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SUBJECT: LAUSD CAHSEE RESULTS FOR THE 2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR

This informative provides pass rates on the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) for the 2013-14 school year. All California public school students must pass the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) in both English language arts and mathematics and meet state and district course requirements in order to receive a high school diploma. As of the 2009-10 school year, students with disabilities are exempted from meeting the CAHSEE requirement as a condition for graduation.

Students are required to take the CAHSEE for the first time in grade 10. Students with disabilities are still required to take the CAHSEE in grade 10 for purposes of fulfilling requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001. Students who do not pass one or both parts of the CAHSEE in grade 10 have up to two opportunities in grade 11 and up to five opportunities in grade 12 to retake the part(s) of the exam not yet passed.

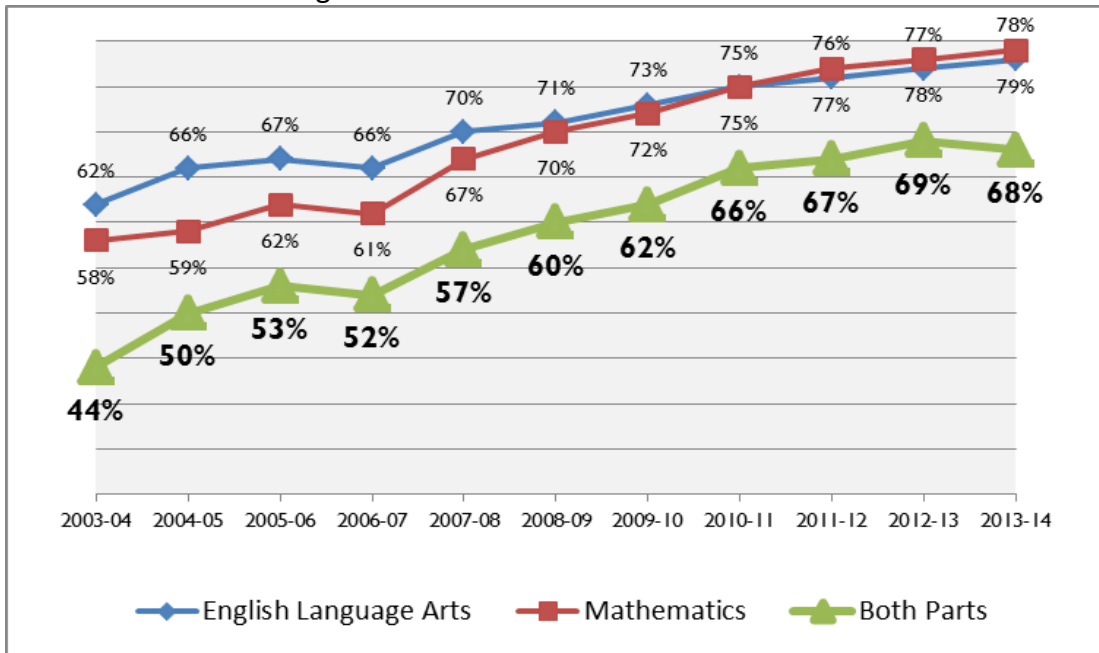
Previous reports presented CAHSEE results up to the March 2014 administration. This informative includes all test administrations for the 2013-14 school year up to the May 2014 administration.

CAHSEE Results for Grade 10 Students

In the 2013-14 school year, more than three-quarters (78%) of the 10th grade students passed the English language arts portion of the test, and 79% passed the Mathematics portion, an increase of one percentage point from the previous year for each subject area. However, students must pass both parts of the exam to meet graduation requirements.

In the 2013-14 school year, 68% of 10th graders passed both parts of the exam, one percentage point lower than the previous year. However, since 2003-04, the first year of the exam, the percentage of 10th graders who passed both parts of the exam on their first try increased by 24 percentage points, from 44% in 2003-04 to 68% in 2013-14.

Figure 1: 10th Grade CAHSEE Pass Rates



Pass Rates by Subgroup

Pass rates decreased for most major subgroups except students with disabilities. Pass rates were highest for Asian (86%) and White (83%) students and lowest for African-American students (57%). Female students had higher pass rates (70%) than male students (65%).

Among English Learners, 17% passed both parts in 10th grade, a decrease of three percentage points from the previous year. For Reclassified English Learners, pass rates decreased from 82% to 80%. Students with disabilities increased by one percentage point from 19% to 20%.

