

# South Sutter Charter School

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Dear South Sutter Parent:

## **California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) 2008-09 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. 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.

**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 from their ES of the test site location and times. **Students must bring a photo ID to the test site.**

**2008-09 Designated SCS CAHSEE Testing Dates**

<b>English Language Arts</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Administered to:</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
October 7, 2008	October 8, 2008	Grades 11 & 12
February 3, 2009	February 4, 2009	Grades 10, 11 & 12 <b>Grade 10-required</b>
May 12, 2009	May 13, 2009	Grades 11 & 12 <b>Grade 10-make ups</b>

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

Thank you,

Assessment Department  
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