

ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 50
Office of the Deputy Superintendent

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: January 25, 2011

To: Senior High School Principals

Subject: MARCH 2011 ADMINISTRATION OF CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAMINATION (CAHSEE) – GRADES 10 AND 11 AND ADULT EDUCATION STUDENTS ONLY

Department and/or Persons Concerned: Principals, Vice Principals, CAHSEE Site Test Coordinators and Head Counselor

Due Date: March 9, 2011

Reference: None

Action Requested: Administer California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)

Attachments:

- A. Testing Variations/Accommodations/Modifications
- B. Principal's Certification Form, CAHSEE Apportionment Form
- C. CAHSEE Test Security Affidavit
- D. Reimbursable Activities Training Time Log for School Sites

Brief Explanation:

This circular provides background information and test administration details for the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE).

A. Background

The CAHSEE Program was established by Senate Bill 2, O'Connell in spring 1999. The CAHSEE serves two purposes:

- 1) To improve student achievement in high school.
- 2) To ensure that students who graduate from high school can demonstrate competency in the content standards for reading, writing, and mathematics, adopted by the State Board of Education.

All students, except those with disabilities, must pass both sections of the CAHSEE to be eligible to receive a high school diploma. As a result of recent legislation, students with disabilities who have an IEP or Section 504 Plan will not be required to pass the CAHSEE in order to receive a high school diploma. However, Grade 10 students (students in the class of

2013) must participate in the March CAHSEE administration to meet state and federal accountability requirements. The only Grade 10 students who will not be tested with the CAHSEE are those scheduled to take the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA). It is essential that schools do everything possible to ensure that ALL students in Grade 10 (except those designated for the CAPA) take the CAHSEE. It is also important that schools test all students in Grade 11 (students in the class of 2012), and Adult Education students who have not previously passed both sections of the CAHSEE. Students must have many opportunities to meet the CAHSEE requirement for a high school diploma and must receive appropriate instruction on the standards covered by the test.

The CAHSEE has two sections – an English language arts (ELA) section and a mathematics section. The ELA section of the test covers the California State English Language Arts Content Standards through Grade 10 and includes 79 multiple-choice questions and one essay question. The reading portion of the test covers vocabulary, informational reading, and literary reading. The writing portion covers writing strategies, applications, and conventions, and includes one written response to either literature or an informational passage or to a writing prompt. The ELA examination will be administered on one day in two separate sessions. Sessions 1 and 2 are contained in the same test booklet, so test administrators must ensure that students do not work ahead.

The mathematics section of the test covers the California State Mathematics Content Standards through Algebra I and consists of 92 multiple-choice questions. It includes statistics, data analysis and probability, number sense, measurement and geometry, mathematical reasoning, and algebra. Students must also demonstrate strong computational skills and a foundation in arithmetic, including working with decimals, fractions, and percentages. The mathematics examination will be administered on one day in two separate sessions. Sessions 1 and 2 are contained in the same test booklet, so test administrators must ensure that students do not work ahead.

B. Testing Schedule

The following is the statewide testing schedule for the March administration of the CAHSEE. To ensure security of the test throughout the state, test sessions should start before 9:00 a.m. Test sites needing to test outside of this window must contact the Assessment Services Department.

Test Section	Date
English Language Arts	March 8, 2011 (Tuesday)
Mathematics	March 9, 2011 (Wednesday)

C. Timing

In the table below, "approximate working time" refers to the time students are working on the test questions. "Approximate total administration time" is the sum of working time plus additional time for distributing and collecting test materials, as well as time used by students to

complete the demographic information and evaluation questions on the answer document. The expectation is that most students will finish within these approximate testing times, but the exact length of each test session may vary from these times. The CAHSEE is an untimed test, but untimed does not mean unlimited time. Students should be allowed to take the time they need within the school day to finish the exam, but students may only have time beyond the regular school day if their IEPs or 504 Plans specify the need for such extra time. Sites should plan for a small overflow location for students who wish to continue working on Session 1.

Assessment	Approximate Working Time	Approximate Total Administration Time
English Language Arts - Session 1	2 hours	2 hours 30 minutes
English Language Arts - Session 2	1 hour 30 minutes	2 hours
Mathematics - Session 1	1 hour 30 minutes	2 hours
Mathematics - Session 2	1 hour 30 minutes	2 hours

D. Who Must Test?

Schools must test all Grade 10 students (students in the class of 2013) with the CAHSEE, except those designated to take the CAPA. In addition, schools must offer all Grade 11 students (students in the class of 2012) and Adult Education students who have not previously passed both sections of the CAHSEE the opportunity to take those sections not passed. The March 2011 administration is **only** available to these previously-mentioned students and is **not for students in Grade 12** (students in the class of 2011).

