



# High School Equivalency Programs Are Not Created Equal



TEST  
ASSESSING  
SECONDARY  
COMPLETION™



Discover the most affordable, accessible, and flexible choice for measuring high school proficiency—TASC Test Assessing Secondary Completion™. TASC test wins on value, implementation options, and solid college readiness content.

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## Online Accessibility

### Importance

#### User-Friendly Website

**TASCTest.com** gives students one place to go for information about testing policies, eligibility requirements, registration, scheduling, and support.

#### Free Resources

**TASCTest.com** offers free practice item samplers, including writing prompts, exemplars and rubrics, informational reference sheets, videos, and materials to support the transition to Career and College Readiness.

#### Portal for Students

The TASC Test Portal enables students to self-register for the TASC test, request scheduling at approved testing centers, access test scores, and reports.

#### Reporting Tools

The TASC test offers online reporting tools to enable users to generate customizable reports to demonstrate outcomes, identify areas of opportunity, and support all program reporting requirements.

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## Paper and Computer-Based Testing

### Importance

#### Paper-and-Pencil Tests

- Easy-to-use format is suitable for testing sites making the transition from paper-and-pencil to computer-based assessments, such as:
  - Sites lacking adequate computer labs
  - Sites where some students are not yet comfortable taking an online test
  - Sites where the ability to administer online exams is limited, such as correctional facilities
  - Sites needing accommodation options for student with special needs when online accommodations are not optimal.
- Assessment items are comparable to online tests with respect to content coverage, rigor, and passing requirements.

#### Computer-Based Tests

- Easy-to-understand interface is simple for students to use, primarily requiring the student to understand how to type and navigate the screen using a mouse.
  - Reports are provided instantly, except for tests requiring handscoring (e.g., the TASC Writing subtest).
  - The TASC test offers improved efficiency—test preparation is quick and easy, it enables examiner self-guide testing, and test content is secure using the latest online security protocols.
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## Testing Site Flexibility

### Importance

#### Administer the TASC Test at Existing Test Centers

**TASCTest.com** gives students one place to go for information about testing policies, eligibility, registration, scheduling, and support.

## **Affordability**

### **No Added Costs**

### **Importance**

With no added costs to implement the test, access the registration and scheduling system, or get reports—the TASC test can cost significantly less than other high school equivalency tests. Prices vary according to state and local testing fees.

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## **Scoring**

### **Quick Turnaround**

### **Importance**

Computer-based testing scores for all machine-scored items are available in minutes. Paper-and-pencil based test scores are available within 10 days.

### **Diagnostic Reports**

Candidate Reports provide objective level feedback to students for each subtest taken, so examinees can focus on their areas of greatest need.

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## **Test Preparation**

### **Readiness Tests**

### **Importance**

The TASC Test Readiness Assessment in English and Spanish, available in both online and paper-and-pencil versions, offers students insight into the likelihood of passing the official TASC test and a better awareness of their strengths and weaknesses.

### **Test Preparation Materials**

Publishing partners provide online and print materials to help students prepare for success on the TASC test. These materials include interactive digital/online courseware, online and print study guides and workbooks, sample questions and practice tests, and classroom courses.

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## **Training**

### **On-Demand Training Resources**

### **Importance**

Test center staff has access to on-demand resources that include training manuals and reference guides. These materials cover everything you need to know to administer the TASC test in compliance with state policies and Data Recognition Corporation regulations. With these on-demand resources you can easily train and retrain staff as they come and go from your test center.

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## **Publisher Quality**

### **Long History in Adult Education**

### **Importance**

DRC is the leader in developing assessments for the Adult Basic Education (ABE) market, and DRC assessments have passed rigorous reviews at the state and federal level. For more than 50 years the Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE®) have been the premier measure of achievement used by educators, states, and employers to assess the knowledge and skills of adult learners.

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## **Test Content**

### **Test Item Types**

### **Importance**

The TASC test uses new item types that allow evaluating examinees' depth of knowledge unlike more conventional item types. Paper-and-pencil tests offer similar item variety to emulate the online testing experience.

### **College and Career Readiness**

TASC test is aligned with College and Career Readiness standards for adult education to measure problem-solving and critical thinking skills needed for success after high school.

### **Preparedness for College**

Since test content is aligned to College and Career Readiness standards, students that attain a Distinguished Achievement level passing score will be better prepared for work and for success in postsecondary programs, without the need for enrollment in developmental educational programs.



## Better Outcomes in Adult Basic Education

**Supports the Workforce  
Innovation and  
Opportunities Act (WIOA)**

### Importance

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), passed in Congress, not only maintains the ABE structure and policies, but it also strongly emphasizes ABE's connections to work and postsecondary education. The act accomplishes this goal by focusing on strengthening indicators and targets for employment entry job retention, postsecondary entry, and attainment of high school equivalency credentials. High school equivalency tests like the TASC test not only measure high school proficiency, but also focus on critical thinking and problem-solving skills identified as critical for success in college and careers.

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## Test Difficulty

**How Have High School  
Equivalency Tests Changed?**

### Importance

The TASC test is designed to meet the same set of new College and Career Readiness standards that have been applied to high schools throughout the United States. As a result, most high school equivalency tests currently in use are based on a similar level of difficulty, but offer more rigorous test content than high school equivalency tests used in previous years.

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## Recognition & Portability

**Nationally Recognized  
Portable High School  
Equivalency Credential**

### Importance

High school equivalency certificates are awarded by the states, and have long been acknowledged as nationally recognized "portable" credentials. This means that no matter where students successfully complete their high school equivalency tests, those credentials and test results should be acceptable based on deep-rooted, well-established precedent and the new national endorsement of all high school equivalency assessments from the Department of Education (DOE).

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## Acceptance of Test Scores

**Where is TASC Test Accepted?**

### Importance

Employers, colleges, universities and trade schools accept applicants on the basis of their demonstrable skills and abilities that have been proven by passing a state assessment that leads to a high school equivalency certificate. Similarly, postsecondary programs admit applicants based on their high school equivalency test scores.

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For additional information visit [TASCTest.com](http://TASCTest.com) or call  
DRC at 800.538.9547.