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Implementing the High School Equivalency and Proficiency Programs Locally to Benefit Homeless Youth and Adult Learners

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TODAY'S OBJECTIVES

- What Is the California Proficiency Program (CPP)?
 - Who is Can Take the HiSET-Proficiency Test?
 - What are the Homeless and Foster Youth Waivers?
 - What Are and Why Are There Minimum Passing Requirements?
- What Is the High School Equivalency (HSE) Program?
 - What Tests Are Available and Why Should I Take the Test?
 - Who Can Take An HSE Test?
 - What Are the Minimum Passing Requirements and Why Are They Different for Adults?
- What Is GEDWorks™?





Proficiency Tests

PROFICIENCY TEST HISTORY

- Started in 1974
- Paper based
- Subjects:
 - English language arts (reading and writing)
 - Mathematics
- Offered up to three times a year
- Offered in English
- Stanford Achievement Test Series, 10th Edition



CALIFORNIA PROFICIENCY PROGRAM (CPP)



Subjects: Reading, Writing, and Mathematics



BENEFITS OF THE NEW CPP

- 24 hours a day - 365 days a year
- Testing at home – online proctoring
- Available in English or Spanish
- Preliminary results after testing



CPP ELIGIBILITY PART I



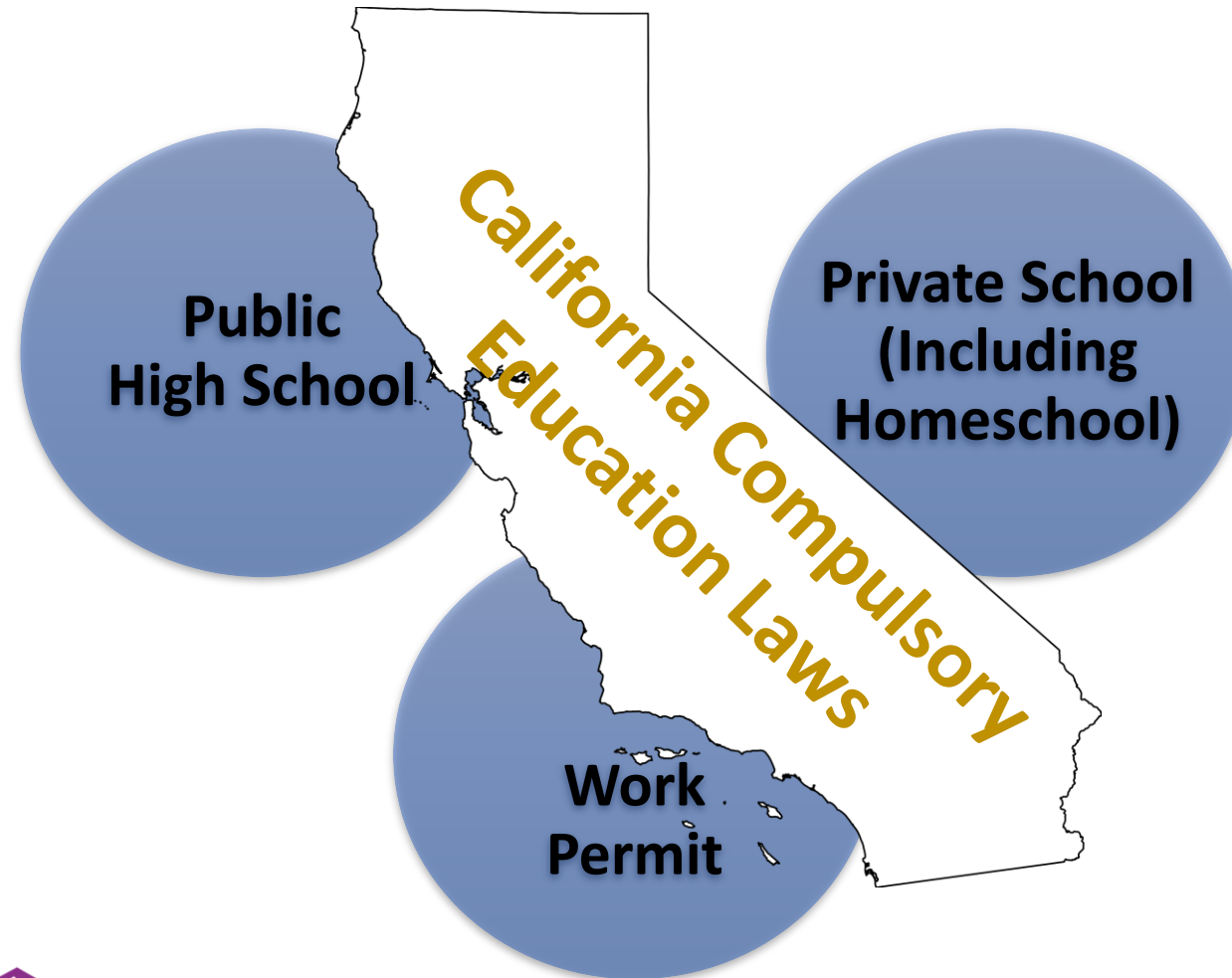
16 years of age
or older

or

Enrolled in
grade 10



CPP ELIGIBILITY PART II



Opportunities Afforded to Homeless Students



OPPORTUNITIES AFFORDED TO HOMELESS STUDENTS

After passing the HiSET-Proiciency students may:

- Apply for FAFSA
- Attend high education
- Start a career
- Earn high wages
- Take the HiSET-Equivalency



ARE THESE TESTS FREE FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS?



