



What is the High School Equivalency Program?

It is an alternative high school education program for students ages 21 and older seeking a pathway to complete a high school diploma. This is for Syracuse residents who have not graduated from high school.

Staff works with students on individualized instruction in English, Social Studies, Science and Mathematics until they are ready to take a GED exam. Teachers are trained on GED curriculum and the final online exam.

We have several on-site community programs and distance learning options. The goal is to support students at their ability levels until they are ready to test.

SCSD AHSEP HSE Program

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What is GED?

GED stands for **General Education Development** and is a curriculum and an assessment. Just like in high school, a student must take and pass subject areas in Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, and Reasoning through Language Arts.

Students will work with teachers until they are ready to take a GED Ready Practice Test that shows they will be able to pass a subject area. Once they pass a section, they are enrolled to take that part of the online GED exam at our testing center.

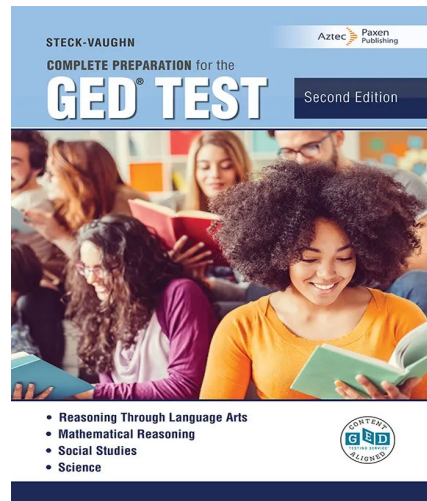
A typical HSE Class

Smaller class sizes and individual supports by NYSED licensed teachers.

Instruction tailored to student needs in all 4 GED subject areas.

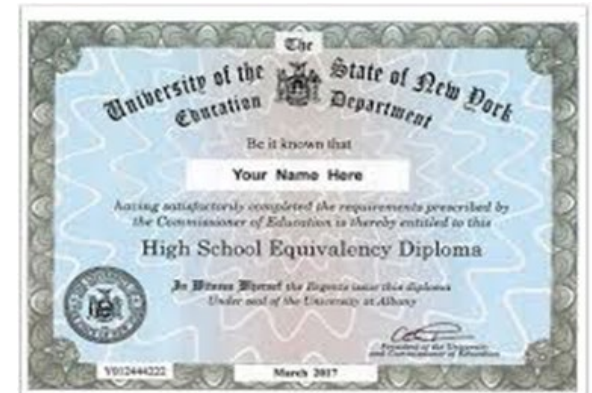
Opportunities to **take GED Ready Practice exams** and curriculum.

A case manager that can support the student and family with outside needs that might hinder academic and future success.



Accommodations for the GED Test

Adults with updated IEPs or language barriers can receive reasonable accommodations on the exam. Staff help the student enroll for these services and supports.



Commonly Asked Questions

How is a student enrolled in the program?

A student should first call (315) 435-4115 to schedule an appointment to complete intake and assessments. This is a chance to understand life goals and what type of program works best for a student's schedule.

How long does it take to get a GED?

That depends on a student's current educational levels, ability to come to class consistently (very important), and willingness to push themselves through the tough work. Students can get through in up to a year.

Do Regent's credits and exemptions count toward a section of the GED?

Yes, up to 3 Regents credits/exemptions count as passed GED sections. This means a student doesn't need to take that section of the GED.

Is the GED test computer or paper based?

The GED is now 100% online. The positive is that SCSD allows students to practice the exam free online as part of program support. Students also receive instantaneous results once they complete the actual exam, something that used to take weeks.