



ROCKLIN ACADEMY

FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

This letter is being sent to remind you that your child will take the CAHSEE on **February 4th and February 5th**. The exam will be given at the school site during regular school hours. It is important that your child be present on test days.

The primary purpose of the CAHSEE is to make sure that students who graduate from high school can show that they are performing at grade level on California's content standards. The content standards on the CAHSEE include reading, writing, and mathematics. Standards describe what students should know and be able to do at each grade level from kindergarten through grade twelve.

The exam consists of two parts. The first part includes English–language arts (reading and writing). The second part covers mathematics. All questions are aligned to California's content standards adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE).

All students must satisfy the CAHSEE requirement to earn a high school diploma. Students also must meet all other state and local requirements. Students must take the CAHSEE in grade ten to meet state and federal requirements. This requirement includes students who are English learners and students with disabilities.

Our school district will receive student results within eight weeks. Your child's results will be sent to your home. Students who do not pass one or both parts of the CAHSEE will have additional opportunities to retake the part(s) not yet passed.

Eligible students with disabilities with an active individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan can satisfy the CAHSEE requirement by:

- passing the examination,
- meeting the exemption requirement pursuant to California *Education Code (EC)* Section 60852.3,
- receiving a local waiver pursuant to *EC* Section 60851(c)(1), or
- receiving a streamlined waiver of *EC* Section 60851.

Information for students with disabilities can be found on the CDE Students with Disabilities – CAHSEE Exemptions and Waivers Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/cahseewaiversexempt.asp>.

EC Section 60852.3 provides an exemption from meeting the CAHSEE requirement as a condition of receiving a diploma of graduation. To be eligible students with disabilities must have an IEP or a Section

504 plan. The IEP or Section 504 plan must state that the student is scheduled to receive a high school diploma. It must also state that the student has satisfied or will satisfy all other state and local requirements for high school graduation, on or after July 1, 2009. The exemption from meeting the CAHSEE requirement ends June 30, 2015. The State Board of Education (SBE) can extend the exemption one additional year if needed to implement the alternative means assessment.

The CAHSEE regulations specify accommodations and modifications that students with disabilities must be permitted to use if specified in the student's IEP or Section 504 plan. The IEP or plan must specify that these modifications or accommodations can be used on the CAHSEE, standardized testing, or for use during classroom instruction and assessments. Students who use an accommodation 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. However, to meet the CAHSEE requirement, a principal may request a local waiver of the CAHSEE requirement from their local school board.

The SBE has adopted the CAHSEE Streamlined Waiver for Eligible Students with Disabilities. This waiver is another option for eligible students with disabilities to satisfy the CAHSEE requirement. The request can be made by an LEA or special education local plan area (SELPA) on behalf of eligible students with disabilities to waive the CAHSEE requirement as a condition of graduation. Students must meet a number of requirements to be eligible. More information about this waiver and criteria to qualify can be found on the CDE Waiver Policies Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lr/wr/waiverpolicies.asp>.

For more information about the CAHSEE and your child's participation, contact our school office during regular school hours at **(916) 778-4544**. Additional information about the CAHSEE can be found on the California Department of Education CAHSEE Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/>.

Sincerely,



Phil Spears

Superintendent

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