

(To High School Equivalency Preparation Programs)

Greetings Adult Educators,

Please find below notifications that pertain to New York State's High School Equivalency testing program:

New TASC™ test forms:

The current TASC™ test forms (D, E, and F) will be retired on September 6, 2016. Testing with the new G, H, and I forms will begin in New York State on September 7, 2016.

New TASC Readiness Assessments (Paper and Computer Based):

In conjunction with the implementation of the G, H and I TASC™ test forms, Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) will release two new paper TASC Readiness Assessments, by the end of August. DRC will release two computer-based Readiness Assessments by the end of October.

New Informational Brochures designed for TASC™ testers:

The New York State Education Department has made available two brochures to assist with test preparation: one addresses the Writing Subtest and the second the Math Subtest. Helpful topics include: TASC™ test content, how to prepare for the test, and sample test questions. Brochures may be found at: <http://www.acces.nysed.gov/what-hsetasc%E2%84%A2-test> . Paper copies of the brochure may be requested by contacting Virginia Clampett at: Virginia.Clampett@nysed.gov.

Recently released TASC™ test Item Specification Documents:

TASC™ test vendor, DRC, has released TASC™ test Item Specifications for each of the five subtests. These documents are used by TASC™ test item writers to inform the breadth and depth of the content knowledge expectations for HSE testing. Adult educators may find these Item Specifications useful for lesson planning. Find the TASC™ test Item Specifications here:

<http://www.acces.nysed.gov/hse/tasc-test-and-item-specifications>

(To High School Equivalency Testing Centers)

Greetings HSE Testing Center Administrators,

Below are several aspects of New York State's High School Equivalency testing program:

New TASC™ test forms:

The current TASC™ test forms (D, E, and F) will be retired on September 6, 2016. Beginning September 7, 2016, testing with the new G, H, and I forms will be available in New York State. ***Testing should not begin with new forms until your examiners have received administration training from NYSED.*** Trainings will be held in September. Please stay tuned for specific details.

Instructions on receipt of the new test forms, and return of the D, E, and F forms, will be forthcoming from the test vendor, Data Recognition Corporation (DRC). DRC will provide webinar trainings on administering the new test forms beginning in August. Specific dates will be forthcoming.

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