



Torrance
Adult
School



TORRANCE ADULT SCHOOL

High School Diploma & Equivalency (HSD/HSE) Catalog

FALL 2026 SEMESTER



HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA & EQUIVALENCY

Fall 2026 Semester: August 31, 2026 – January 22, 2027

Registration Begins July 1

Register Now

Enrollment Webpage



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- New students are required to attend a **mandatory onboarding orientation and meet with our school counselor** for placement and an academic/career plan.
- Non-native English speakers must be at **ESL Levels 5-6** before enrolling in ABE/ASE high school education courses.
- **Torrance Adult School (TAS) ABE/ASE classes are FREE.**
- Courses use an online platform which gives students 24/7 access to coursework.
- **ALL unit and final exams MUST be taken on campus.**
- Direct Instruction (DI) is offered for Math, English, Science, and Social Studies at designated class times.
- HiSET and GED prep courses are available for all subject areas.
- All online courses may award diploma credits upon completion.
- TAS offers courses for diploma completion, credit recovery, advanced coursework, and subject remediation.

ATTENTION: NEW SEMESTER SYSTEM

TAS is transitioning to a **two-semester academic calendar** beginning in Fall 2026!

This change will provide students with longer instructional periods, increased opportunities for skills development, and a more consistent academic schedule. Please review the course listings carefully, as program start dates, class schedules, and course lengths may differ from previous terms.



TAS GRADUATION CEREMONY

Thursday, May 27, 2027



IMPORTANT DATES

Fall 2026 Registration Dates

- July 1: Online Registration Begins
- Aug 5: Open Enrollment (Walk-In) Begins

School Holidays (No Classes)

- Sep 7: Labor Day
- Nov 11: Veterans Day
- Nov 23–27: Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 14–Jan 1: Winter Break



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TAS

Earn Your Diploma

FASTER

at Torrance Adult School



NEW

TAS High School Diploma Fast Track

Fast Finish

Now only **145 Credits** for HS Diploma!

HSE + 50

Students who passed the GED/HiSET only need **50 more credits** to graduate!

Earn & Learn

Get **up to 15 credits** through work experience!

FREE

Classes for Diploma & GED at TAS

Registration Now Open for the Fall 2026 semester!

Ready to Begin? Scan the QR Code & Register Online!



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LANGUAGE ARTS CENTER & LEARNING LAB

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- Adult Basic Education (ABE) Labs are an open environment where students can learn English language arts skills - from non-reader level to competency-based diploma courses.
- Provides direct instruction courses General Basic Math, Algebra, & HSE Math Prep.
- Offers online self-paced independent learning for all high school credit courses.
- Students may enroll in classes required for diploma, enrichment, and/or HSE prep.
- A credentialed teacher and staff are available for all students who need assistance.

Dates	Lab Hours	Location
Aug 31 – Jan 21	M–Th 8:30am–8:30pm; F 8:30am–12:30pm	Hamilton Adult Center Rooms 9 & 10

READING SKILLS - SMALL GROUP WORKSHOPS

IMPORTANT: Reading Skills (ABE) students are highly encouraged to attend small group workshops to work with a credentialed teacher.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- Workshops provide foundational development and integration of communication skills in four major areas - reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
- Students will develop their reading skills (such as identifying main ideas, supporting details, sequence, facts & opinions) while reading a variety of literature.
- The development of writing skills will help students with understanding sentence structure, subject-verb agreement, participles, and phrases emphasizing parts of speech and their roles.
- Students in this course will increase their vocabulary and understand how to effectively communicate when using the English language.

Dates	Schedule	Location
Aug 31 – Oct 22	M–Th 10:30am–12:30pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 11
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Oct 26 – Jan 14	M–Th 10:30am–12:30pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 11
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More courses are available online through our Odysseyware (OW) online program.**

HAMILTON MORNING CLASSES

Course	Dates	Day & Time
English 3A	08/31/2026 – 10/22/2026	M–Th 8:30am–10:30am
HSE Prep	08/31/2026 – 10/22/2026	M–Th 8:30am–10:30am
Math A	08/31/2026 – 10/22/2026	M–Th 8:30am–10:30am
Math B	08/31/2026 – 10/21/2026	M & W 10:30am–12:30pm
Algebra 1A/1B & HSE Math	09/01/2026 – 10/22/2026	T & Th 10:30am–12:30pm
HSE Prep	08/31/2026 – 10/22/2026	M–Th 10:30am–12:30pm
Reading Skills - Small Groups	08/31/2026 – 10/22/2026	M–Th 10:30am–12:30pm

HAMILTON AFTERNOON CLASSES

Course	Dates	Day & Time
HSE Writing	09/01/2026 – 10/22/2026	T & Th 1:00pm–3:00pm
Math A	08/31/2026 – 10/22/2026	M–Th 4:30pm–6:30pm
Reading Skills - Small Groups	08/31/2026 – 10/22/2026	M–Th 4:30pm–6:30pm
HSE Prep	09/01/2026 – 10/22/2026	T & Th 4:30pm–6:30pm

