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SCOE Offers the new ETS High School Equivalency Test - HiSET

The Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE) is proud to introduce the new ETS High School Equivalency Test (HiSET) a national testing program that provides an accessible and affordable alternative to the GED (General Education Diploma) test.

Beginning on April 14, 2015, the HiSET Testing Services will be available at SCOE's Petersen Educational Pathways testing center located at 715 13th Street, Modesto. HiSET test-takers must schedule testing dates/time and payment through hiset.ets.org. For general questions not found on the HiSET website contact SCOE at (209) 238-6506. SCOE is the only testing site in the Stanislaus County and provides both GED and HiSET testing.

The purpose of the HiSET is to certify a candidate's attainment of academic knowledge and skills equivalent to those of a high school graduate. Earning a high school equivalency credential is an alternative option for out-of-school youth and adults to demonstrate their high school competency skills. Information from the program also will help identify areas in which candidates are career- and college-ready, as well as areas in which additional preparation may be needed.

"In the past, the GED testing was the only way for a student to earn their high school equivalency. We are pleased to now provide more options to Stanislaus County residents by offering both the GED and HiSET assessment testing at SCOE," said Cindy Young, Director of ROP/Career Technical Education.

Both tests will be delivered solely on computer and offered only in official testing centers.

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