Test administration fees are waived with appropriate documentation.

MINIMUM PASSING SCORES

Test	Proficiency Passing Scores
HiSET-Proficiency	Over 15 (Writing score of over 4)



WHAT NEW INFORMATION DID I RETRIEVE?

Now turn to your neighbor and share one new piece of information you heard today.





Equivalency Tests

EQUIVALENCY – TWO VENDORS



HiSET®

powered by psi



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ELIGIBILITY FOR THE EQUIVALENCY EXAMS

The Equivalency Exam is for students who are:

- **Not enrolled** in high school, **or**
- 18 years of age or older, **or**
- 17 years of age under certain situations.



EQUIVALENCY EXAM SUBTESTS

GED

Four subtests

1. Reading/Writing
2. Social studies
3. Science
4. Mathematics

HiSET

Five subtests

1. Reading
2. Writing
3. Social studies
4. Science
5. Mathematics

EXAM OPTIONS

GED

- ***Online***, from home
- ***In-person***, at a testing center

HiSET

- ***In-person***, at a testing center
- ***Online***, from home
- ***Paper/Pencil*** at a test center



MINIMUM PASSING SCORES

TEST	High School Equivalency Scores
HiSET	Subtests at least 8 with a minimum total of 45
GED	Subtests at least 145 with a minimum total of 580



PRACTICE, PREPARE, STUDY

Both exams:

- Offer free practice tests
- Paid prep courses and materials
- Adult School prep classes are for 18 and older based on the funding provided.



Spotlight on GEDWorks



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GEDWORKS™ – IN CALIFORNIA

- *1,929 Participants Statewide
 - (361 Los Angeles County)
- *291 Credentialed Test Takers Statewide
 - (52 in Los Angeles County)

*Data collected on April 15, 2024



WHAT IS GEDWORKS™?

- The official GED program for employers to sponsor their employees
- Employees get all the tools they need at no cost to them.
- Employees can earn their GED diploma while remaining in their jobs



GEDWORKS™ FOR EMPLOYEES

Participating employees receive:

- Free test prep and testing
- Unlimited access to study materials, practice tests, and official tests



GEDWORKS™ – HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Raising awareness of GEDWorks™

- Providing a list of participating employers to test takers
- Talk to local employers/stores
 - How can it help their business
 - How to get more information





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Our plan ▾ Medi-Cal members ▾ Providers ▾ COVID-19 resources



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BLUE SHIELD OF CALIFORNIA PROMISE HEALTH PLAN EMPOWERS ITS MEDI-CAL MEMBERS TO PURSUE DIPLOMA WITH GEDWORKS

First health plan in California to offer GED credential to address key social determinant of health and help remove education barrier to success.

OAKLAND, Calif. (January 24, 2024) – Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan members can now open the door to higher education and improved career opportunities by earning a GED diploma, at no cost, through their health plan membership.

Blue Shield Promise is the first California health plan to collaborate with GED Testing Service to offer the GEDWorks program to its Medi-Cal members. Beginning this month, Blue Shield Promise members can [register online](#) for access to GED study materials in English and Spanish, and get online support with one-to-one tutoring, practice tests and personal advisors, who serve as coaches and motivators to support students in earning their GED diploma, a measure of high school equivalency. The program also offers assistance with career and college planning, and most participants complete the course in four months.



COVERAGE THAT IS ALL ABOUT YOU.

Blue Shield Promise Medi-Cal

At Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan, we know that health care is more than a doctor's visit. That's why we provide extra care and support.

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2024 HSE and Proficiency Summer Convenings



2024 High School Equivalency and Proficiency Summer Convenings

Join us to learn more about the GED® and HiSET® exams!



The California Department of Education invites chief examiners, test site administrators, school counselors, and others with a connection to high school equivalency and proficiency programs to the in-person 2024 Summer Convenings. These convenings are designed to provide timely updates and to collect valuable feedback regarding the GED and HiSET exams.

**Northern California
Location—Sacramento**
Monday, August 5

**Central California
Location—Fresno**
Tuesday, August 6

**Southern California
Location—San Diego**
Thursday, August 8

**Southern California
Location—Los Angeles**
Friday, August 9

Questions and Answers



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The image is a horizontal collage. On the left, a blurred photograph shows several students sitting at a desk, focused on writing with pencils. The background is a solid, vibrant blue. On the right, a close-up profile of a man with a beard and short hair is visible, wearing a blue shirt and a gold necklace. The text 'Thank You!' is centered in the blue area in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Thank You!