Table 2: CAHSEE Pass Rates by Subgroup

	May Percent Passed as 10th Graders											Change 2013 to 2014
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	
ALL Students	44	50	53	52	57	60	62	66	67	69	68	-1
GENDER												
Male	42	48	51	50	55	59	60	64	65	66	65	-1
Female	46	51	55	53	59	62	64	68	70	71	70	-1
ETHNICITY												
African American	36	40	45	43	45	51	54	55	58	59	57	-2
Asian	77	80	80	81	83	86	88	89	90	87	86	-1
Latino	38	45	48	47	54	57	59	63	65	67	67	0
White	75	80	81	80	82	83	84	84	86	85	83	-2
English Learner	29	34	18	15	19	20	21	23	22	20	17	-3
Reclassified ELs	57	65	69	69	76	78	79	82	83	82	80	-2
Student w/Disabilities	7	9	11	9	14	16	17	18	18	19	20	1

Comparison to State and Urban Districts

Comparisons to the state and other urban districts is possible by subject only (i.e., English language arts or Mathematics), not by passing both parts. In English language arts, LAUSD's pass rate increased by one percentage point, from 77% to 78%. LAUSD's rate was below the statewide average of 83%. At the state level, pass rates remained flat compared to the previous year. Three other districts increased pass rates in English Language Arts (Santa Ana, Sacramento and Fresno) while three urban districts (San Jose, Pasadena and San Bernardino) had declines from the previous year.

Table 4: *10th Grade CAHSEE Pass Rates in English Language Arts by State and Urban Districts*

							Percentage Point Gain
English Language Arts	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	<i>2013 to 2014</i>
San Diego	79	80	82	83	85	85	0
San Jose	82	83	84	85	84	83	-1
California	79	81	82	83	83	83	0
Pomona	74	72	77	80	81	81	0
Long Beach	78	81	80	81	80	80	0
Santa Ana	70	74	79	78	77	79	2
San Francisco	77	80	77	80	78	78	0
LAUSD	71	73	75	76	77	78	1
Pasadena	75	78	82	82	79	77	-2
Sacramento	73	76	78	80	76	77	1
Fresno	67	70	74	75	73	74	1
San Bernardino	65	67	69	71	72	71	-1
Oakland	60	60	64	65	63	63	0

In Mathematics, LAUSD's pass rate increased by one percentage point from 78% to 79%. Statewide, the pass rate also increased by one percentage point, from 84% to 85%. Most urban districts increased pass rates in Mathematics with the exception of San Francisco and Oakland. Santa Ana and Pasadena increased by five percentage points and Fresno increased by four percentage points.

Table 5: 10th Grade CAHSEE Pass Rates in Mathematics by State and Urban Districts

							Percentage Point Gain
Mathematics	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2013 to 2014
San Diego	81	82	85	86	86	87	1
San Jose	85	85	85	85	84	85	1
California	80	81	83	84	84	85	1
Long Beach	79	79	79	83	83	85	2
Santa Ana	76	77	81	83	80	85	5
San Francisco	78	80	82	84	84	84	0
Pasadena	71	78	82	82	77	82	5
Sacramento	77	79	79	82	78	80	2
LAUSD	71	72	75	77	78	79	1
Pomona	77	73	75	77	77	78	1
Fresno	71	73	75	75	73	77	4
San Bernardino	66	66	70	72	74	76	2
Oakland	64	58	64	67	68	68	0

Percentage of Students Passing Both Parts of CAHSEE for 11th and 12th Graders

Pass rates for 11th graders increased by one percentage point from the previous year. As of May 2014, 80% of 11 graders passed both parts of the exam. Pass rates increased or remained the same for most major subgroups except for White students and English learners. The percentage of English learners that passed both parts of CAHSEE was lower for the 11th graders in 2014, however, the number of English learners was lower than in past years, due to larger numbers of English learners being reclassified as fluent in English.

Table 6: CAHSEE Pass Rates for 11th Graders

11th Graders	Percent Passed as of:					
	May 2009	May 2010	May 2011	May 2012	May 2013	May 2014
ALL STUDENTS	75	76	77	80	79	80
GENDER						
Male	73	75	76	78	77	78
Female	77	78	79	82	81	83
ETHNICITY						
African American	64	66	68	69	69	70
Asian	91	93	93	93	92	92
Hispanic	73	74	76	79	78	80
White	90	90	90	89	89	86
English Learners	33	35	34	36	32	23
Reclassified ELs	91	92	92	94	92	92
Students with Disabilities	25	27	28	30	28	30

For the graduating class of 2014, 87% passed both parts of the exam, a decrease of one percentage point compared to the previous year. Across all major subgroups, pass rates for the Class of 2014 were lower than the previous year. Pass rates decreased for English learners, however, there were fewer English learners in 2014 compared to previous years. There were more reclassified English learners in 2014 compared to previous years.

