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Pathways to the High School Equivalency Diploma

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Pathways to a HSE Diploma

- Exam Pathway
- Regents Pathway
- 24 College Credit Pathway
- National External Diploma Program



Pathway 1: High School Equivalency Exam

General Educational Development (GED)

1940s-2013 / 2022- Present

Computer and Paper Based Testing

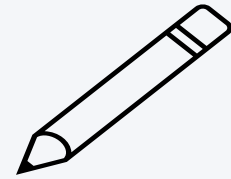
Four Subtests

Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC)

2014-2021

Paper Based Test, with minimal Computer Testing

Five Subtests



Current High School Equivalency Exam Subtests

- Reading / Writing
- Social Studies
- Math
- Science



Grandfathering of HSE Exams

- Passing
 - Scores from GED and TASC subtests can be combined
- Passing
 - Scores from GED and TASC subtest taken in other states

Pathway 2: Regents Pathway

- * Merges passing Regents scores with HSE exam subtest scores.
- * The Regents exam is substituted for a corresponding HSE exam subtest.
- * Minimum Requirement to take and pass at least one HSE exam subtest.

Pathway 3: 24 College Credits

- § Permits HSE Diploma applicants to substitute 24 college credits
- § NYSED prescribes course and credit distribution from approved higher education institutions

Pathway 4: National External Diploma Program

- § NEDP is a comprehensive online assessment approach available for students who require an alternative to testing.
- § Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS) is a not-for-profit adult education organization. NEDP is an option in 11 states
- § NEDP includes eight major competency areas wherein adult students/clients demonstrate mastery of content before transitioning to more advance work.

Pathway Exception: COVID Waiver

HSE Exams were waived by BOR Emergency Action from 6/9/20-6/30/21 if:

Candidate participated in an HSE exam preparation program, and

Adult Education Teacher certified that candidate would be able to pass the HSE exam if it were available.



Number of HSE Diplomas

Year	Exam	Regents Pathway	College Credit	NEDP	COVID Waivers
2020	4,338	2,019	712	133	9,808
2021	4,043	1,643	1,082	136	11,240
2022	4,655	2,382	902	152	83**
2023	5,746	2,995	850	154	1**
2024* *1/1 -7/31 **Waiver appeals resolved	3,956	2,178	519	105	

Customer Service Modernization



HSE Call Center



HSE Database
Updated



Request for Duplicate
Transcripts and Diplomas



Online Transactions

HSE Inquiries

Year	Call Center	Mail Rec'd	Emails Sent	Money Orders	Online
2021	7,572	21,085	2,120	\$ 52,951	
2022	14,421	18,706	15,602	\$101,762	
2023	14,161	20,727	14,654	\$128,368	
2024* *1/1 - 7/31	7,069	11,528	9,404	\$52,596	2,742** orders: \$22,620 **Online orders began 3/26/24



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