

Dear Parent/Guardian:

All current ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth graders, including English learners and students with disabilities, are required to pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) in order to receive a high school diploma. **Tenth grade students are required to take the exam for the first time in March 2009.** If your child does not pass, there will be five other opportunities to pass before their graduation date. The exam will be administered at the school site during regular school hours. It is important that your child be present on test days.

All students graduating in 2008 and thereafter must meet the CAHSEE requirement as well as other state and local requirements to receive a high school diploma. The primary purpose of the CAHSEE, mandated by state law, is to ensure that students who graduate from high school can demonstrate grade level competency in the state's academic content standards for reading, writing, and mathematics.

The CAHSEE is divided into two parts: (1) English-language arts (ELA), which includes reading and writing and (2) mathematics. All questions on the examination are aligned to California academic content standards, adopted by the State Board of Education. Students must receive a scale score of 350 or higher in both ELA and math to pass the exam.

For 2008 – 2009, the Sacramento City USD testing dates are:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Administration</b>
Grade 10	March 17 & 18, 2009	Census Administration – All Grade 10 students
Grade 10	May 12 & 13, 2009	Make-up Administration – Those who missed the March test
Grade 11	November 4 & 5, 2008	Re-test
Grade 11	February 3 & 4, 2009	Re-test
Grade 12 & Adult Only	October 7 & 8, 2008	Re-test
Grade 12 & Adult Only	December 6 & 13, 2008	Re-test (Saturday Administration)
Grade 12 & Adult Only	March 17 - 28, 2009	Last 12 <sup>th</sup> grade Administration before Graduation

Your child's results will be sent to your home as soon as they are available. Students who do not pass one or both parts of the CAHSEE will have additional opportunities to retake the part(s) not yet passed. Your school will provide additional instruction, if needed, to ensure your child's success on this exam.

For further information about CAHSEE and your child's participation, contact your school office during regular school hours or the Assessment, Research & Evaluation Department at (916) 643-9420.