HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY

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SERVICES, RESOURCES, AND LIFE-LONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR QUEENS COMMUNITIES

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Our Mission

The Queens Library Adult Learner Program is committed to providing lifelong learning opportunities to address the needs of the diverse and changing populations of Queens through free quality educational programs and services that incorporate digital literacy, blended learning, and individualized case management services.

HSE
High School Equivalency Program

The Adult Learner Program at Queens Library offers one of the most comprehensive high school equivalency preparation programs. Programs are completely FREE with a Queens Library card. We offer two paths to obtain your high school equivalency diploma.

Quick Facts:

In 2014, Queens Library Adult Learn Program helped over 1,000 students prepare for the high school equivalency test.

- 78.9% passed the HSE
- 66.5% were able to obtain or retain their job
- 75% proceeded to post-secondary education/training

Adult Learner Center Locations

Adult Learner Program
Administrative Office
89-11 Merrick Blvd., 2nd Floor
Jamaica, NY 11432
alpref@queenslibrary.org.

ESOL Program at Central Library ALC
Telephone: 718-480-4235

Youth Literacy Program (YLP) at Central Library ALC
Telephone: 718-480-4236

Flushing ALC
41-17 Main Street
Flushing, NY 11355
Telephone: 718-661-1241

Central ALC
89-11 Merrick Blvd,
Jamaica, NY 11432
Telephone: 718-990-0754

Steinway ALC
21-45 31st Street
Astoria, NY 11105
Telephone: 718-726-8652

Long Island City ALC
37-44 21st Street
Long Island City, NY 11101
Telephone: 718-752-3723/3721

Peninsula ALC
92-25 Rockaway Beach Blvd.
Rockaway Beach, NY 11693
Telephone: 718-945-7058

Elmhurst ALC
84-07 Broadway
Elmhurst, NY 11373
Telephone: 718-669-3302

Rochdale ALC
169-09 137th Avenue
Jamaica, NY 11434
Telephone: 718-723-7662
Queens Library Adult Learner Program also offers many additional programs that may be beneficial to its participants.

- Family learning and literacy
- Basic computer training
- Citizenship preparation
- Health workshops
- Financial workshops
- Job readiness
- College preparation
- Case Management

Two Paths to the HSE

Queens Library Adult Learner Program provides two paths to the HSE. These two options meet the needs of most people that are seeking to obtain their high school diploma.

Option #1: The TASC

Test Assessing Secondary Completion™ or TASC replaced the GED test in New York State in 2014. The TASC is a state-of-the-art, affordable national high school equivalency assessment that assesses five subject areas including Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

It measures examinees’ levels of achievement relative to that of graduating high school seniors, and career and college readiness, as outlined by the Common Core State Standards.

In partnership with NYS Education Department, Queens Library’s Adult Learner Program is proud to administer the TASC test at four test center locations in Queens.

The TASC Test Centers are
- Central ALC: 718-990-0754
- Flushing ALC: 718-661-1241
- Long Island City ALC: 718-752-3723
- Peninsula ALC: 718-945-7058

Visit our website for more information:
http://www.queenslibrary.org/services/adult-literacy/adult-learner-program/hse resources.
Steps to Take TASC

1. Visit a Queens Library Adult Learning Center (ALC) for a screening.
2. Score a 9.0 level on the TABE Reading Level D.
3. Pass all minimum levels on TASC Readiness Assessment.
4. Register for next available test date.

If you qualify, please bring a copy of valid ID and proof of address.

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Students that don’t meet the minimum requirements to take the TASC should register for a pre-HSE test prep class, please visit or contact any of our 7 Adult Learning Centers

Test Prep for the TASC

Queens Library offers pre-HSE prep classes to prepare for the TASC. Students are taught in instructional programs include reading, language, mathematics, and spelling in order to meet the minimum requirements on the Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE), which are norm-referenced tests designed to measure skills commonly found in adult basic education curricula.

Option #2: The National External Diploma Program (NEDP)

The NEDP program is geared towards those who prefer an alternate route to the High School Equivalency diploma. The NEDP assesses high school level skills awarding a traditional diploma so graduates can meet their academic and career goals.

- Designed for self-directed youth and adults with life and work experiences and a general familiarity with the computer.
- Offers flexible scheduling and confidentiality.
- Evaluates 70 competencies in ten content areas including Financial Literacy, Health Literacy, Civic Literacy, Geography, History, Science, and Twenty-First Century Workplace.
- Evaluates competencies that are based on skills outlined in the Common Core College and Career Readiness standards.

Steps to Join the NEDP

- Must be 21 years or older
- Score a 9.0 level or higher on TABE D Reading and Math
- Attend the NEDP program orientation
- Pass CASAS diagnostic exam

For more information about how to register for the program, visit the website above, or email at: alprefix@queenslibrary.org.

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