

## ***New test options available for obtaining certificate of high school equivalence***

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) recently announced that Ohioans now have three testing options for earning a certificate of high school equivalence: HiSET and TASC, in addition to the previously approved GED.



“For individuals who haven’t earned a high school diploma, earning the certificate of high school equivalence can be a life-changing event,” said Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria. “A high school diploma or its equivalent often is a minimum requirement for applying for many jobs or for being promoted. It also is needed to enroll in most colleges and advanced training programs. We are proud to provide more testing choices for individuals seeking better futures.”



Two years ago, the legislature passed legislation that replaced “GED” with “high school equivalency exam” in the Ohio Revised Code, which paved the way for ODE to contract with additional test providers.



Free classes to help adults prepare for high school equivalency exams are available through the Ohio Department of High Education’s Aspire workforce readiness programs.

According to ODE, nearly 11 percent of adults over the age of 18 in Ohio have not completed a high school diploma or an equivalent.