



# California High School Exit Examination CAHSEE

## What will be tested?

- English-Language Arts
- Mathematics

## What is the purpose of CAHSEE?

- To improve students' academic success.
- To ensure that students who graduate from high school are competent in reading, writing and math.

## When do I take the CAHSEE?

The first time a student can take the CAHSEE is March of their Sophomore year (10<sup>th</sup>). The goal of the GUSD is to have every student pass the first time.

## How is the test given?

The CAHSEE test will be given during school hours over two testing days. Although there's no time limit, the test is given in two session per day, estimated at two hours per session.

# English-Language Arts (ELA)

The ELA portion of the exam includes Reading and Writing sections and contains multiple-choice questions and an essay question:

The Writing section covers:

- Writing strategies
- Applications
- Language conventions

The Reading section covers:

- Vocabulary
- Comprehension
- Informational reading
- Literary text

## Mathematics

The Math section consists of multiple-choice questions only and covers:

- Measurement and geometry
- Mathematical reasoning
- Statistics, Data analysis and probability
- Algebra 1
- Number sense
- Algebra and Functions

Students must also demonstrate strong computational skills and a foundation in arithmetic, including working with decimals, fractions and percentages.

### Who will be tested?

CAHSEE is for all  
students

When do I start preparing for the CAHSEE?

# NOW

## What are things that can help me be prepared for the CAHSEE?

- Be in school every day!
- Show up ready to learn!
- Do your school/home work!
- Show up to before/after school help
- Ask questions
- Prepare and do your best on STAR tests
- Have a special study place/time at home
- Get good nutrition/be active
- If English is a second language, practice your English, take a conversational English Class

## Parents: What you can do...

- Understand the CAHSEE and why it is important to your child.
- Provide opportunities for your child to participate in before/after school help.
- Talk with your child's teachers as much as you can.
- Help with homework.
- Get your child to school.
- If English is a second language for you, become bilingual, practice English vocabulary with your student.

## Other Resources

- Study Guides
- Released Test Questions
- [www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/resources.asp](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/resources.asp)
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- Speak with your teachers, counselors, or school officials.