



GED/CHPSE COMPARISON INFORMATION

| GED General Equivalency Document | CHSPE California High School Proficiency Exam |
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| Age requirement: 17 years, 10 months (or 2 months before 18 th birthday) | Age requirement: 16 years or second semester of 10 th grade |
| Location: Given in several cities throughout Orange County; phone numbers available from counseling office | Location: Various locations in Orange County. Deadline for April test is mailed by March |
| How to apply: You call the test site you prefer and sign up for a test date <i>NOTE: Sign up before May; you may not get a test date after that. It gets too crowded with students from all the high schools!</i> | How to apply: Fill out the form with your counselor – Marilyn or Shari. Mail it in with a CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY <i>No cash and no personal checks accepted</i> |
| Cost: _____ depending on the test site used and amounts charged by center for retests. | Cost: _____ |
| Credits: Total of 50 | Credits: 30 |
| Courses cleared: Up to 20 credits of English; up to 10 credits of Math; up to 10 credits of Science. The rest go to elective credits for the Adult Diploma* (see *Note) | Credits cleared: 30 elective credits for regular Creekside diploma |
| Pass/No Pass? No. You may retake (up to 3 times) the parts of the test you did not pass until you have completed it successfully. | Pass/No Pass? Yes. Your test results will be provided as either "Pass" or "No Pass." Note: If you pass one part of this test, your results will be saved, and you may retake only the part you failed. The next test will be in July, _____—and you will pay another _____ |
| When given: Several times each month | When given: Three times a year: November April and June—with registration deadlines the month prior to the test. |
| Credits accepted by other schools? No | Credits accepted by other schools? No |
| Accepted as entrance to community college? Yes | Accepted as entrance to community college? Yes |

***NOTE: The Irvine Adult Diploma** is a fully acceptable diploma given by Irvine Adult school to graduating seniors who are 18 years old or over. It requires only 195 credits and is the diploma **you will receive if you use the GED.**

The **California High School Proficiency Exam** gives 30 elective credits toward the regular Creekside High School Diploma of 215 credits.