English Learner (EL) Students

All EL students are required to take the CAHSEE. The district may defer the requirement for ELs to be tested for up to 24 months from their enrollment in a California public school, until the student has completed six months of instruction in reading, writing, and comprehension in English. Students must then pass the CAHSEE in English to receive a high school diploma. EL students may use approved variations (see attachment A) during testing if regularly used in the classroom.

Special Education Students and 504 Students

As stated earlier, a student with disabilities who has an IEP or Section 504 Plan will not be required to pass the CAHSEE in order to receive a high school diploma. However, for accountability purposes, all Grade 10 students must take the CAHSEE unless scheduled to take the CAPA. Additionally, Grade 11 and Adult Education students with disabilities may still participate in the March CAHSEE administration if they desire. The CAHSEE may be administered with appropriate accommodations or modifications (see Attachment A) as required in each student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan.

E. Administration of Examinations

It is imperative that all instructions in the *Test Site Coordinator's Manual* and the *Directions for Administration* are followed carefully. Note particularly those sections that describe testing and security procedures (including procedures for the safekeeping and accounting of all test materials). It is critical that persons coordinating the test are completely familiar with the directions in the manual for sorting, packaging, sealing, and returning CAHSEE tests to Assessment Services. Teachers/Examiners **must** read the bold "SAY" items in the *Directions for Administration verbatim* to students.

F. Certification of Security and State Required Information on Number of Students Tested

The principal must complete and sign both pages of the attached Certification/ Apportionment Form (Attachment B) and return it in the **green** envelope (provided by Assessment Services) along with all signed, original copies of the *CAHSEE Test Security Affidavits* (one for each person who had access to secure test materials at any time – see Attachment C). The site test coordinator must also sign both sides of the Certification/ Apportionment Form. The **green** envelope with these documents should **not** be packed in the carton(s) with other test materials. Site test coordinators should make copies of these documents for their files.

Student names, grade levels, ID numbers, and reasons for returning completed answer documents with **nonscorable** materials must be listed in the table on the bottom of Attachment B. Educational Testing Service (ETS), the state contractor for the CAHSEE Program, charges \$450 per student if a completed answer document is found in a site's **nonscorable** materials and the school indicates that it needs to be scored. Completion of this grid will allow Assessment Services to accurately advise ETS if this situation occurs.

G. Pick-Up and Return of Testing Materials

Schools will be notified when CAHSEE materials are available for pick-up.

All test materials are to be returned to the Assessment Services Processing Center, Annex 10, by **4:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 9, 2011**. School coordinators should refer to the **After Testing** section of the *Test Site Coordinator's Manual* for complete return instructions for each individual CAHSEE test. It is critical that test coordinators are completely familiar with and follow the repackaging instructions in the manual.

H. Mandated Costs Reimbursement Activities

All staff members (except teachers), permanent or hourly, who had some association with the CAHSEE administration must complete the "Mandate Timekeeper," which is a web-based program for collecting time spent on mandated activity. Paper training logs should still be completed and submitted to the Mandated Costs Unit as supporting documentation

(Attachment D). This enables sites to receive fifty (50) percent of the District's paid reimbursement claim for each state-mandated activity. CAHSEE time can be recorded at www.axiomadvisors.net.

For questions about mandated costs, please contact the Mandated Costs Unit at (619) 725-7568 or via email at mandatedcosts@sandi.net.

If you have any questions regarding information in this circular, contact Samantha Clabaugh at (619) 725-7061 or sclabaugh@sandi.net, or Erin Gordon, the District CAHSEE Coordinator, at (619) 725-5687 or egordon@sandi.net.

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Assessment Services

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Attachments (4)

Distribution: Lists B, E, and F

Test Variations/Accommodations/Modifications for Administration of California Statewide Assessments

