

Grand Terrace High School CAHSEE (CA High School Exit Exam) Parent Information/Notification

Dear Parents or Guardians,

All students in California public schools are required to pass the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) to receive a high school diploma. This graduation requirement is mandated by state law. The purpose of the CAHSEE is to improve student achievement in high school and ensure that students who graduate from high school can demonstrate competency in the state academic content standards for reading, writing, and mathematics.

Testing dates for the CAHSEE are designated each year by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The table below lists the months for testing administration and the students that may be tested for each administration of the CAHSEE. Tenth Grade students will be scheduled to take the exam once during their tenth grade year in March. If they are absent in March, a make-up administration will be offered in May. Students who did not pass or take the exam in the tenth grade will have seven additional testing opportunities, three times during their junior year and four times during their senior year. The English Language Arts Department (ELA) and Mathematics department work with administration at Grand Terrace High School to develop plans of study for our students leading up to the exam.

The school and district will continue to keep parents and students informed about this important examination. Additional information about the CAHSEE is posted on the California Department of Education Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/>. If you have questions about the CAHSEE, please contact GTHS school office at 909-580-5006.

October 7 (ELA) & October 8 (Math)	11 th & 12 th Graders
November 4 (ELA) & November 6 (Math)	12 th Graders
February 3 (ELA) & February 4 (Math)	11 th & 12 th Graders
March 17 (ELA) & March 18 (Math)	All 10 th graders 12 th graders
May 12 (ELA) & May 13 (Math)	10 th grader (make-ups) & 12 th graders

How you can help prepare your child for the CAHSEE

1. Ensure they get sufficient sleep the night before and a good breakfast the morning of the exam.
2. If your 11th or 12th grade student has not passed one or more sections of the CAHSEE, work with their counselor to enroll them in tutoring or an intervention class.
3. Go to the California Department of Education website to review released test questions from past CAHSEE exams.
4. Visit a local library or bookstore for study materials, or ask your child's teacher for resources.