

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(c), 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.

Students scheduled to receive a 2006 diploma on or before December 31, 2006 who have an IEP or Section 504 Plan may be eligible for a CAHSEE exemption if they meet certain criteria. For more information, please read the April 20, 2006 letter regarding 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 assigned their specific test site according to geographical region (please communicate with your ES regarding any issues surrounding test sites). Students will receive notification by mail of their test site location and times. **Students must bring a photo ID to the test site.**

**2006-07 Designated CWCS CAHSEE Testing Dates**

<b>English Language Arts</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Administered to:</b>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	
October 3, 2006	October 4, 2006	Grades 11 and 12 only
February 6, 2007	February 7, 2007	Grades 10 and 12 only
May 8, 2007	May 9, 2007	Grades 11 and 12 <b><i>Grade 10- Makeups Only</i></b>

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