



Former LAUSD students

QUALIFY FOR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

If you didn't graduate from high school because you failed the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), you now have an opportunity to get your diploma. A new state law – Senate Bill 172 – allows you to get your diploma if you passed all of the graduation requirements of your graduating class, but did not pass CAHSEE.

To see if you qualify, answer these questions:

- Was the last school you attended within the Los Angeles Unified School District?
- Did you complete the 12th grade between years 2006 through 2014?
- Did you complete all graduation and district requirements for your graduating class, but did not pass either one or both sections of the CAHSEE?

If you answered yes to these questions, you may qualify for a high school diploma under the new law. Just complete the short application online. Per state law, diplomas cannot be issued until after Jan. 1, 2016.

For further information, please call 213.241.8744 or 213.241.1081 or e-mail CAHSEE@lausd.net. You can also visit achieve.lausd.net/cahsee.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Senate Bill 172?

Gov. Jerry Brown signed a law in October 2015, suspending passage of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) as a requirement for graduation. Students who received a passing grade in all of their required courses, and met all of the other graduation requirements except for the CAHSEE, are now eligible to receive their diplomas. This law applies to students who would have received their diplomas in 2003-04, or in a subsequent year.

What do I have to do to receive my diploma?

Complete the application that is available at achieve.lausd.net/cahsee. Your student records will be reviewed, and you will receive your diploma in the mail once the District has verified that you are eligible for graduation. SB172 says school districts can begin issuing diplomas after Jan. 1, 2016.

I completed some of my high school courses in Adult School. Am I still eligible for my diploma?

Yes, students who earned course credit in Adult Education programs are eligible to receive a diploma.

Will my diploma be issued for the school and the year I would have graduated?

Your diploma will be issued for the last Los Angeles Unified school you attended, but will be for the year 2016.

Will I have to pay for a diploma?

No. Under SB172, all costs for processing and issuing your diploma will be incurred by Los Angeles Unified School District.

I'm not sure if I'm eligible for my diploma. What should I do?

Complete the application that is available at achieve.lausd.net/cahsee. Your student records will be reviewed. If you are not eligible, the District will advise you what courses you are missing and provide options for how you can earn these credits and complete the graduation requirements.

My sibling is currently a senior in high school. Will he have to pass the CAHSEE to graduate?

No. SB172 suspends CAHSEE as a requirement for the Classes of 2016, 2017 and 2018.

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