

What can you do to help your student?

In general:

- ❖ Participate in your student's learning activities
- ❖ Encourage good study habits
- ❖ Set aside a specific time for homework
- ❖ Provide a quiet, well-lighted place for your student to study
- ❖ Communicate often with your student's teachers
- ❖ Require regular school attendance
- ❖ Emphasize the importance of academic achievement

During testing, help your student:

- ❖ Get a good night's rest the night before
- ❖ Eat a nutritious breakfast on test days
- ❖ Be at school and on time on test days (Do not schedule medical, dental, or other appointments on test days)

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**Tentative dates*

Web sites for additional information

ASD Assessment & Evaluation
www.asdk12.org/depts/assess_eval/

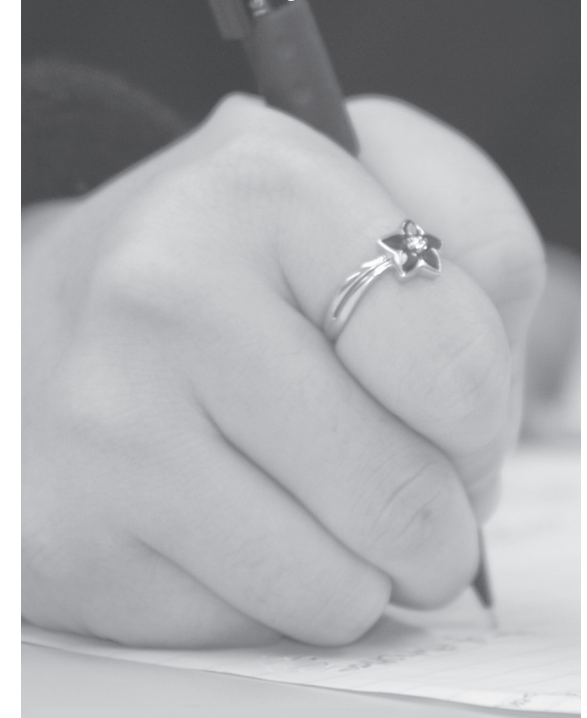
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Development Assessment, Accountability and
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www.eed.state.ak.us/tls/assessment/



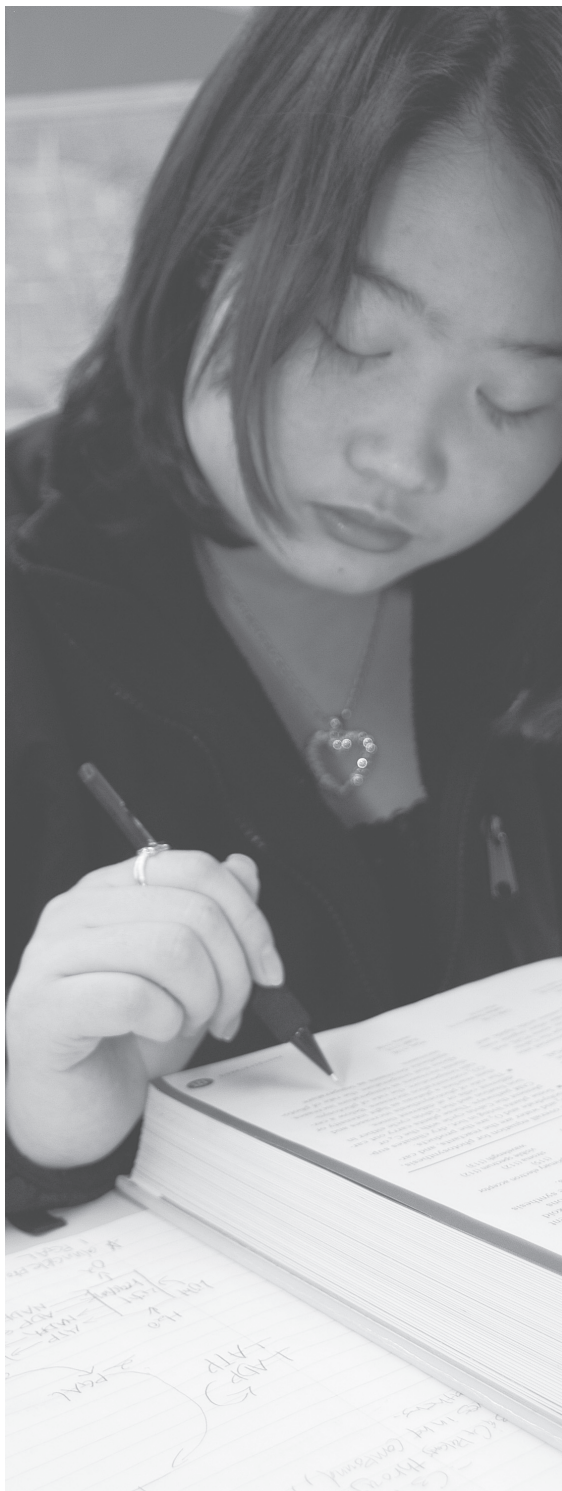
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Alaska High School Graduation Qualifying Exam

Parent Information



Anchorage School District
Educating All Students for Success in Life



What is it?

The High School Graduation Qualifying Exam (HSGQE) measures minimum competencies of essential skills in reading, writing, and mathematics. Passing all three sections of the HSGQE is part of the requirements to receive a high school diploma in the state of Alaska.

Who takes it?

Students must take the HSGQE for the first time in the spring of the 10th grade. The test 10th graders take generates two scores.

One is for the HSGQE graduation requirement and the other score is for assessing the student's performance based upon the Grade Level Expectations (GLE) for a 10th grader. The score for the HSGQE is used to meet the graduation testing requirement set forth by the Alaska legislature.

The Standards Based Assessment score that measures performance of your student on the GLEs is used for accountability and determining whether your school meets the "Adequate Yearly Progress" requirement of No Child Left Behind.

11th and 12th graders

11th and 12th graders who are new to the district or who need to re-take one or more subtests of the HSGQE must test at least once each year until they meet the proficiency requirements. 11th and 12th graders are *strongly advised* to take the HSGQE each time it is available until they are proficient in all sections of the test.

When a section is passed, it is not re-taken. Students only re-take the section(s) they did not pass.

Certificate of Achievement students

Students who received a Certificate of Achievement met the district's credit requirements for graduates but did not pass one or more sections of the HSGQE. They may retest twice each year until the proficiency requirements are met. Once a student with a Certificate of Achievement passes all subtests of the HSGQE, he/she will be awarded a diploma.

Certificate of Achievement students not currently enrolled in the district must contact A&E (742-4420) at least 30 days prior to the test dates

established by the state in order to sign up to take the section(s) of the HSGQE needed to receive a diploma. Certificate of Achievement students who are enrolled in school test at their home school.

When is it?

The HSGQE is administered twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. The test dates are set by the state. There are no make-ups for the HSGQE.

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