HAMILTON EVENING CLASSES

Course	Dates	Day & Time
English 1A	08/31/2026 – 10/22/2026	M–Th 6:30pm–8:30pm
Math B	08/31/2026 – 10/21/2026	M & W 6:30pm–8:30pm
Algebra 1A/1B & HSE Math	09/01/2026 – 10/22/2026	T & Th 6:30pm–8:30pm
HSE Prep	09/01/2026 – 10/22/2026	T & Th 6:30pm–8:30pm



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Course	Dates	Day & Time
English 3B	10/26/2026 – 01/14/2027	M–Th 8:30am–10:30am
HSE Prep	10/26/2026 – 01/14/2027	M–Th 8:30am–10:30am
Math A	10/26/2026 – 01/14/2027	M–Th 8:30am–10:30am
Math B	10/26/2026 – 01/13/2027	M & W 10:30am–12:30pm
Algebra 1A/1B & HSE Math	10/27/2026 – 01/14/2027	T & Th 10:30am–12:30pm
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HSE Prep	10/27/2026 – 01/14/2027	T & Th 4:30pm–6:30pm
HAMILTON EVENING CLASSES		
Course	Dates	Day & Time
English 1B	10/26/2026 – 01/14/2027	M–Th 6:30pm–8:30pm
Math B	10/26/2026 – 01/13/2027	M & W 6:30pm–8:30pm
Algebra 1A/1B & HSE Math	10/27/2026 – 01/14/2027	T & Th 6:30pm–8:30pm
HSE Prep	10/27/2026 – 01/14/2027	T & Th 6:30pm–8:30pm



ENGLISH COURSES

ENGLISH

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- Students can earn High School English credits and improve English Language Arts skills in order to pass the HSE English Language Arts Reading & Writing Exams.
- Build on sequential development and integration of communication skills in 4 major areas: Reading, Writing, Speaking, & Listening.
- Strengthen an increasingly advanced understanding of the structure of language and grammar, and use this knowledge to write literary analyses, professional career documents, poetry, advanced essays, and a focused research project.
- Students will read and comprehend a variety of literature, including drama, literary fiction, poetry, and foundational American documents.
- Students **earn up to 5 English credits** upon successful completion of coursework.

Course	Dates	Schedule	Location
English 3A	Aug 31 – Oct 22	M–Th 8:30am–10:30am	Hamilton Adult Center Room 11
English 1A	Aug 31 – Oct 22	M–Th 6:30pm–8:30pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 11
English 3B	Oct 26 – Jan 14	M–Th 8:30am–10:30am	Hamilton Adult Center Room 11
English 1B	Oct 26 – Jan 14	M–Th 6:30pm–8:30pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 11

MATHEMATICS COURSES

MATH A

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- This course is designed to develop a solid foundation in basic mathematics to prepare students to advance to pre-algebra or algebra courses.
- Topics include basic arithmetic skills & problem-solving: Four Operations in Whole Numbers; Fractions & Decimals, Ratios, Rates, & Proportions; Percent & Percent Change.
- Application of math concepts in real-world problem solving independently and collaboratively, and effective use of technology are incorporated in daily lessons.
- Students **earn up to 5 Math credits** upon successful completion of coursework.

Dates	Schedule	Location
Aug 31 – Oct 22	M–Th 8:30am–10:30am	Hamilton Adult Center Room 3
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MATHEMATICS COURSES (CONTINUED)

MATH B

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- This course is designed to transition students from arithmetic to algebra and geometry.
- Course contents include a review of rational number operations and an introduction to algebra, including Operations on Signed Numbers, Ratio, Proportion, Percentages, Variable Expressions, Polynomials, and Solving Equations & Coordinate Graphing.
- Students **earn up to 5 Math credits** upon successful completion of coursework.

Dates	Schedule	Location
Aug 31 – Oct 21	M & W 10:30am–12:30pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 3
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ALGEBRA 1A

IMPORTANT: Prerequisites - Pass Diagnostic Test or Pass Math B or Receive Counselor Approval

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- This course focuses on the first half of a standard Algebra 1 curriculum, covering foundational algebraic concepts like solving and graphing linear equations and inequalities, understanding variables and expressions, working with real numbers, and interpreting word problems through graphs & tables.
- Prepares students to pass the HSE Math Exam.
- Students may repeat the course if needed.
- Students earn up to 5 Algebra credits upon successful completion of coursework.

Dates	Schedule	Location
Sep 1 – Oct 22	T & Th 10:30am–12:30pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 3
Sep 1 – Oct 22	T & Th 6:30pm–8:30pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 3
Oct 27 – Jan 14	T & Th 10:30am–12:30pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 3
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MATHEMATICS COURSES (CONTINUED)

ALGEBRA 1B

IMPORTANT: Prerequisites - Pass Diagnostic Test or Pass Math B or Receive Counselor Approval

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- This course focuses on the second half of a standard Algebra 1 curriculum, covering quadratic equations, exponential functions, advanced graphing techniques, and systems of equations.
- Prepares students to pass the HSE Math Exam.
- Students may repeat the course if needed.
- Students earn up to 5 Algebra credits upon successful completion of coursework.

