

# What is the Youth HSE Program?

It is an alternative high school education program for students ages 17 to 20 seeking an alternative pathway to complete their high school diploma. Students are considered high school seniors and under-credited.

Staff works with students on individualized instruction in English, Social Studies, Science and Mathematics until they are ready to take a GED exam. Teachers are trained on GED curriculum and the final online exam.

The program provides support to students with individualized educations plans (IEPs), 504 plans, with language barriers, and those in alternative settings in the community. The roal is to support students at their ability s until they are ready to test.

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## Youth HSE Program (17-20 years old)

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### What is GED?

GED stands for **G**eneral **E**ducation **D**evelopment and is a curriculum and an assessment. Just like in high school, a student must take and pass subject areas in Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, and Reasoning through Language Arts.

Students will work with teachers until they are ready to take a GED Ready Practice Test that shows they will be able to pass a subject area. Once they pass a section, they are enrolled to take that part of the online GED exam at our testing center.

#### **Youth GED Supports**

Smaller classes sizes and individual supports by NYSED licensed teachers.

All students can have a free breakfast or lunch every school day.

IEPs and 504 plans updated by the Special Education department.

A program facilitator that can support the student and family with outside needs that might hinder academic and future success.



Accommodations for the GED Test

We help students register for essential accommodations including for ENL Student language barriers and reasonable accommodations on an IEP or 504 plan.



#### **Commonly Asked Questions**

#### How is a student enrolled in the program?

A student and parent or guardian should communicate with their school principal and guidance counselor about the Youth HSE program as an option towards graduation.

#### How long does it take to get a GED?

That depends on a student's current educational levels, ability to come to class consistently (very important), and willingness push themselves through the tough work. Students can get through in up to a year.

## Do Regent's credits and exemptions count toward a section of the GED?

Yes, up to 3 Regents credits/exemptions count as passed GED sections. This means a student doesn't need to take that section of the GED.

#### How can parents help students?

We love our parents!! They can help by checking in on their student, giving them encouragement, and ensuring they get to classes regularly and complete additional work taken home or online. Parents can always call to check on their child.