

Stone Child College HiSET Report – June 2024

1. Best practices – what is working and what is not working in building a HiSET program on your campus? What have been lesson learned?

One of the things that is going well is we have been able to use the same prep instructor since we began the program. She has experience working in the community and with adult learners. Another success is how her personalizing the learning plans based on each student. I think one area we could do better at is developing a way to identify students that did not complete high school and encourage them to complete their HiSET. Stone Child College offers an inclusive environment and is located in the center of the two small towns, Rocky Boy and Box Elder. One lesson is the need to communicate with other departments and the community. Also, helping to connect students to employment agencies upon completion, would be another lesson.

2. How many students are matriculating (after passing the HiSET) to college? Are you collecting this data?

We are not currently collecting this, however this is something that we would like to look at.

3. Are students reporting why they are pursuing the HiSET? Is it workforce access or further education.

The students that attend, some say it is for work and some say for school. There are some that come to stay in compliance for the Temporary Need for Families (TANF) program.

Do you consider your HiSET efforts to be successful? Are you doing what you anticipated for your community?	Yes, we were asked by our tribal government to offer courses and a test site for access for the community and we have done both.
Would you support continuing the funding for the project. Why?	This program increases access to education and provides a foundation for higher education. This also provides employment opportunities and/or workforce development. As individuals gain better employment, they are less likely to rely on public assistance programs. The program also provides a positive impact on families to value education and overall development.
Describe how you have used the funds to date. Provide a budget to date.	Our funds are used to purchase supplies for the prep class, pay the instructor to teach the weekly class, purchase the test vouchers for the students, and provide a small incentive once all the tests are completed and the student earns their HiSET.
How many students have you served to date through HiSET prep or the exam?	Eighty-two (82) have attended at least 1 prep class since the start of this project.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of students who have participated in HiSET Preparatory Courses. • • Number of students to take the HiSET Exam from August 2024-June 2025. 	<p>Five (5)</p>
<p>How many students have taken the test from the award date in August 2023-June 1, 2024, how many have passed?</p>	<p>Two (2) that we are aware of</p>
<p>Anticipated number of students you plan to serve between June 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025.</p>	<p>Ten (10)</p>
<p>Please review the goals you outlined in your HiSET proposal. Discuss your progress in meeting these goals.</p>	<p>Goals that have been met are providing the prep class weekly, purchasing the test vouchers for the students, providing the test prep books and supplies, and providing an incentive once all test have been completed and passed.</p>
<p>If you are not meeting these goals, how do plan to adjust?</p>	<p>One of the goals we had was for an outreach coordinator. This is a goal that will help with our program and recruiting and retaining individuals. To meet this goal we need to find someone willing to do this role.</p>