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## Announcing the new high school equivalency test from ETS

Educational Testing Service (ETS), a leader in assessment development worldwide, is pleased to announce that it will offer a more affordable, more accessible high school equivalency test beginning in January 2014. The ETS High School Equivalency Test (*HiSET™*), the first alternative to the GED® test since 1942, will include elements that are critical to providing educational opportunities for those who need a second chance to succeed.

### Designed with two important advantages to meet to your needs

The HiSET test is being designed by ETS and Iowa Testing Programs, two highly respected nonprofit assessment organizations, to address the needs of states, educators, policymakers, employers and test takers. The test will measure the same competencies as the GED test, but ETS will offer these two value-added advantages:

**More accessible.** The HiSET test will be widely available in both **paper- and computer-based** administrations through **existing testing locations**, establishing a smooth transition. Candidates can prepare for the test with existing materials and courses.

**More affordable.** The HiSET test will be **reasonably priced at only \$75** for either the paper- or computer-based formats. This fee includes all costs — from registration to scoring and reporting. Up to two retests in the same calendar year are also included at no additional cost.

# Working with you every step of the way

The HiSET test will be launched in two phases:

**Phase 1** — The Phase 1 test, which will launch in January 2014, will be compatible with current professional development materials used for high school equivalency assessment and will cover five core areas:

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



**Phase 2** — ETS will work with state stakeholders in Phase 2 to design a test aligned more fully with the Common Core State Standards. This next-generation test will measure the more rigorous college- and career-readiness standards most states will adopt.

## ETS has a proven track record of marketing widely accepted large-scale assessments

ETS has continually demonstrated its marketing prowess in effectively reaching institutions, influencers, employers and test takers worldwide. For more than 65 years, ETS has developed some of the most widely accepted large-scale assessments used by organizations and institutions around the globe, including the *GRE*<sup>®</sup> and *TOEFL*<sup>®</sup> tests. Leading the way with more than 50 million tests administered and scored at more than 9,000 locations in 180 countries each year, ETS is uniquely qualified to offer an alternative high school equivalency test.

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