

#### HiSET in GA:

- HiSET was adopted in GA in 2020; Working with TCSG to begin testing in October
- Will begin with 6 pilot sites and eventually be offered at all TCSG HSE testing locations
  - o Atlanta Tech
  - o Chattahoochee Tech
  - o Columbus Tech
  - o Southern Crescent
  - o Wiregrass GA Tech
  - o North Georgia Tech
- Our hope is that with additional high school equivalency (HSE) options we will be able to provide more access and assist more individuals in attaining the HSE credential
- With multiple options being offered, it is key for the language to change from “get your GED” to “get your HSE” because there are multiple tests that can help you achieve it

#### HiSET facts:

- HiSET has been adopted by 24 states and 5 territories
- Since launch in 2014, we have delivered over 2 million assessments
- 5 sections (Reading, Writing, Social Studies, Science & Math)
- Available in computer/paper, English/Spanish, @Home and accommodated test formats

#### HiSET research (study attached to email, not for widespread distribution):

- ETS has conducted both a validity study and longitudinal study
  - o Results from both studies provided strong evidence for the validity of the HiSET exams. Positive relationships exist between HiSET scores and both high school grades and ACT scores, including high levels of agreement between HiSET Career and College Readiness (CCR)1 indicators and ACT CCR indicators. Therefore, evidence supports the claim that HiSET scores are measures of high school equivalency, preparedness for middle skills jobs, and college readiness. Furthermore, there is evidence that passing the HiSET provides value to stakeholders. Passing the HiSET battery is associated with gaining academic and personal skills, college enrollment, employment gains (for example, obtaining employment, obtaining more full-time employment, wage increases, improvement in a job or position), and quality-of-life improvements.
- Validity study
  - o Demonstrates relationship between HiSET performance and high school grades and ACT scores
- Longitudinal study
  - o Tracks passers
    - educational advancements (college enrollment, college GPA, etc.
    - employment advancements (obstacles prior to testing, employment status, job outlook, household income and increased hourly wages after passing)
    - quality of life (stressors, positive impacts, less reliance on public assistance)

