

California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) 2009-2010

Notice to Parents and Guardians

All California public school students are required by state law to satisfy the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) requirement, as well as all other state and local requirements, in order to receive a high school diploma. The CAHSEE requirement can be satisfied by passing the exam or, for students with disabilities, receiving a local waiver pursuant to Education Code Section 60851 ©, or receiving an exemption pursuant to Education Code Section 60852.3. All students, including English learners and students with disabilities, must take the CAHSEE for the first time in grade ten. Students who do not pass the exam in tenth grade will have additional opportunities in grades eleven and twelve to retake the part(s) not passed.

What the CAHSEE Covers:

The exam is divided into two parts: (1) English-language arts (reading and writing) and (2) mathematics. All questions are aligned to California academic content standards that are adopted by the State Board of Education. Academic content standards describe what students should know and be able to do at each grade level from kindergarten through grade twelve. You can download the CAHSEE test blueprints located on the Internet under the title Exam Blueprints. CAHSEE Study Guides for Math and English Language Arts, as well as released sample test questions are also available on the Internet at the following link:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/resources.asp> .

You may also talk with your ES about receiving the study guides.

Requirements for Passing the CAHSEE:

Students must earn a score of 350 or higher on each part of the CAHSEE (English-language arts and mathematics) to pass the exam. Graduation Requirements: All California public school students must satisfy the CAHSEE requirement, in addition to meeting all other state and local requirements, to receive their high school diploma. Students with disabilities and English learners must also satisfy the CAHSEE requirement. . For more information please read the instructions for eligibility verification for the CAHSEE exemption for students with disabilities found on the CDE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/> .

Testing Locations:

The students will be have the test proctored by their ES. Students will receive notification from their ES of the test site location and times. Students must bring a photo ID to the test site.

2009-2010 Designated CAHSEE Testing Dates:

English-Language Arts/ Math Administered to:

October 6, 2009, October 7, 2009: **Grades 11th and 12th**

November 3, 2009, November 4, 2009: **Grade 12th (11th if they missed the October test)**

February 2, 2010, February 3, 2010: **Grades: 10th, 11th and 12th**

May 11, 2010, May 12, 2010: **Make up for all grades**

If you have further questions about the CAHSEE, please contact your Education Specialist.