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SUBJECT: High School Equivalency Certification (HSEC) program Hathaway Scholarship cut scores

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In accordance with W.S. 21-16-1308 (b)(iv)(C) the Wyoming Community College Commission, High School Equivalency Certification program is publishing this memorandum to announce the required assessment scores for awarding the Wyoming Hathaway Scholarship to students who completed one of the authorized HSEC assessments, attended a Wyoming high school but did not graduate, and whose equivalent high school class (year group) has graduated. If a student otherwise meets all Hathaway Scholarship criteria, they may qualify for a Hathaway Scholarship. HSEC has coordinated this memorandum with the Wyoming Department of Education and the University of Wyoming.

2014 GED® Test:

Table 1 shows the 2012-2013 GED program requirements for the Wyoming Hathaway Scholarship prior to passage of House Bill 54, which went into effect on 7/1/2013. The 2002 GED® Battery Percentile Rank and ACT Percentile Rank columns in Table 1 facilitate promulgation of the 2014 GED® Battery Percentile and Score recommendations in Tables 2,3, and 4 below.

Table 1. 2012-2013 Hathaway Scholarship Requirements for the GED® Test and ACT.

Hathaway Scholarship Level	2002 GED® Battery Test Scaled Score	2002 GED® Battery Percentile Rank	ACT Test Score	ACT Percentile Rank
Honors	575	80-85 ¹	25	79
Performance	540	67-75 ¹	21	55
Opportunity	500	50	19	42
Provisional	500	50	17 ²	28

Footnotes:

¹ Approximate, as Battery Percentile Ranks were not specifically calculated for scaled scores of 540 and 575 on the 2002 Series GED® test.

² WorkKeys score of 12 is also valid.

Translating Scholarship Requirements Using Percentile Ranks:

“GED Testing Service has reviewed the current statutes and criteria for the Hathaway Scholarship and is proposing a **translation via percentile ranks**. Specifically, GED Testing Service can map the 2002 series GED® test score requirements to a percentile and then find a similar percentile on the new 2014 GED® test scale.”

GED Testing Service® recommends the following 2014 GED® test scores. Use the scores along with the previously required ACT scores.

Table 2. Hathaway Scholarship Requirements for 2014 GED® Test Based on Percentile Ranking³

Hathaway Scholarship Level	2014 GED® Battery Average Scaled Score	2014 GED® Battery Percentile Rank	ACT Test Score
Honors	170	84	25
Performance	164	69	21
Opportunity	157 ¹	50	19
Provisional	157 ¹	50	17 ²

Footnotes:

¹ Selected closest scale score.

² WorkKeys score of 12 is also valid.

³ 2002 Series GED® test vs 2014 GED® Battery Percentile Ranks as listed in Table 1 and 2.

2014 HiSET®:

Table 3 below shows the HiSET® scores necessary for students to attain the various Hathaway scholarship levels. Please note; “The relationship between HiSET® and GED® scores is predictive rather than determinative...” therefore the scores provided are made available based on the vendors best predictions of average performance. The ACT scores are the same. To determine the scholarship level, divide the students Total Scaled Score by five to find the average and align with the HiSET® column below.

Table 3. 2012-2013 Hathaway Scholarship Requirements for the GED® Test related to 2014 HiSET™.

Hathaway Scholarship Level	2002 GED® Battery Test Scaled Score	2014 HiSET® Test Score ³	ACT Test Score
Honors	575 ¹	16	25
Performance	540 ¹	14	21
Opportunity	500	12	19
Provisional	500	12	17 ²

Footnotes:

¹ Approximate, as Battery Percentile Ranks were not specifically calculated for scaled scores of 540 and 575 on the 2002 Series GED® test.

² WorkKeys score of 12 is also valid.

³ The crosswalk between HiSET® and GED® scores was determined by virtue of both tests having been independently administered to nationally representative samples of high school seniors. Because the samples were separately drawn and tested, strict equivalence cannot be ensured.

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TEST ASSESSING SECONDARY COMPLETION – TASC:

Table 4 shows the TASC scores necessary for students to attain the various Hathaway Scholarship levels. In order to determine the overall scale score for TASC, divide the sum of the scale scores across the five content areas by five. TASC determined cut scores by taking the 2014 GED Battery Percentile Rank and applying it to the TASC 2014 Norming sample in order to find the corresponding TASC scale score. Given that both samples were independently drawn, strict equivalence cannot be ensured. In order to validate these cut scores, further research using Wyoming TASC data will be conducted as soon as the data is available.

Table 4. 2014 Hathaway Scholarship Requirements for the TASC Test Based on Percentile Ranking³


Hathaway Scholarship Level	2014 GED® Battery Average Scaled Score	2014 TASC® Test Overall Scaled Score	ACT Test Score
Honors	170	600	25
Performance	164	570	21
Opportunity	157 ¹	530	19
Provisional	157 ¹	530	17 ²

Footnotes:

¹Selected closest scale score.

² WorkKeys score of 12 is also valid.

³ 2014 GED® Battery Percentile Rank as listed in Table 2


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