



For Underage Youth (16 and 17-year-olds) to take the GED® Test or HiSET® Exam in Georgia prior to their 18th birthday, they must enroll in a state-approved program and complete requirements necessary to be granted approval to test early.

Enrollment Steps

- 1. Complete the application form below. Select the appropriate admission category below and provide documentation, if needed.
a. Parent/Guardian Permission - parent/guardian must sign the application in front of a witness
b. Marriage - attach a copy of your marriage certificate
c. Legal Emancipation - attach a copy of your emancipation document
d. Court Order/Adjudication - attach documentation from a judge or court
2. Validate that you have withdrawn from K-12 education by attaching ONE of these documents. (Court Order/Adjudication applicants are exempt from this requirement.)
a. An official withdrawal document from the last school attended by the applicant, or
b. A letter from the superintendent or designee indicating that you are not currently enrolled or were never enrolled in the local school system, or
c. If you are a Home School Applicant, an Underage Enrollment Affidavit for Home School Students (available from the state-approved program).
3. Provide legal identification with proof of age with your submitted application and supporting documentation. Your identity and age must be verified using legal documentation with a photograph, such as a driver's license, passport, or identification card from the Department of Driver Services. It can also be military, school, or government issued, as long as it shows name, address, date of birth, signature, and a photograph. Exceptions for the photograph requirement based on religious grounds may be made, with documentation.

Form with fields: Applicant Name (Last, First, Middle/Former), Date of Birth, Age, Gender (Male/Female), Mailing Address, Phone #, Admission Category (Parent/Guardian Permission, Marriage, Legal Emancipation, Court Order/Adjudication), Name and Location of Last School Attended, Date Last Attended, Applicant Signature, Date.

Parent/Guardian Permission

Signature of parent/guardian must be completed in the presence of a witness.

I certify that I am the parent/legal guardian of the applicant above and I give him/her permission to enroll in a state-approved program.

Form with fields: Parent/Guardian Name, Parent/Guardian Signature, Date, Phone #.

Parent/Guardian Signature Witness

I affirm that the signature of the parent/guardian was written in my presence. You may contact me in reference to this matter.

Form with fields: Witness Name, Witness Signature, Date, Phone #.

For Adult Education Program Enrollment Approval Use Only:

I certify that this applicant is NOW ENROLLED in a state-approved program. I certify that I have required proof of identity from the applicant and the appropriate documents are attached. I have reviewed the application, and to the best of my knowledge, find it accurate.

Form with fields: Program Administrator/Designee Name and Title, Name of Program, Phone, Program Administrator/Designee Signature, Date.

## Requirements for 16 & 17 year-olds to Take the GED® Test or HiSET® Exam

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16 & 17 year-olds must complete specific requirements to gain permission to take the GED® Test or HiSET® Exam in Georgia.

**Step One:** Register with a state-approved program. They provide free test preparation services, and they will ensure you are academically prepared to test.

**Step Two:** Work with the state-approved program to choose the right high school equivalency test for you, and meet the minimum requirements for the test you choose.

**Step Three:** Agree to maintain enrollment in the state-approved program until you have successfully completed your GED® Test or HiSET® Exam, as outlined by the state approved program you attend. After successful completion of these requirements, the program will submit a request to the Georgia High School Equivalency office for a testing approval.

**Step Four:** The request is usually completed within 4-5 business days and the decision status is reported directly to the program. For the GED® Test, you will receive an email from the GED Testing Service® with scheduling instructions. For the HiSET® Exam, the underage override is immediately posted in your MyHiSET account and the tests may be scheduled.

### GED® Test

- The state-approved program that you attend will proctor TABE 11&12 and the GED Ready™ or the Aztec GED® practice tests.** These tests *must* be administered by program staff. Scores earned outside of the program cannot be used.
  - GED Ready™** - With your teacher’s assistance, create a profile on the MyGED™ portal at [www.ged.com](http://www.ged.com). Then, take the GED Ready™ practice test.
  - Aztec’s GED® Practice Test (if available)** – With your teacher’s assistance, create a login/password. Then, take a GED® Practice Test. A score of 75% on each subtest demonstrates your ability to pass the GED® Test.
- Meet the minimum test scores below to demonstrate your test readiness for the GED® Test. There are two options.**

**Option 1:**

Score at least a 6.0 GE on TABE 11&12 in Reading (536+) and Math (537+)	+	Score at least <b>150</b> on <b>two</b> GED Ready™ Tests <b>OR</b> <b>75%</b> on <b>two</b> of Aztec’s GED Practice Tests
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**Option 2:**

Complete TABE 11&12 Reading and Math pretests	+	Score at least <b>150</b> on <b>all four</b> GED Ready™ Tests <b>OR</b> <b>75%</b> on <b>all four</b> of Aztec’s GED Practice Tests
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### HiSET® Exam

- The state-approved program that you attend will proctor TABE 11&12 and the HiSET® Official Practice Test.** These tests *must* be administered by program staff. Scores earned outside of the program will not be considered for testing approval.
  - HiSET® Official Practice Test** - With your teacher’s assistance, create a MyHiSET profile at <https://hiset.ets.org/test-takers> you should note the HiSET ID assigned to you. Then, take the **HiSET® Official Practice Test**.
- Meet the minimum test scores below to demonstrate your test readiness for the HiSET exam. There are two options.**

**Option 1:**

Score at least a 6.0 GE on TABE 11&12 in Reading (536+) and Math (537+)	+	Earn a minimum score on any <b>two subjects</b> from the HiSET Official Practice Tests chart below
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**Option 2:**

Complete TABE 11&12 Reading and Math pretests	+	Earn a minimum score on <b>five subjects</b> from the HiSET Official Practice Tests chart below
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Subject	OPT10	OPT9	OPT8	OPT7
Reading	18	16	17	15
Writing +Essay	15+2	16+2	11+2	15+2
Math	10	8	7	10
Social Studies	16	16	12	16
Science	15	16	13	15