

## TASC FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

<b><i>What is the TASC?</i></b>	The TASC (Test assessing secondary completion) is the new High School Equivalency exam in New York State. It replaces the GED.
<b><i>Who can take the TASC?</i></b>	You are eligible to take the TASC if you have lived in New York State for at least 30 days and are at least 19 years old . If you are 16-18 years old, eligibility rules and requirements can be found at <a href="http://www.acces.nysed.gov/hse/application-process-and-eligibility-requirements">http://www.acces.nysed.gov/hse/application-process-and-eligibility-requirements</a>
<b><i>How much does TASC cost?</i></b>	There is no charge to take the test in New York State.
<b><i>Can I use passing scores from the GED?</i></b>	Yes, but only if you passed any section(s) of the GED between 2002 and 2013. Those scores will count as passing for the TASC. If you passed all five (5) GED sections but did not get a total score of at least 2250, you must pass at least one of the TASC sub-tests to obtain a New York State High School Equivalency Diploma. The first time you take the TASC, you must take the entire test.
<b><i>If I pass several parts of TASC, do I have to take the entire test again?</i></b>	No, you only need to retake the subject tests you did not pass.
<b><i>How long does the test take?</i></b>	The test lasts about 9 hours and is given over 2 days.
<b><i>What subjects are included?</i></b>	There are five tests: 1)language arts - writing (including an essay, 2) language arts - reading, 3) science, 4) social studies and 5) math (2 parts - 1 with calculator). See the chart that follows the FAQs for types of questions and times allotted per test.
<b><i>How many times can you take the test in a year?</i></b>	You can take the test up to 3 times in one year.
<b><i>In what languages is TASC given?</i></b>	TASC is offered in English & Spanish.(It is also available in Braille, large print and audio versions.)
<b><i>What calculator is used for the test?</i></b>	TI-30XS is the recommended calculator. For other recommended calculators go to <a href="http://www.tasctest.com/tasc-test-calculators-for-test-takers.html">http://www.tasctest.com/tasc-test-calculators-for-test-takers.html</a> .
<b><i>Should I bring a calculator to the test?</i></b>	No, calculators are provided at the testing site.
<b><i>Where is the test given in Westchester County?</i></b>	<p>Testing sites:</p> <p>The Educational Opportunity Center, 26 S. Broadway, Yonkers, 914-606-7600.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vive/Pathways to Success, Riverside High School, S. 565 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, 914- 376-8600.</li> </ul> <p>N. Westchester BOCES, 200 BOCES Dr., Yorktown Heights, 914- 248-2417.</p>