Test Variation (1) Accommodation (2) Modification (3)	STAR			CAHSEE	CELDT	Physical Fitness
	CST	STS	CMA			
Presentation						
Braille transcriptions provided by the test contractor	2	2	2	2	2	Not applicable
Large print versions Test items enlarged if font larger than required on large print versions	2	2	2	2	2	Not applicable
Visual magnifying equipment	1	1	1	1	1	Not applicable
Audio amplification equipment	1	1	1	1	1	1
Test administration directions that are simplified or clarified (does not apply to test questions)	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
Manually Coded English or American Sign Language to present directions for administration (does not apply to test questions)	1	1	1	1	1	1
Test questions read aloud to student or audio presentation (CD)	2 Math, Science, History - Soc. Sci.	2 Math	2 Math, Science	2 Math	2 Writing	Not applicable
	3 ELA	3 Reading, Language Arts	2 ELA (Not Allowed for Reading Passages)	3 ELA 2 Writing Task	3 Reading	
Manually Coded English or American Sign Language to present test questions	2 Math, Science, History - Social Science	Not applicable	2 Math, Science	2 Math	2 Writing	Not applicable
	3 ELA		2 ELA	3 ELA 2 Writing Task	3 Reading, Listening, Speaking	
Noise buffers (e.g., individual corral or study enclosure)	1	1	1	1	1	Not applicable
Special lighting or acoustics; special or adaptive furniture	1	1	1	1	1	Not applicable
Timing/Scheduling						
Extra time on a test within a testing day	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
Test over more than one day for a test or test part to be administered in a single sitting	2	2	2	2	2	Not applicable
Supervised breaks within a section of the test	2	2	2	2	2	Not applicable
Administration of the test at the most beneficial time of day to the student	2	2	2	2	2	2
Setting						
Test individual student separately, provided that a test examiner directly supervises the student	1	1	1	1	1	1
Test in small group	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL

ALL = These test variations may be provided to all students.

Test Variation (1) = Eligible students may have testing variations if regularly used in the classroom.

Accommodation (2) = Eligible students shall be permitted to take the examination with **accommodations** if specified in the eligible student's IEP or Section 504 Plan for use on the examination, standardized testing, or for use during classroom instruction and assessment.

Modification (3) = For the **STAR** Program and **CELDT**, eligible students shall be permitted to take the tests with **modifications** if specified in the eligible student's IEP or Section 504 Plan. Eligible students shall be permitted to take the **CAHSEE** with **modifications** if specified in the eligible student's IEP or Section 504 Plan for use on the examination, standardized testing, or for use during classroom instruction and assessment.

Test Variations/Accommodations/Modifications for Administration of California Statewide Assessments

Test Variation (1) Accommodation (2) Modification (3)	STAR			CAHSEE	CELDT	Physical Fitness
	CST	STS	CMA			
Test administered at home or in hospital by a test examiner	2	2	2	2	2	2
Response						
Student marks responses in test booklet and responses are transferred to a scorable answer document by an employee of the school, district, or nonpublic school	2	2	2	2	2	Not applicable
Responses dictated [orally, or in Manually Coded English or American Sign Language] to a scribe for selected-response items (multiple-choice questions)	2	2	2	2	2	Not applicable
Essay responses dictated orally or in Manually Coded English to a scribe, audio recorder, or speech-to-text converter and the student provides all spelling and language conventions	2	Not Applicable	2	2	2	Not applicable
Essay responses dictated orally, in Manually Coded English, or in American Sign Language to a scribe, [audio recorder, or speech-to-text converter] (scribe provides spelling, grammar and language conventions)	3	Not Applicable	Not Allowed	3	3	Not applicable
Use of Aids or Tools						
Student marks in test booklet (other than responses) including highlighting	ALL For Grades 2 & 3, marks must be erased to avoid scanning interference or transcribe	ALL For Grades 2 & 3, marks must be erased to avoid scanning interference or transcribe	ALL For Grade 3, marks must be erased to avoid scanning interference or transcribe	ALL	ALL Marked test Booklets may not be used again	Not applicable
Dictionary	3	3	Not Allowed	3	3	Not applicable
Word processing software with spell and grammar check tools turned off for the essay responses (writing portion of the test)	2	Not Applicable	2	2	2	Not applicable
Word processing software with spell and grammar check tools enabled on the essay responses (writing portion of test)	3	Not Applicable	Not Allowed	3	3	Not applicable
Assistive device that does not interfere with the independent work of the student on the multiple-choice and/or essay responses (writing portion of the test)	2	2	2	2	2	Not applicable
Assistive device that interferes with the independent work of the student on the multiple-choice and/or essay responses	3	3	Not Allowed	3	3	Not applicable

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Test Variation (1) Accommodation (2) Modification (3)	STAR			CAHSEE	CELDT	Physical Fitness
	CST	STS	CMA			
Calculator on the mathematics tests	3	3	2 For Grade 5 Only Not Allowed for Grades 3-4 & 6-11	3	Not applicable	Not applicable
Calculator on the science tests	3	Not applicable	2	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Arithmetic table or formulas (not provided) on the mathematics tests	3	3	Not Allowed	3	Not applicable	Not applicable
Arithmetic table or formulas (not provided) on the science tests	3	Not applicable	Not Allowed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Math manipulatives on the mathematics tests	3	3	2	3	Not applicable	Not applicable
Math manipulatives on the science tests	3	Not applicable	2	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Colored overlay, mask, or other means to maintain visual attention	1	1	1	1	1	Not applicable
Other						
Unlisted accommodation or modification	Call Assessment Services	Call Assessment Services	Call Assessment Services	Call Assessment Services	Call Assessment Services	Call Assessment Services

