

HISET AT A GLANCE

What's On the HiSET Exam?

Your skills and knowledge are measured in five core areas that make up the five HiSET subtests:

- Language Arts – Reading
- Language Arts – Writing
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies

What Does the Battery Cost?

Battery (all five subtests):

In Missouri, the total price for the battery is \$95 (\$50 ETS fee, \$10 Missouri State Department of Education administration fee and \$35 test center administration fee). If you pay for the battery and need to retest on an individual test, you must pay a \$7 test center retesting fee.

NOTE FOR BATTERY PURCHASERS: When you purchase all five subtests at one time in a battery, the purchase expires after 12 months. Because of this, we recommend waiting until as close to January as you feel comfortable to make your purchase. This will allow you to take full advantage of your battery and maximize the amount of time you have to take the exam and retake subtests.

Individual Subtest:

If you only need to take an individual subtest initially, the total price is \$32 (\$15 ETS fee, \$10 state fee, and \$7 test center administration fee). If you must retake an individual subtest, you will need to pay a \$7 test center administration fee.

If you are scheduling online, you may pay by:

- debit card or credit card (American Express, Discover®, MasterCard, VISA and JCB)
- purchase a GreenDot® MoneyPak prepaid card and fund a PayPal account
- purchase a prepaid PayPal My Cash Card and fund a PayPal account
- purchase a VISA, MasterCard or American Express gift card

The HiSET exam is available via computer delivery in Missouri

HiSET® Identification (ID) Requirements

- be an original document; photocopied documents are not acceptable
- show your full name
- meet ID requirements for the state or jurisdiction in which you are testing

6–10 business days after an essay test additionally, the name you use when creating your account and scheduling your appointment must exactly match what it is on the ID you will present on test day at the test center. See "The Name You Use When Creating Your Account" below for more information.

Primary ID Requirements

The following ID documents are acceptable for admission to a test center

- Passport
- Government-issued driver's license or temporary license
- State ID card (including those issued by the motor vehicle agencies)
- National ID card
- Military ID card

HiSET® Scores: Overview

Getting Your Scores

Official HiSET® scores are posted within:

- 3–5 business days after a multiple-choice test
- 6–10 business days after an essay test

Scores are available through your HiSET account; they are not sent by mail.

HiSET® Test Content

The HiSET® exam includes five subtests that you can schedule to take in any order:

- Language Arts – Reading
- Language Arts – Writing
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies

Language Arts – Reading

- Time: 65 minutes
- Format: 40 multiple-choice questions

The Reading subtest measures your ability to understand, interpret and analyze a broad range of literary and informational texts. The selections are from different genres on subject matter that varies in purpose and style. They may be in the form of memoirs, essays, biographical sketches, editorials or poetry. The texts generally range in length from approximately 400 to 600 words.

Language Arts – Writing

- Time:
 - Part 1 – 75 minutes
 - Part 2 – 45 minutes
- Format:
 - Part 1 – 50 questions, multiple choice
 - Part 2 – 1 essay prompt

If you are taking the HiSET exam in English, the Writing subtest measures your skill in recognizing and producing effective, standard, American-written English and is in two parts. Spanish test takers may write their essay in Spanish.

- Part 1 measures your ability to edit and revise written text.
- Part 2 measures your ability to generate and organize ideas in writing.

Part 1

In Part 1, you are asked to make revision choices concerning organization, diction and clarity, sentence structure, usage, and mechanics.

The subtest questions are embedded in complete texts in the form of letters, essays, newspaper articles, personal accounts and reports. The texts are presented as drafts in which parts have been underlined to indicate a possible need for revision. You are given alternatives that may correct or improve the underlined portions. Aspects of written language that are measured may include appropriate style, logical transitions, discourse structure and organization, conciseness and clarity, or usage and mechanics.

Part 2

In Part 2, you are asked to generate and organize ideas in writing. Your writing is assessed on development, organization, and language facility and writing conventions.

Mathematics

- Time: 90 minutes
- Format: 50 multiple-choice questions

The Mathematics subtest measures mathematical knowledge and competencies. You are asked to solve quantitative problems using fundamental concepts and reasoning skills. The questions present practical problems that require numerical operations, measurement, estimation, data interpretation and logical thinking. Problems are based on realistic situations and may test abstract concepts such as algebraic patterns, precision in measurement and probability. You may use a calculator for the entire subject test, if you choose to do so.

Science

- Time: 80 minutes
- Format: 50 multiple-choice questions

The Science subtest measures your ability to use science content knowledge, apply principles of scientific inquiry, and interpret and evaluate scientific information. Most of the questions provide descriptions of scientific investigations and their results. Scientific information is based on reports that might be found in scientific journals. Graphs, tables and charts are used to present information and results.

The questions use material from a variety of content areas such as: physics, chemistry, botany, zoology, health and astronomy. You may be asked to identify the research question of interest, select the best design for a specific research question and recognize conclusions that can be drawn from results. You may also be asked to evaluate the adequacy of procedures and distinguish among hypotheses, assumptions and observations.

Social Studies

- Time: 70 minutes
- Format: 50 multiple-choice questions

The Social Studies subtest measures your ability to analyze and evaluate various kinds of social studies information. The subtest uses materials from a variety of content areas, including history, political science, psychology, sociology, anthropology, geography and economics. Primary documents, posters, cartoons, timelines, maps, graphs, tables, charts and reading passages may be used to present information. You may be asked to distinguish statements of fact from opinion; recognize the limitations of procedures and methods; and make judgments about the reliability of sources, the validity of inferences and conclusions, and the adequacy of information for drawing conclusions.