

# TRAVIS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



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to build a community of learners.

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To Parents/Guardians of Golden West Middle School Seventh and Eighth Grade Students:

Si desea este folleto de información en español, por favor llame al 707-437-8147.

This is a copy of the letter that is distributed to all high school students in Grades 9, 10, and 11 regarding the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). It is important that parents of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are also made aware of the process and requirements of this program. Please understand that a foundation of knowledge and understanding of the two areas of the exam, English language arts and math, are deeply imbedded within the curriculum at the middle school level.

### California High School Exit Exam

Students in the class of 2006 were the first in California required to pass the CAHSEE in order to receive a high school diploma and as required by law under Education Code 60851. Previously passed California legislation signed into law by the Governor and section 60852.3 of the Education Code includes exemptions to the requirement of passing the CAHSEE for students with disabilities, but all students in California are still required to take the CAHSEE during 10<sup>th</sup> grade in order to comply with the Federal No Child Left Behind Act.

### Algebra I Requirement

Prior to receiving a diploma of graduation from high school, all students must also meet or exceed the rigor of the content standards for Algebra I, as adopted by the State Board of Education.

### What the California High School Exit Exam Covers

The CAHSEE exam is divided into two parts: (1) English-language arts (reading and writing), and (2) mathematics. All questions are aligned to content standards adopted by the State Board of Education. Content standards describe what students should know and be able to do at each grade level from kindergarten through grade 12.

### Graduation Requirements

Beginning in 2006, in order to receive their high school diploma, students must pass both parts of the CAHSEE by earning a score of 350 or higher on each part. Students also must meet the Travis Unified School District's requirements for graduation.

### Student Testing

The CAHSEE will be given at the high school site to high school students during regular school hours on the designated dates. Students will:

- receive the results of the exam within eight weeks after testing is completed;
- have as many as six opportunities in high school to retake the exam or either part not passed;
- receive additional instruction, if needed, to help ensure success;
- not have their tests scored if caught cheating.

### For More Information...

If you have any questions about the CAHSEE:

- contact our high school office during regular hours on weekdays
- check the California Department of Education web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/> (Internet)

CAHSEE Testing 2012 - 13		
Section 1		
English-Language Arts	Grades Tested	Mathematics
November 6, 2012	11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	November 7, 2012
February 5, 2013	10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> (make-up) & 12 <sup>th</sup>	February 6, 2013
May 14, 2013	10 <sup>th</sup> (make-up) 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	May 15, 2013
Location		Location
Local high school site		Local high school site

For updates on any Travis Unified programs please see our website at: [www.travisusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.travisusd.k12.ca.us)

Sincerely,

*Jackie Tretten*

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Golden West Middle School