Test Variations for Administration of California Statewide Assessments for English Learners*

Test Variation	STAR		CAHSEE	Physical Fitness
	CST	CMA		
Hear the test directions printed in the test administration manual translated into the student's primary language. Ask clarifying questions about the test directions in the student's primary language.	Variation Allowed	Variation Allowed	Variation Allowed	Variation Allowed
Additional supervised breaks within a testing day or following each section (STAR) within a test part provided that the test section is completed within a testing day. A test section is identified by a "STOP" at the end of it.	Variation Allowed	Variation Allowed	Variation Allowed	Not Applicable
ELs may have the opportunity to be tested separately with other ELs provided that the student is directly supervised by an employee of the school who has signed the test security affidavit and the student has been provided such a flexible setting as part of his/her regular instruction or assessment.	Variation Allowed	Variation Allowed	Variation Allowed	Variation Allowed
Access to translation glossaries/word lists (English-to- primary language). Glossaries/word lists shall not include definitions or formulas.	Variation Allowed Math, Science, History - Social Science	Variation Allowed Math, Science	Variation Allowed	Not Applicable
	Not Allowed for ELA	Not Allowed for ELA		

***Because the CELDT and STS are tests specifically for English Learners, there are no separate guidelines for administering the CELDT or STS to this population. Please refer to the *Test Variations/Accommodations/Modifications for the Administration of California Statewide Assessments* in previous table for additional variations for all students, including English Learners.**

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SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of Accountability
Assessment Services Department

**CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM (CAHSEE)
March 2011**

PRINCIPAL'S CERTIFICATION TO SUPERINTENDENT OF PROPER TEST ADMINISTRATION
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I certify that **only** students in Grade 10 (students in the class of 2013), eligible students in Grade 11 (students in the class of 2012) and/or eligible Adult Education students at _____ School were administered the **California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)** on the state-mandated dates of March 8 and 9, 2011, and that:

- “California High School Exit Examination Test Security Affidavits” were completed by all individuals given access to secure test materials.
- Security procedures required by the CAHSEE Program were followed, and all test materials have been accounted for and properly packaged for return to the publisher.
- State regulations and district criteria were used to determine students exempt from testing.
- State regulations and district criteria were used to determine appropriate accommodations/modifications provided to special education and 504 students.
- All students used a #2 pencil.
- Certificated personnel charged with the responsibility of administering the tests received instruction in the proper procedures.
- Proper procedures as outlined in the *Directions for Administration* were followed.
- All test materials were returned by the Site Test Coordinator or designated staff member who has signed the *Test Security Affidavit*.
- An accurate accounting of the number of pupils tested is on the second page of this document, **which I have also signed.**

(Date) Signed: _____
(Principal)

Site Test Coordinator to contact if there are any questions regarding the answer documents:

Name _____ Phone Number _____

<p>Note: This form must be submitted at the time CAHSEE materials are turned March 9, 2011. Place this form in the GREEN ENVELOPE. Do not pack the GREEN ENVELOPE containing this form inside the box(es) of scorable answer sheets. Retain copies of the form for your school's files.</p>
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SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of Accountability
Assessment Services Department

California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) Apportionment Form - March 2011

Each school must report to Assessment Services information relevant to the numbers of students tested with the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)

