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Notice To Parents and Guardians:

California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) 2009-10

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. The one exception is for students with disabilities. Governor Schwarzenegger signed Assembly Bill 2 of the 2009-10 Fourth Extraordinary Session (ABX4 2) (Chapter 2, Statutes of 2009) beginning in 2009-10, which would exempt them from passing the CAHSEE in order to receive a diploma. An eligible student defined in the law is a student with a disability who has an individualized education program (IEP) or a Section 504 Plan that indicates the student has satisfied or will satisfy all other state and local requirements to receive a high school diploma on or after July 1, 2009. Students with disabilities are required to take the CAHSEE in grade ten for purposes of fulfilling the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. **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>.

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.**

2009-10 Designated OGCS CAHSEE Testing Dates

English Language Arts	Math	Administered to:
Tuesday	Wednesday	
October 6, 2009	October 7, 2009	Grades 11 & 12
February 2, 2010	February 3, 2010	Grades 10, 11 & 12 Grade 10-required
May 11, 2010	May 12, 2010	Grades 11 & 12 Grade 10-make ups

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

Sincerely,

Ocean Grove Charter School
Assessment Department