

# FAQs

## What is a high school equivalency (HSE) diploma and what can I do with it?

An HSE diploma is an alternative pathway to graduation (formerly known as the GED®). It will give you greater opportunities for life after graduation including college and career training programs. If you already have a job, an HSE diploma will expand your career options and your earnings!

## What are Referral Centers?

Referral Centers are your one stop for all of your education related questions. We can help you enroll in free HSE programs, and/or explore high school alternatives. We can also provide referrals to various support services such as counseling, career training, and substance abuse treatment.

## What is Pathways to Graduation (P2G)?

P2G is a free District 79 program that prepares students ages 18 -21 to take the TASC™ exam (formerly known as the GED® test), earn their HSE diploma, and advance to college and career opportunities.

## Traditional high school didn't work for me. How is P2G different?

At P2G, we provide students with more than classroom instruction. P2G teachers have classes in very diverse settings such as hospitals, non-profits, community centers and high school buildings. Our counselors will help you build the skills you need to succeed in college and the workplace. College and Career Coaches will help you plan for the future. Our Workforce Development program offers professional training and paid internship opportunities.

## I'm over 21. How can I earn my HSE diploma?

If you're over 21, the Office of Adult and Continuing Education can help you earn your HSE diploma. Find more information at [www.oacenyc.org](http://www.oacenyc.org).

# 6 CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

## Register Here

### Bronx 718.518.3320

1010 Rev James A Polite Ave, Room 436

Train: 2 or 5 to Prospect Ave

Bus: Bx4, Bx6, Bx17

### Downtown Brooklyn 718.935.9457

69 Schermerhorn Street

Train: 2,3,4,5 to Borough Hall; A, C, F, R to Jay Street/Metro Tech; D, B, N, Q to Dekalb Ave

Bus: B52, B26, B41, B103, B45, B57

### Brooklyn Marcy Avenue 718.636.5770

832 Marcy Ave, Room 204

Train: A to Nostrand Ave

Bus: B26, B43, B44, B52

### Manhattan 212.244.1274

269 West 35th Street, at 8th Ave, 11th Fl

Train: 1, 2, 3, A, B, C, D, E, F, N, Q, R to 34th St

Bus: M10, M11, M16, M20, M34

### Queens 718.739.2100

162-02 Hillside Ave

Train: E, F to Parsons Blvd

Bus: Q25, Q34, Q43, Q65

### Staten Island 718.273.3225

450 St. Marks Place

Bus: S42, S46, S48, S51, S61, S62, S66, S67, S74, S76, S78

## For More Info

Referral Center Hotline: **718.557.2525**

Email: [ReferralCenters@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ReferralCenters@schools.nyc.gov)

Website: [path2grad.org](http://path2grad.org)



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# NEED A DIPLOMA?

## EARN IT WITH US

Information on free diploma granting programs for students ages 18 -21 inside.

# DEDICATED TO HELPING YOU SUCCEED

IT'S NOT HOW YOU START...  
**IT'S HOW YOU FINISH!**

NEW JERSEY



**FIND A LOCATION  
AND REGISTER**

Find the Referral Center nearest you to register. After meeting with an experienced Guidance Counselor or Social Worker and taking a placement test, we'll help you register at one of the 65 sites across the 5 boroughs.



**ATTEND AND  
DO THE WORK**

Classes meet during the day and follow the NYC Department of Education school calendar. There are limited late afternoon and evening options. You'll have to complete a personal statement, résumé, cover letter, and academic project. You will also have to complete your Individualized Learning Plan. It will take at least 6 weeks, but it could take longer depending on your placement test and how often you attend class. The more you go to class, the faster you will earn your HSE diploma!



**TAKE THE TEST**

In January 2014, the New York State Education Department replaced the GED® test with the TASC™. The TASC™ is challenging, but P2G teachers and staff will prepare you to pass it. The exam has 5 sections and is 7 hours long. While you prepare to pass the TASC™ and earn your HSE diploma, the College and Career Resource Center will help you plan your next steps.



**SUCCESS!**

With hard work, you'll pass the TASC™ and graduate. Earning your HSE diploma is an important step towards new and exciting educational and career opportunities!