



Admission Information for Students Who Earn a High School Equivalency

The process for earning a high school equivalency diploma changed effective January 2014. In New York State, students must pass the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC). CUNY will also consider a high school equivalency diploma based on passing one of the following exams: High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), the “new” GED Test, the “old” GED and the International GED.

Your high school equivalency test score is one of several components used during the admission review. If you are applying to a four-year college you must also meet the academic requirements of the colleges, which include: academic units, grades/grade trends, standardized test scores, essays/personal statements and letters of recommendation. However, applicants who successfully complete the High School Equivalency examination are guaranteed admission to a community college.

If you are considering applying to a four-year college, we generally expect you to have completed a full college preparatory curriculum that includes:

- four years of English (composition and literature)
- three years of math (algebra, geometry, and trigonometry). A fourth year of math is preferred
- three years of social studies (history, anthropology, economics, geography, government, political science, psychology, or sociology). A fourth year of social studies is preferred
- two years of a lab science (biology, chemistry, physics, or earth science). A third year of lab science is preferred.
- two years of a single foreign language
- one year of visual or performing arts

If you are lacking in one of these areas, it does not mean your application will not be considered. However, the more rigorous your curriculum, the more options will be available to you. Below is a conversion of the scores to a College Admission Average (CAA). Please use this conversion chart in addition to the CUNY Admission Profile in determining which college may be the best fit for you.

TASC ¹		HiSET ²		New GED ³		Old GED ³	
Earned Score	CAA ⁴ Equivalent	Earned Score	CAA ⁴ Equivalent	Earned Score	CAA ⁴ Equivalent	Earned Score	CAA ⁴ Equivalent
3500 and above	85	83 and above	85	740 and above	85	3500 and above	85
3100-3499	80	67-82	80	680-739	80	3000-3499	80
2800-3099	75	59-66	75	650-679	75	2700-2999	75
2500-2799	70	45-58	70	600-649	70	2250-2699	70

¹TASC: Test Assessing Secondary Completion (for New York State residents) ²HiSET: High School Equivalency Test ³GED: General Educational Development Test ⁴CAA: College Admissions Average