPSS jurisdiction include trade and business schools, computer training facilities, and for-profit English as a Second Language (ESL) schools. These schools provide education and job training tailored to the adult population.
- The mission of BPSS is to ensure consumer protection; to promote increasing educational competence, high standards, accountability, and integrity within the proprietary school section; and to implement monitoring and oversight with fairness and equity.
- All components of a school's operation are reviewed and approved through BPSS, including ownership, financial resources, teaching and administrative personnel, curriculum and marketing materials. BPSS also works with various organizations and accrediting agencies to share the best industry practices.
- BPSS works in coordination with various local, state and federal agencies to ensure that schools are safely operating in accordance to regulation, using industry standard equipment, and that public tuition funds are appropriated correctly. BPSS offers a high level of consumer protection due to its complaint resolution process and tuition protection fund.

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