

What's on the HiSET?

Section	Time	Format	Description
Language Arts – Reading	65 minutes – (English) 80 minutes – (Spanish)	50 Multiple-choice questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This section measures your ability to understand, interpret and analyze a broad range of literary and informational texts. The selected texts range in length from approximately 400 to 600 words.
Language Arts – Writing	120 minutes	60 Multiple-choice questions and 1 essay prompt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This section measures your skill in recognizing and producing standard American English. The multiple-choice section questions measure your ability to edit and revise written text. The essay measures your ability to generate and organize ideas in writing.
Mathematics	90 minutes	55 Multiple-choice questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This section measures mathematical knowledge and competencies. Questions are presented as practical problems and are solved by numerical operations, measurement, estimation, data interpretation and logical thinking. Some questions test abstract concepts such as algebraic patterns and probability. You may use a calculator for this section.
Science	80 minutes	60 Multiple-choice questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This section measures your ability to use science content knowledge, apply principles of scientific inquiry, and interpret and evaluate scientific information. Graphs, tables and charts are used to present information and results.
Social Studies	70 minutes	60 Multiple-choice questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This section measures your ability to analyze and evaluate information from a variety of content areas such as history, political science, psychology, sociology, anthropology, geography and economics. Primary documents, posters, cartoons, timelines, maps, graphs, tables, charts and reading passages are used in questions.