



To: The Workforce System

From: Indiana Department of Workforce Development

Date: May 29, 2018

Subject: DWD Policy 2017-16
Indiana High School Equivalency (HSE) Honors Diploma

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish parameters and minimum scores to award the TASC Test Assessing Secondary Completion™ Distinguished Achievement diploma or Honors High School Equivalency (HSE) Diploma¹ in Indiana.

Content

The TASC Test Assessing Secondary Completion™ is an alternative for earning a high school diploma in five subjects – Reading, Mathematics, Writing, Science, and Social Studies. This policy describes minimum scores that must be met on three subtests – Reading, Mathematics, and Writing – to receive an Honors High School Equivalency (HSE) Diploma in Indiana.

An Honors HSE Diploma will be granted to individuals in Indiana who score the required minimum or higher:

- 580 on the Language Arts Reading,
- 560 on the Mathematics, and
- 560 on the Language Arts Writing (and at least a 6 out of 8 on the Writing essay)

A minimum score must be met on all three subtests in order to receive honors status.

Published by Data Recognition Corporation | CTB, the TASC Test Distinguished Achievement or Indiana Honors HSE Diploma indicates a higher level of proficiency in Mathematics and Language Arts (Reading and Writing) that could indicate readiness for entry-level postsecondary coursework.

While a minimum scale score of 500 is required for passing across subject areas, the TASC Test Distinguished Achievement or Indiana Honors HSE Diploma scale scores vary. The Reading score is higher (580) than scores for Mathematics and Writing (560). The Writing score for the Honors HSE Diploma is 560 with at least a 6 out of 8 on the Writing essay.

¹ Source <http://www.tasctest.com/> TASC Test Distinguished Achievement

The Honors HSE Diploma recognizes examinees who demonstrate higher levels of achievement, and may help examinees, college admissions officers, and employers make better decisions regarding academic and career opportunities.

Aligned to the College and Career Readiness (CCR) Standards, the TASC test has been field-tested and validated by Data Recognition Corporation | CTB on nationally representative samples of graduating high school seniors and diverse samples of adult learners. Examinees must demonstrate a level of proficiency, according to Data Recognition Corporation | CTB, that meets or surpasses approximately 40 percent of the nation's graduating high school seniors.

Effective Date

July 1, 2018

Ending Date

Upon rescission

Contact for Questions

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Action

Testing centers and adult education programs preparing individuals for the HSE shall follow the contents of this policy and update any local policies to be in alignment.