



# Standards & Assessment

## CAHSEE Notes

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### Upcoming Material Ordering and Pre-ID Deadlines

Deadlines for test material orders and Pre-ID are listed below for the final administration of the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) for the 2008-09 school year. All deadlines are at 5 p.m. CAHSEE administration questions should be directed to the Educational Testing Service (ETS) CAHSEE Support Center at 1-800-241-5687.

As a reminder, all grade ten students should have taken the CAHSEE in either the February or March census administration. Grade ten students who were absent for their district's census administration may be offered a makeup opportunity in May. Results from the March administration are scheduled to be available for district coordinators to download on approximately May 13.

### Test Administration Training Workshops and Webcasts

This summer, the California Department of Education (CDE) and ETS will provide a series of workshops to prepare district testing coordinators for the 2009-10 administrations of the CAHSEE. Dates and locations for the workshops are as follows:

- June 19, 9 a.m. to noon – Sacramento County Office of Education (COE)
- June 26, 9 a.m. to noon – Santa Clara COE
- August 5, 9 a.m. to noon – Madera COE
- August 6, 9 a.m. to noon – Monterey COE
- Two workshops in September – dates and locations to be determined

In addition, on June 30, the CDE and ETS will provide a Webcast to prepare district and test site

Administration	Test Material Ordering Deadline	Pre-ID Deadline	Late Pre-ID Deadline	Supplemental Shipment Deadline	Student Results Scheduled to Post
May 12-13	March 30	April 8	April 18	May 4	July 8

coordinators for the fall 2009 administrations of the CAHSEE. The Webcast will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. and can be accessed on the San Diego COE Web site at [http://wcportal.sdcoe.net/v\\_h.asp](http://wcportal.sdcoe.net/v_h.asp) (Outside Source). A second Webcast will be held on December 2, also from 9-11:30 a.m.

Questions about the workshops or Webcasts should be directed to ETS, at 1-800-241-5687.

### **CAHSEE Independent Evaluation Study Request for Proposal (RFP)**

As a result of the Kidd (Chapman) settlement agreement, the CDE is required to contract with an external consultant to conduct a study on grade twelve students who (1) have taken the CAHSEE with modifications and/or accommodations specified in their respective individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plans; (2) have not passed the CAHSEE; and (3) who have satisfied or will satisfy all other requirements for graduation from high school. As a result of the RFP process, the CDE issued a contract on January 27, 2009, to American Institutes for Research (AIR).

Researchers from the AIR and representatives from the CDE will present an overview of the design and methodology of this study during two public meetings to be held on April 9, 2009, at Orange COE, and on April 30, 2009, at Sacramento COE. The purpose of these public meetings is to seek comments on the study from parents, students, teachers, and other interested parties.

Any questions regarding this RFP should be directed to Carrie Strong-Thompson, Education Research and Evaluation Consultant, at 916-319-0341 or by e-mail at [CStrongThompson@cde.ca.gov](mailto:CStrongThompson@cde.ca.gov).

### **CAHSEE Item Writer Training: Save the Date**

On October 27 and 28, 2009, ETS will provide CAHSEE item writer training to interested California mathematics and English-language arts teachers. This two-day workshop will train participants in the methods and techniques of writing items aligned with the California Academic Content Standards and meeting the CAHSEE item specifications. More information and an application will be available in August.

Questions about the CAHSEE item writer training should be directed to Usha Altieri, ETS Program Coordinator, at 916-403-2406 or by e-mail at [ualtieri@ets.org](mailto:ualtieri@ets.org).

#### **More Information**

Additional information about the CAHSEE is available on the CDE CAHSEE Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/>. Questions about the CAHSEE can be directed to the CAHSEE Office at 916-445-9449 or by e-mail at [cahsee@cde.ca.gov](mailto:cahsee@cde.ca.gov).