

School year: 2009-2010

To: All 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students who have not passed the CAHSEE

Dear Connecting Waters Parent(s)/Student,

Our records indicate that your student has not yet passed both sections of the California High School Exit Exam(CAHSEE). This means the requirements set forth by the State of California in order to receive a high school diploma have not been met. There will be three opportunities to attempt the CAHSEE this school year for 12th grade students. **Students who desire to participate in the graduation ceremony must have passed the CAHSEE prior to the date of the May CAHSEE test**

Oct. 6, 2009 ELA(English language arts)

Oct 7, 2009 Math

March 16, 2010 ELA(English language arts)

March 17, 2010 Math

May 11, 2010 ELA(English language arts)

May 12, 2010 Math

**You will receive a letter in the mail with the specific location and time of each test offered. Please be sure to ask your ES if you do not receive information. Students must attend the following scheduled appointments:** learning record meetings, CAHSEE Prep tutoring sessions and CAHSEE classes, Special Education meetings and related tutorials, and exam/testing sessions. Any of these missed appointments will be considered a truancy.

Following is information on the differences between graduating with a High School Diploma versus receiving a Certificate of Completion, or a School Certificate: [Graduation vs Completion:](#)

In order for students to receive a diploma, they must meet all of our graduation requirements, which includes the passing of the CAHSEE.

If students are unsuccessful in passing the CAHSEE exam, it is CWCS's policy that students enroll in remedial classes to support them in acquiring the skills assessed on the CAHSEE.

If identified special education students (with current IEPs) or students with 504 Accommodation Plans are unable to pass the CAHSEE by the end of their 12th grade year, but have completed all other CWCS graduation requirements which would enable them to graduate with a diploma, [current legislation](#) allows these students to receive a regular high school diploma without the necessity of passing the CAHSEE. These students will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Non-Special Ed Students who meet all of the graduation requirements, but do not pass the CAHSEE, will receive a School Certificate. They will not receive a Certificate of Completion nor will they receive a Diploma.

The Certificates simply state that the student has completed the basic graduation requirements of the school. We do not know if this will be accepted by future employers.

Contact your Education Specialist for educational options to aid you in passing the CAHSEE.

-Seniors who have not yet passed the CAHSEE must be enrolled in at least one CAHSEE Intensive Plan option and will be given priority enrollment.

-All 12<sup>th</sup> graders who have not passed a portion of the CAHSEE must participate in a CAHSEE Personalized Learning Improvement Plan(PLIP). The Student will participate in the school plan and continue to attempt to pass the CAHSEE, taking at least 10 credits in each subject area still needed to pass through a HQT tutor, an online vendor, or a school CAHSEE prep course.

- Students who desire to participate in the graduation ceremony must take two out of the first three sessions of the CAHSEE (and pass the test) during their senior year (unless exam has been passed).

Debbie Kutz, mathematics specialist, can be contacted at [dkutz@connectingwaters.org](mailto:dkutz@connectingwaters.org) or 1-800-808-9895 ext. 4 then 3,

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Graduation/Completion Packets will still need to be completed in all of the above situations.

If you have any questions regarding the California High School Exit Exam, please contact Leita Barlow at [lbarlow@connectingwaters.org](mailto:lbarlow@connectingwaters.org) or 800-808-9895 ext. 4 then7.

By signing below I am acknowledging that I have received and understand the information contained in this letter.  
*signed letter to your ES and discuss your options.*

*Please give this*

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Parent signature

Print Parent Name

Date

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signature

Print Student Name

Date

Student