Dates	Schedule	Location
Sep 1 – Oct 22	T & Th 10:30am–12:30pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 3
Sep 1 – Oct 22	T & Th 6:30pm–8:30pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 3
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HSE PREP COURSES

These courses are designed to prepare students for an HSE Exam (HiSET or GED) battery/subject test.

- We **strongly encourage** students take the practice tests to determine your readiness for the official exam!

HSE MATH

IMPORTANT: Prerequisites - Math A, Math B, and preferably Algebra 1A or equivalent.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- This course covers the necessary math skills and knowledge to pass the HSE Math Exam (HiSET or GED).

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Sep 1 – Oct 22	T & Th 10:30am–12:30pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 3
Sep 1 – Oct 22	T & Th 6:30pm–8:30pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 3
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Oct 27 – Jan 14	T & Th 6:30pm–8:30pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 3

HSE WRITING

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- This course prepares students for the HSE Writing Exam (HiSET or GED).
- Practice and improve your reading, speaking, listening, and academic writing skills.

Dates	Schedule	Location
Sep 1 – Oct 22	T & Th 1:00pm-3:00pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 11



HSE PREP COURSES (CONTINUED)

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HSE PREP

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- This course prepares students for the HSE Reading, Social Studies, and/or Science Exams (HiSET or GED).
 - **HSE Reading:** Students will practice reading skills such as comprehension, inference & interpretation, analysis, and synthesis & generalization.
 - **HSE Social Studies:** Increase your knowledge of the four main social studies content areas - history, civics/government, economics, and geography.
 - **HSE Science:** Increase your knowledge of the three main science content areas - life science, physical science, and earth science

Dates	Schedule	Location
Aug 31 – Oct 22	M–Th 8:30am–10:30am	Hamilton Adult Center Room TBD
Sep 1 – Oct 22	T & Th 4:30pm–6:30pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room TBD
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HISET EXAM FEE WAIVER AVAILABLE

STUDENTS MUST MEET ALL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:



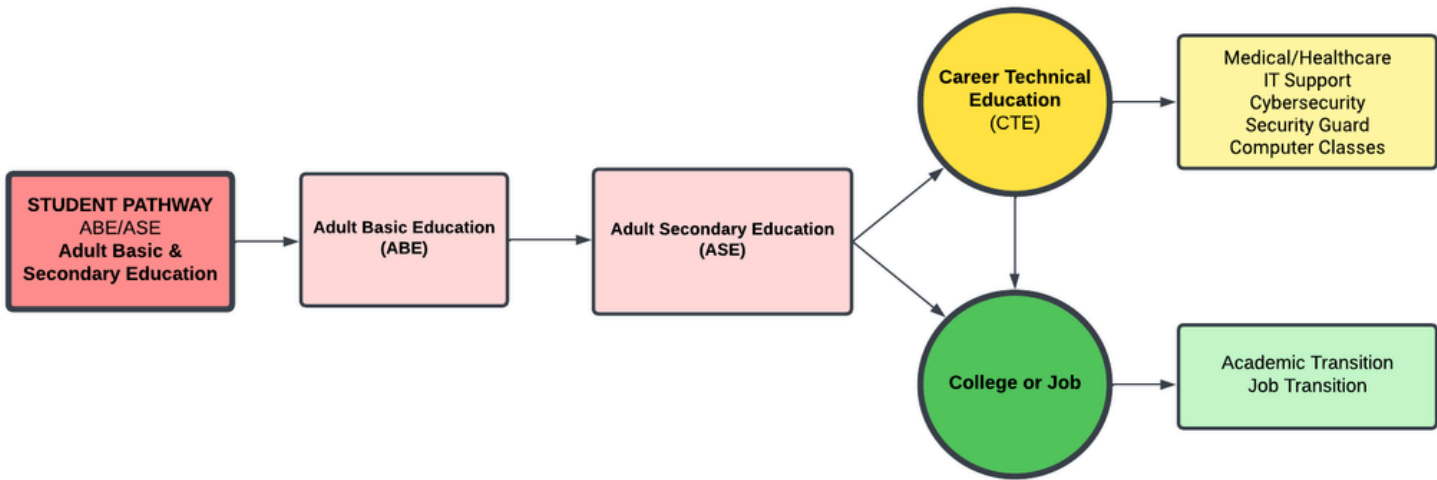
Students must accumulate a **minimum of 20 hours** of class attendance.



Students **must score “Prepared” or “Well Prepared”** on two HiSET practice tests, per subject.



Students **must meet with the school counselor** to get approved for the HiSET fee waiver.



GET HELP WITH YOUR GOALS

Student Support Services



Academic Transitions

- College
- GED/HiSET Testing
- Certiport Testing



Job Transitions

- Resume
- Job Applications
- Interview Prep



Agency Referrals

- Employment
- Financial Aid
- Foreign Documents



Wellness Resources

- Mental Health
- Housing Assistance
- Transportation



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GRIFFITH CENTER (GAC)

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LEVY CENTER (LAC)

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