Why Did DRC Create a Concordance for TABE and the High School Equivalency (HSE) tests?

Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) publishes two adult-level assessments—the Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE®) and the TASC Test Assessing Secondary Completion™. DRC developed this concordance resource to help program administrators, instructors, and students understand the relationship between TABE and the three High School Equivalency (HSE) tests: the TASC test, the GED®, and the HiSET®.

TABE is often used with the same population of adult students as they prepare for a selected HSE test. Each of the tests shares the common underpinning of using the College and Career Readiness Standards as a basis for content and structure. A concordance resource helps the decision-making process by providing a statistical view of how TABE results can provide a readiness predictor to each of the HSE tests. Specifically, the concordance charts show how TABE results for Reading and Mathematics are related to the Reading (Language Arts) and Mathematics passing criteria for each HSE test. Hence, the concordance charts provide a directional approach showing the concordance between TABE and the predicted passing HSE score.
How Does TABE Support a Pathway to HSE?

In addition to showing predicted HSE test scores, this concordance also supports the use of TABE as an alternative pathway to a high school diploma. States across the country have begun adopting new approaches to increase the options available to adults seeking their HSE. These states recognize that providing more than one path to an HSE means a shorter journey to post-secondary education and career training and a quicker return to the workforce. By taking advantage of the concordance to TABE, states can reduce the number of assessments a person needs to complete to earn their HSE diploma and enter (or return to) the workforce.

Note: The TABE scale score concordance scores are based on the following passing scores from each HSE vendor:

- Minimum HSE Passing Scores (Reading): TASC (500), GED (145), HiSET (8)
- Second Level HSE Passing Scores (Reading): TASC Distinguished Scholar (560), GED College Ready (165), HiSET College and Career Readiness (15)
- Third Level HSE Passing Scores (Reading): GED College Ready+ Credit (175)
Note: The TABE scale score concordance scores are based on the following passing scores from each HSE vendor:

- Minimum HSE Passing Scores (Mathematics): TASC (500), GED (145), HiSET (8)
- Second Level HSE Passing Scores (Mathematics): TASC Distinguished Scholar (580), GED College Ready (165), HiSET College and Career Readiness (15)
- Third Level HSE Passing Scores (Mathematics): GED College Ready+ Credit (175)