

## Adult Education Department

# State of Illinois High School Diploma

Do you want to get your GED so you can get a job, better support your family, go to college or advance your career? We are here to help!

Illinois residents who do not have a high school diploma can obtain a **State of Illinois High School Diploma** by passing one of the HSE exams.

- [GED®](#)
- [HiSET®](#)

GED courses prepare students for the Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies portions of the State of Illinois High School Diploma exam. Instructors help students develop content knowledge and skills as well as test-taking strategies and study skills. Prior to taking the State of Illinois High School Diploma exam, instructors assess student readiness to take the tests based on in-class practice tests.

GED classes are open to [eligible students](#) and most are free (Level 4 has a cost of \$21). Classes are online and in-person. There are four levels in the Language Arts and the Math course sequence. There is one level of Science and Social Studies (these classes are \$12 each). Students may take one or two subjects at a time. The student's placement test will determine first semester classes. Classes are offered in English and Spanish.

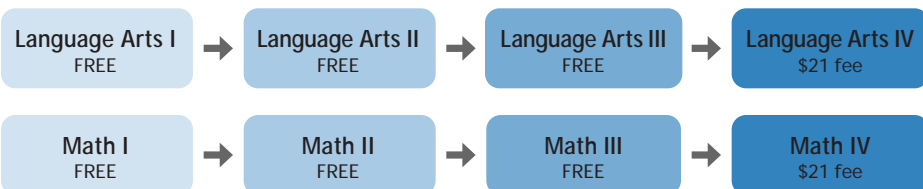
**For Spanish GED**, please [click here](#).

It is not a requirement to take preparation classes prior to taking a State of Illinois High School Diploma exam, but it is recommended to increase the chances of passing.

## CLASSES OFFERED

There are a variety of classes to choose from.

- **15-week language arts classes** meet on Monday and Wednesday in the morning and evening.
- **15-week math classes** meet on Tuesday and Thursday in the morning and evening.
- **10-week math classes** meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the morning and evening.
- **10-week social studies classes** meet on Tuesday and Thursday in the morning and evening in the fall semester.
- **15-week science classes** meet on Mondays and Wednesdays in the morning and evening in the spring semester.



## TIME TO COMPLETION

The length of time it takes for a student to prepare to take the high school equivalency test varies from one individual to the next. Regular class attendance, dedication and prior knowledge all play a role in this process.



## GRADUATION

A graduation ceremony is held in May each year to celebrate Triton Adult Education students who earned the State of Illinois High School Diploma. At the graduation ceremony, 10 GED graduates are awarded the Triton College Board of Trustees Adult Education Scholarships. The scholarship covers 12 credits of tuition to be used during the next academic year.

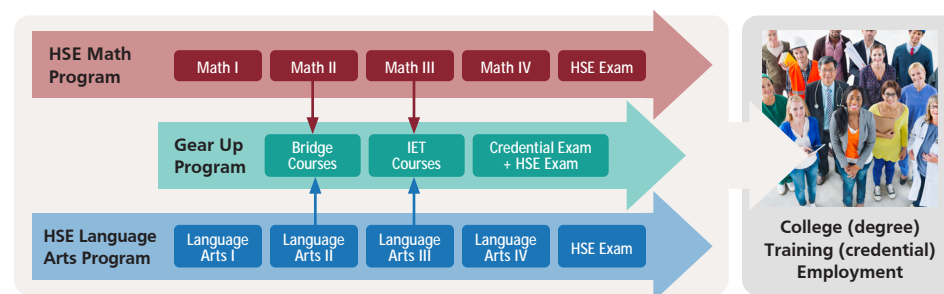
## SIGNING UP for the GED program is easy.

- Step 1:** Fill out registration form.
- Step 2:** Take a placement test. (Bring ID and proof of residence.)
- Step 3:** Meet with completion and transition specialist (CTS) – review placement test scores and program policies, begin the goal-setting process and talk about potential challenges to completion and success.
- Step 4:** Attend New Student Orientation.
- Step 5:** Start classes.



## NEXT STEPS

Why do you want to get your GED? What are your long-term goals? We can help you transition to college, training or employment.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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