

CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM 2015-2016 NOTIFICATION

NOTICE TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND STUDENTS

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 graduation 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) (4). 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.

SUBJECTS COVERED ON THE CAHSEE

The exam consists of two parts: (1) English-language arts (reading and writing) and (2) mathematics. All questions are aligned to California content standards adopted by the State Board of Education. Content standards describe what students should know and be able to do at each level from kindergarten through grade twelve. Manhattan Beach Unified School District staff can provide you with information on the content standards assessed by the CAHSEE, or you can download the CAHSEE test blueprints located on the California Department of Education (CDE) webpage at <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. Students do not need to pass both parts of the exam during the same administration in order to satisfy the CAHSEE requirement.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The CAHSEE regulations specify accommodations and modifications that students with disabilities must be permitted to use if specified in the student's individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan for use on the CAHSEE, standardized testing, or for use during classroom instruction and assessments. Students who use accommodations and earn a score of 350 or higher have passed that part of the CAHSEE. Students who use a modification and earn the equivalent of a passing score on one or both parts of the CAHSEE have not passed but may be eligible for a waiver of the CAHSEE requirement. Parents or guardians must ask the school principal to submit a waiver on behalf of their student. More information on accommodations, modifications, and the waiver process can be found on the CDE CAHSEE webpage at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/accomod.asp>.

DESIGNATED 2015-2016 CAHSEE TESTING DATES FOR MIRA COSTA HIGH SCHOOL*

English-Language Arts	Mathematics	
Tuesday	Wednesday	Administered To
October 6, 2015	October 7, 2015	Grades 11 and 12
February 2, 2016	February 3, 2016	Grades 11 and 12
March 15, 2016	March 16, 2016	Grade 10
May 10, 2016	May 11, 2016	Grade 12
May 10, 2016	May 11, 2016	Grade 10 (absence/make-up)

*TEST ADMINISTRATIONS MAY BE REVISED PENDING LEGISLATION ([SENATE BILL 172](#)—CAROL LIU)

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

For the latest information regarding the CAHSEE, please visit the California Department of Education webpage at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/>. If you have any further questions about the CAHSEE, please contact the Mira Costa High School office at (310) 318-7337.