



**Hmalc**

**Hudson Maynard**

**Adult Learning Center**

**Literacy Classes for Adults**

At Hudson High School

**What do I need to bring to the test?**

If you are age 16 or 17, you must bring a photo I.D. and an official letter of withdrawal from the last school you attended.

**What are the costs?**

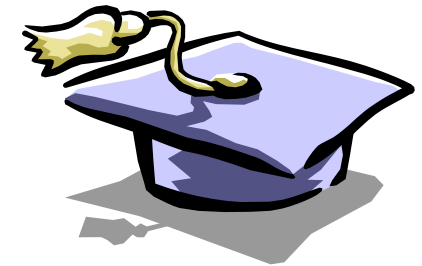
Our HSE preparation classes are free.

There is a standard fee to take the HSE test. For more information on fees, please contact one of the available test sites, or speak to the student support coordinator at Hudson Maynard Adult Learning Center.

**Furthering your education takes a lot of hard work and effort. Whether you prepare in a high school program, or an evening HSE class, you should understand all your options.**

**Make an appointment with our student support coordinator to discuss the next step in completing your education.**

**Massachusetts State  
High School  
Equivalency Diploma**



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**Free Adult Basic Education  
and  
HSE Classes**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

**Hudson High School**

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**Hudson, MA 01749**



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## What is the High School Equivalency?

The HSE is the test you must take to receive your Massachusetts State High School Equivalency Diploma. The test consists of four sections: Reasoning Through Language Arts, Mathematical Reasoning, Science, and Social Studies. You can take each section separately. Each one will take approximately one to two hours to complete. You must pass all four sections to receive a GED diploma.

## Can I quit high school and begin working on my HSE right away?

Yes, however you should speak with your high school guidance counselor before you quit school. You have to be at least 16 years old to take the HSE classes.

## Can I work while I am taking my HSE preparation course?

Yes, but most employers want their employees to have at least a high school diploma or its equivalent. If you left high school before graduating, you will probably be hired only for entry level positions. You should also know that people with a high school diploma or HSE are more likely to earn higher wages.



## Will I ever be able to go to college?

Yes, you may be accepted into a community college with an HSE. After you successfully complete a community college program, you can transfer to a four-year college.

## Why can't I apply directly to a four-year college?

You can try to apply to a four-year college, but most prefer that students with an HSE prove their academic readiness at two-year colleges.



## Is it easy to pass the HSE test?

Only seven high school students out of ten who take the HSE test are able to pass. To be successful, you must have strong reading, writing, and math. Our classes will help you sharpen these skills. Your teacher will tell you when you are ready to take the test.

## How should I prepare for the test?

The best way to prepare is to take an HSE preparation class. Sometimes students are ready to take the HSE test after a few months, but most students need to prepare for a longer time. Keep in mind that high school students spend 30 hours a week preparing for their diplomas.

## What if I have special learning needs?

Sometimes students need special help and support. Our HSE teachers will help you in every way they can, but we do not conduct special education programs, nor do we tutor students on an individual basis.

If you have questions, please contact the ADA coordinator at 978-567-6250 x15113.

## What will the classes be like?

You will meet students of all ages in our HSE preparation classes. They come from a variety of backgrounds and live and work in the surrounding communities. Class sizes are generally small allowing for individualized instruction.

## Is the HSE class different from high school?

The HSE class is somewhat of a self-paced, individualized program with added group instruction. You will work on your own in the areas that you need to strengthen. A teacher is always available to work with you. The HSE preparation classes meet three times per week for three hours per night.

