

School Certificate Selection Agreement Statement

(For student and parent usage if choosing a School Certificate over a High School Diploma)

Completed form must be a part of the Student Graduation/Completion Approval Request Packet if a school certificate is being selected.

School: _____ Date Provided by School: _____

Student Code: _____ Student Name: _____

The above named student has elected to receive a **School Certificate** instead of a High School Diploma. My/Our signature (adult student or student/parent) on this form indicates that I/we are aware of all of this information below, and the possible implications in the future of this decision.

How to receive a Diploma: All California public school students are required by state law to pass the California High School Exit Examination (*CAHSEE*) as well as satisfy all other state and local requirements in order to receive a high school diploma. All students, including English learners and students with disabilities, must first take the *CAHSEE* in the tenth grade. Students who do not pass the exam in grade ten will have 2 additional opportunities in grades eleven and 3 in grade twelve to retake the part(s) not passed.

What is "passing" for 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. Students do not need to pass both parts of the exam during the same test administration section in order to satisfy the *CAHSEE* requirement, but both parts must be passed prior to receipt of a diploma.

What are my options if I do not pass the CAHSEE by the end of my regular senior year:

Information is available on the CDE website at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/> and <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/el/le/documents/yr070719propsettle.pdf>.

What are the negative consequences of this decision for the future: No one yet knows of all of the possible negative consequences of choosing a school certificate over a high school diploma, but these are some of the possible areas to consider:

- Education: Some colleges/vocational training programs require a diploma for enrollment, others have indicated they may consider a School Certificate in lieu of a diploma. Check with your college/training program of choice to see what they will require.
- Employment: Many jobs currently require a high school diploma for consideration. If they will accept a School Certificate in lieu of a diploma is unknown. Check with employers in your chosen field for information.
- Military: The military has required a high school diploma for enlistment. Check with your desired branch of service to see if they will be allowing a School Certificate to be acceptable.

I am declining instruction and services under the CAHSEE Intensive Instruction and Services Program at this time and do not wish to receive future notifications of my right to obtain services. I understand that I can change my mind and request services at a later date.

My/Our Signatures below indicate I/we have considered all of the information above, have read the information at the CDE website on our additional options, understand that the school has provided every opportunity for preparation for the CAHSEE, and have chosen to leave the above named school at the end of this semester with a School Certificate. We understand that this decision may have some negative consequences on the student at some time in the future. The school assumes no liability for any future consequences of this choice.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witnessed by a School Employee:

ES Signature: _____ Date: _____