Categories	Grade 10				Grade 11				Grade 12				Adult Education Students			
	NEED ELA ONLY	NEED MATH ONLY	NEED BOTH ELA AND MATH		NEED ELA ONLY	NEED MATH ONLY	NEED BOTH ELA AND MATH		NEED ELA ONLY	NEED MATH ONLY	NEED BOTH ELA AND MATH		NEED ELA ONLY	NEED MATH ONLY	NEED BOTH ELA AND MATH	
			ELA	MATH			ELA	MATH			ELA	MATH			ELA	MATH
A Number of Students ELIGIBLE to test for each section (Grades 10, 11, and Adult Ed Only)									NO GRADE 12 TESTING for March							
B Students ABSENT on THIS PART of CAHSEE (Box 3 = A)																
C Students in GRADE 10 absent due to significant MEDICAL emergency (Box 3 = E)					NOT APPLICABLE				NOT APPLICABLE							
D Number of Students who CHEATED on THIS PART of CAHSEE (Box 3 = I)																
E Students who REFUSED to attempt any part of the exam (Box 3 = Z)																
F Students in GRADE 10 assessed with the CAPA (Box 3 = Z)					NOT APPLICABLE				NOT APPLICABLE							
G Students in GRADE 10 tested in a DIFFERENT DISTRICT for the census administration (Box 3 = T)					NOT APPLICABLE				NOT APPLICABLE							
H Students who have previously PASSED ELA or MATH (Box 3 = R) Please record # of students who have "R" in Box 3 in the "Need ELA Only" or "Need Math Only" section.																
I Students TESTED in this administration of CAHSEE (Box 3 = S) Please record the # of students who have "S" in Box 3 for "ELA Only", "Math Only" or in "need both".																
J Total Count of SCANNABLE Student Answer Documents (UNDUPLICATED COUNT – Should equal the number on SGID)																
K Count of VOIDED Student Answer Documents returned with NONSCORABLE materials (list students below and the reason answer document is in the NONSCORABLES)																

Voided Answer Document Report

Student Name	Grade	ID Number	Reason for Returning VOIDED ANSWER DOCUMENT with NONSCORABLE Materials
ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY			

Complete all appropriate boxes. **Submit this form (properly completed) at the time CAHSEE materials are delivered on March 9.** Place this form in the **GREEN ENVELOPE**. Do not pack green envelope containing this form inside the box(es) of scorable answer sheets. Retain a copy of this form.

School: _____

Principal Signature: _____

Date: _____

CAHSEE Test Site Coordinator's Signature: _____

**California High School Exit Examination
Test Security Affidavit**

I acknowledge that I will have access to the examination and test materials for the purpose of administering the examination. I understand that these materials are highly secure, and it is my professional responsibility to protect their security as follows:

- (1) I will not divulge the contents of the examination to any other person through verbal, written, or any other means of communication.
- (2) I will not copy any part of the examination or test materials.
- (3) I will keep the examination secure until the examination is actually distributed to eligible pupils or eligible adult students.
- (4) I will limit access to the examination and test materials by test examinees to the actual testing periods when they are taking the examination.
- (5) I will collect and account for all materials following each examination and will not permit eligible pupils or eligible adult students to remove examinations or test materials from the room where testing takes place.
- (6) I will not review any test questions, passages, or other test items with eligible pupils or eligible adult students before, during, or after the examination.
- (7) I will return all examinations and test materials to the designated test site coordinator upon completion of the examination.
- (8) I will not interfere with the independent work of any eligible pupil or eligible adult student taking the examination, and I will not compromise the security of the examination by any means including, but not limited to:
 - (A) Providing eligible pupils or eligible adult students with access to examination questions prior to testing.
 - (B) Copying, reproducing, transmitting, distributing or using in any manner inconsistent with test security all or any section of any secure examinations or test materials.
 - (C) Coaching eligible pupils or eligible adult students during testing or altering or interfering with the pupil's or adult student's responses in any way.
 - (D) Making answer keys available to eligible pupils or eligible adult students.
 - (E) Failing to follow security rules for distribution and return of secure examinations and test materials as directed, or failing to account for all secure examinations and test materials before, during, and after testing.
 - (F) Failing to follow test administration directions specified in test administration manuals.
 - (G) Participating in, directing, aiding, counseling, assisting in, or encouraging any of the acts prohibited in this section.
- (9) I will administer the examination in accordance with the directions for administration set forth in the test contractor's manuals for administration of the examination.
- (10) I have been trained to administer the examination.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Position: _____

School: _____

District: San Diego Unified School District

This form may be photocopied.

San Diego Unified School District
Office of Resource Development
Mandated Cost Unit

For District Use Only
Entered by _____

REIMBURSABLE ACTIVITIES TIME LOG FOR SCHOOL SITES
California High School Exit Exam Training (CAHSEE)

Trainer's Name:		Trainer's Title:		
School:		Trainer's Empl ID#:		
Total Training Time: _____minutes				
Date	Employee ID #	Staff Attending Training		
		Staff Name (<i>Printed</i>)	Staff Name (<i>Signed</i>)	Job Title

The State of California requires that school district personnel maintain a record of time spent on mandates in order for the district to receive reimbursement. Your signature on this form certifies your participation in the activity and that you have reported actual time.

Trainer's Signature:	Date Signed:
Please return the completed form at the end of the training session to: Mandated Cost Unit, Room # 3160, Ed Center	
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