



## **Missouri HSE Residency and Minimum Age Eligibility Requirements**

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To take the High School Equivalency in the state of Missouri, you must meet the following eligibility requirements:

**Residency:** You must be a resident of Missouri to take the HiSET exam.

**Age:** You must be at least 16 years of age and out of high school to take the HiSET exam. If you are 16 years of age, you must also have completed at least 16 units toward high school graduation. For more information on documentation required, exceptions to this policy and homeschooler information, review Supporting Documentation below.

**Test Preparation or Instruction:** Missouri does not have any test preparation or instruction requirements to take the initial test. However, they do encourage instruction before retesting.

**Practice Test:** Missouri does not require you to take a practice test to qualify for the HiSET exam.

**Identification:** You must present identification on test day at the HiSET test center. A valid permanent or temporary Missouri license (Driver, Nondriver, Intermediate, Commercial or Instruction (learners) permit), U.S. passport, or U.S. military ID. Outdated or expired identification will not be accepted.

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### **Supporting Documentation for 16 year old test takers testing at a Testing Center or at Home/Secure Location:**

In addition, 16 year old test takers MUST provide high school transcripts demonstrating successful completion of 16 units of credit toward high school graduation along with written permission to test from the superintendent or principal of the school last attended.

Sixteen year old Missouri test takers who are home schooled must meet the requirements of [Section 167.031 RSMo](#) for course instruction. The parents or guardians of home schooled test takers MUST provide a written declaration of compliance with Section 167.031 RSMo for course instruction along with written permission for the home schooled student to test.

Supporting documentation MUST include:

- Compliance Statement for Home Schooled Student (signed by parent or legal guardian): (Student Name) has successfully met the requirements of Section 167.031 RSMo (including 1000 hours of instruction) and has my permission to take the HiSET.

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- Written Permission for Non-Home Schooled Student (signed by superintendent or principal of school last attended): (Student Name) has successfully completed at least 16 units of credit toward high school graduation and has my permission to take the Missouri High School Equivalency Test. Copies of high school transcripts are also required.

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AND you must also include:

- Full name of student
- Student's date of birth
- Last four digits of the student's social security number
- Student's ETS I.D. NUMBER (This is provided when you create an ETS account. To create an ETS account and for more information, please click on: [Frequently Asked Questions](#))

**17 year old test takers** who have dropped out of school may take the HiSET® test at a testing center without additional requirements or documentation. (If interested in testing at home/secure location, see 17 year old supporting documentation)

**Supporting Documentation for 17 year old test takers testing at Home/Secure Location:** If you are 17 years of age, you MUST provide the following information for approval to sign up to take the exam. Supporting documentation must include:

- Compliance Statement for 17 year old test taker (signed by parent or legal guardian): (Student Name) has my permission to take the HiSET Exam at Home/Secure Location.

AND you must also include:

- Full name of student
- Student's date of birth
- Last four digits of the student's social security number
- Student's ETS I.D. NUMBER (This is provided when you create an ETS account. To create an ETS account and for more information, please click on: [Frequently Asked Questions](#))

**Supporting documentation can be sent to:**

**Emailed to:** [hse@dese.mo.gov](mailto:hse@dese.mo.gov)

**Fax to:** (573) 526-5710

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Questions regarding these requirements should be addressed to the HSE Office: 573-751-3504.