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2011 California High School Exit Exam El Dorado County Students Outperform the State

El Dorado County Students continue to pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) at a significantly higher rate than the State average. The CAHSEE measures whether public high school students demonstrate grade level competency in English/Language Arts and Mathematics. Over 90% of students in El Dorado County pass both sections of the CAHSEE the first time they take it in the tenth grade. If needed students are provided with additional opportunities to retake the test in grades 10, 11 and 12. In El Dorado County, over 80% of students in grades 10, 11 and 12 combined pass both the CAHSEE English/Language Arts and Mathematics sections compared to the State's 65% percent in English/Language Arts and 64% percent in Mathematics.

Passing rates in El Dorado County have steadily improved since the test was implemented in 2006/07, increasing by an average of 2 % per year in both English/Language Arts and Mathematics. County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Vicki Barber, credits El Dorado County's strong passing percentages to its focus on the State Content Standards and instructional programs that meet student needs.

	English/Language Arts		Mathematics	
<i>Grade 10 Only</i>	# Tested	Passing	# Tested	Passing
El Dorado County	2,251	91%	2,230	91%
State of California	475,439	82%	473,439	83%
<i>Grades 10 – 12 Combined</i>	# Tested	Passing	# Tested	Passing
El Dorado County	2,939	82%	2,895	81%
State of California	752,485	65%	746,432	64%

For more information on the CAHSEE visit the California Department of Education website at <http://www.cde.ca.gov>. In addition parents are advised to contact their student's school office to learn more about the CAHSEE for their school district.

EL Dorado County and State Comparison
California High School Exit Exam
2008 - 2011

	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	# Tested	Passed	# Tested	Passed	# Tested	Passed	# Tested	Passed
English/Language Arts								
El Dorado County	3,290	77%	3,079	79%	3,014	80%	2,939	82%
State of California	794,772	61%	780,147	61%	769,677	63%	752,485	65%
Mathematics								
El Dorado County	3,142	79%	2,899	81%	2,899	83%	2,895	81%
State of California	795,965	60%	781,791	61%	754,405	64%	746,432	64%