Table 7: CAHSEE Pass Rates for 12th Graders

12th Graders	Percent Passed as of:					
	May 2009	May 2010	May 2011	May 2012	May 2013	May 2014
ALL STUDENTS	87	87	86	88	88	87
GENDER						
Male	86	86	85	87	86	85
Female	88	89	88	90	90	89
ETHNICITY						
African American	82	79	80	81	82	80
Asian	96	96	95	95	96	93
Hispanic	86	86	86	88	88	87
White	95	94	92	93	92	89
English Learners	60	56	53	54	50	29
Reclassified ELs	97	97	98	98	98	97
Students with Disabilities*	45	36	32	38	36	36

*Students with disabilities are exempt from passing the exam for graduation.

The following schools had the highest CAHSEE pass rates for 10th graders in the 2013-14 school year, with over 90% of students passing on their first try.

Table 8: Schools with the Highest CAHSEE Pass Rates for 10th Graders

Locn	ESC	BD	School	May-08	May-09	May-10	May-11	May-12	May-13	May-14	1 Year Change
8518	S	7	HARBOR TCHR PREP ACD	96%	99%	100%	100%	100%	98%	99%	1%
8741	W	1	LACES MAG	96%	96%	99%	98%	99%	100%	98%	-2%
8842	N	3	SOCES MAG	90%	95%	97%	95%	91%	99%	94%	-5%
7751	ISIC	2	ROOSEVELT SH MAGNET	51%	56%	57%	85%	91%	92%	94%	2%
7390	N	3	VALLEY ALTERN MAG	85%	87%	91%	92%	91%	93%	92%	-1%
8754	E	2	BRAVO MEDICAL MAG	92%	91%	93%	94%	95%	96%	92%	-4%
8727	S	7	KING-DREW MED MAG	81%	78%	84%	85%	84%	93%	92%	-1%
8853	E	2	ORTHOPAEDIC HOSP MAG	74%	89%	79%	86%	89%	91%	91%	0%
8738	E	2	DOWNTWN BUSINESS MAG	80%	80%	83%	87%	86%	94%	91%	-3%
8558	N	3	PEARL JOURN/COMM MAG	--	--	86%	94%	93%	94%	90%	-4%
7656	ISIC	7	CARSON ACAD MED ARTS	--	--	--	--	--	79%	90%	11%

The following schools had the greatest improvement in pass rates for 10th graders, compared to the previous year, with percentage point gains of 10 or higher.

Table 9: Schools with the Highest Percentage Point Gain in CAHSEE Pass Rates for 10th Graders

Locn	ESC	BD	School	May-08	May-09	May-10	May-11	May-12	May-13	May-14	1 Year Change
8866	ISIC	5	MARQUEZ SH HPIAM	--	--	--	--	--	55%	72%	17%
8501	ISIC	2	RFK LA SH ARTS	0%	50%	57%	66%	78%	63%	79%	16%
8714	ISIC	5	JEFFERSON SH	34%	44%	44%	51%	45%	49%	62%	13%
7780	ISIC	2	RFK UCLA COMM SCH	--	--	--	50%	69%	60%	73%	13%
8867	ISIC	7	RIVERA LC PUB SRV	--	--	--	--	50%	52%	65%	13%
7775	ISIC	2	TORRES HUM/ART/TECH	--	--	--	44%	56%	50%	63%	13%
8921	S	5	LEGACY SH STEAM	--	--	--	--	--	61%	73%	12%
7715	ISIC	6	CHAVEZ LA ARTES	--	--	--	--	69%	49%	61%	12%
7718	ISIC	7	RIVERA LC COM & TECH	--	--	--	--	25%	51%	63%	12%
7656	ISIC	7	CARSON ACAD MED ARTS	--	--	--	--	--	79%	90%	11%
7771	ISIC	2	RFK AMBSTR GLBL LDSH	--	--	--	48%	73%	51%	61%	10%
7664	S	5	LEGACY SH VAPA	--	--	--	--	--	54%	64%	10%

The attached spreadsheet has two school lists: Attachment A which lists 10th grade pass rates for the last three years sorted by one year change, and Attachment B which lists pass rates by school for 10th, 11th and 12th graders.

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