<b><i>When is the test given?</i></b>	Test dates can be found at <a href="http://www.acces.nysed.gov/hse/hse-testing-centers?county[]=148&amp;code=&amp;items_per_page=All">http://www.acces.nysed.gov/hse/hse-testing-centers?county[]=148&amp;code=&amp;items_per_page=All</a> .
<b><i>What is the passing score for each test?</i></b>	The passing score for each TASC subject area is 500. On the writing test you must score at least 2 out of 8 points to pass. Students pass the TASC test overall when they have passed each of the 5 subject tests.
<b><i>Where can I find sample tests?</i></b>	Sample tests can be found at <a href="http://www.tasctest.com/sample-items-and-answer-keys-for-test-center-admins.html">http://www.tasctest.com/sample-items-and-answer-keys-for-test-center-admins.html</a>
<b><i>Where can I find online study materials?</i></b>	Online study materials can be found at Firstfind.org and at Learning Express (access from Firstfind.org).
<b><i>Are there any books to help me prepare?</i></b>	There are several books that can be bought online or in bookstores or taken out from the library. The Kaplan New TASC Strategies, Practice, and Review is a very comprehensive preparation book for students at the high school level: <a href="http://www.amazon.com/Kaplan-TASC-%C2%AE-Strategies-Practice-Review/dp/1618657658">http://www.amazon.com/Kaplan-TASC-%C2%AE-Strategies-Practice-Review/dp/1618657658</a>
<b><i>Where can I get an application?</i></b>	The application can be found at <a href="http://www.acces.nysed.gov/common/acces/files/hse/05-Final-NYSED-Attachment-A.pdf">http://www.acces.nysed.gov/common/acces/files/hse/05-Final-NYSED-Attachment-A.pdf</a>
<b><i>How long do I have to wait for TASC results?</i></b>	It takes approximately six weeks to receive test results.
<b><i>Where can I find a TASC class?</i></b>	A list of classes can be found at <a href="http://wikis.westchesterlibraries.org/occfles/TASC-classes-%20Westchester-Spring2015.pdf">http://wikis.westchesterlibraries.org/occfles/TASC-classes-%20Westchester-Spring2015.pdf</a>
<b><i>Where can I find a TASC tutoring program?</i></b>	The TASC Connect! tutoring schedule, and locations, can be found at <a href="http://wikis.westchesterlibraries.org/occfles/TASC_Schedule_English_June2015.pdf">http://wikis.westchesterlibraries.org/occfles/TASC_Schedule_English_June2015.pdf</a>
<b><i>Where can I get more information about the test?</i></b>	For more information go to <a href="http://www.acces.nysed.gov/hse/what-hsetasc-test">http://www.acces.nysed.gov/hse/what-hsetasc-test</a> <a href="http://firstfind.org">http://firstfind.org</a> <a href="http://www.tasctest.com/">http://www.tasctest.com/</a>
<b><i>How do I get a copy of my High School Equivalency Diploma?</i></b>	Information about obtaining copies of your diploma can be found at <a href="http://www.acces.nysed.gov/hse/duplicate-diplomas-andor-transcripts">http://www.acces.nysed.gov/hse/duplicate-diplomas-andor-transcripts</a>
<b><i>Should I take the test in English or Spanish?</i></b>	It is generally best to take TASC in the language you are most comfortable with. If you are unsure, contact Southern Westchester BOCES for guidance at 914-937-3820.
<b><i>Is there another way to get a High School Equivalency Diploma?</i></b>	Yonkers Pathways to Success offers The National External Diploma Program (NEDP) at no charge. Contact 914-376-8600. The New York State Department of Education sponsors a 24 credit GED program, through Westchester Community College, for those who want to earn their GED and college credits at the same time. For information call 914-

	606-6735.
<b><i>Are special testing accommodations available?</i></b>	Yes, in New York State students with disabilities may apply for testing accommodations. Instructions can be found at <a href="http://www.tasctest.com/special-needs-accommodations.html">http://www.tasctest.com/special-needs-accommodations.html</a>

Subtest	English	Spanish
Mathematics		
Math-Part2 (Calculator Session)	50 minutes	55 minutes
15-minute Break		
Math-Part 1 (Non-Calculator Session)	55 minutes	60 minutes
Writing	105 minutes	110 minutes
Reading	75 minutes	80 minutes
Science	85 minutes	90 minutes
Social Studies	75 minutes	80 minutes

Subject	Types of Questions
Writing	50 Multiple-Choice & 1 Prompt Based on 1-2 Passages
Reading	50 Multiple-Choice & 7-8 Passages
Science	47 Multiple-Choice Items & 8 Stimuli
Social Studies	47 Multiple-Choice Items & 8 Stimuli
Mathematics Part 1 (Non Calculator Sessions)	12 Gridded-Response Items
Mathematics Part 2 (Calculator Session)	40 Multiple-Choice Items

Note:

- Stimuli are reading passages, pictures, cartoons, graphs, tables, charts, etc.
- Gridded response is not multiple-choice and requires students to bubble in their answers.

Sources: [www.acces.nysed.gov/ged](http://www.acces.nysed.gov/ged), <http://www.tasctest.com/>