



State of Arizona
Department of Education

MEMO

TO: Arizona Adult Education Stakeholders

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SUBJECT: Important Update: High School Equivalency Testing in Arizona

The following information is intended to provide you with an important update on High School Equivalency Testing within Arizona.

1. Arizona's High School Equivalency Testing program is currently transitioning to a computer-based testing (CBT) modality. This transition is proceeding as scheduled, and all community testing centers and most correctional testing centers shall be computer-based (only) effective January 2, 2014. (The few correctional testing centers accorded temporary transition waivers are scheduled to transition to computer-based testing during the 2014 calendar year.)
2. Effective at some point in early 2014, for the first time multiple high school equivalency tests will be available for use by jurisdictions in awarding high school equivalency diplomas and certificates. Therefore, in accordance with Arizona state procurement regulations, the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) has released a request for proposals (RFP) for computer-based high school equivalency test or tests to be used in awarding the Arizona High School Equivalency Diploma.
3. Once this RFP process has been completed, recommendations will be made to the State Board of Education, which will then approve the test or tests to be used by the ADE in awarding the Arizona High School Equivalency Diploma.
4. During this procurement and selection process, and time for the awarded vendor or vendors to implement the new test or tests, the Arizona Department of Education will continue to operate, without interruption, the Arizona High School Equivalency Testing program under its current memo of understanding with the GED Testing Service.

