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SUBJECT: MARCH 2015 CAHSEE RESULTS

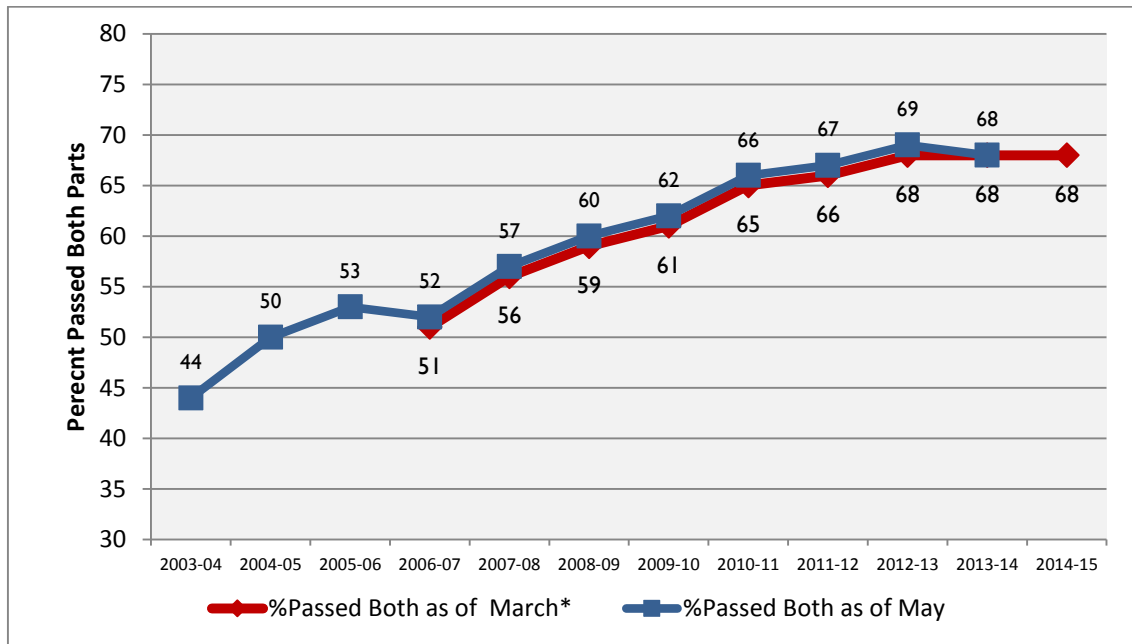
This informative provides pass rate results on the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) as of the March 2015 administration of the exam. All 10th graders take the test for the first time in either February or March. The exam was also administered in May for 10th graders who may have missed the previous administrations of the test and for 11th and 12th graders that still needed to pass. The March administration results give an indication of how many 10th grade students passed the exam on their first try, as the majority of 10th graders are tested in March. Complete statistics for all test administrations in the 2014-15 school year will be released in September 2015 and will allow for comparisons with the state and other districts.

All California public school students must pass both the English language arts and mathematics portion of the CAHSEE and meet state and district course requirements in order to receive a high school diploma. In the 2014-15 school year, students with disabilities were not required to pass the CAHSEE as a condition of receiving a diploma, although all 10th grade students with disabilities were required to take the CAHSEE for the 10th grade census.

CAHSEE Results for Grade 10 Students

As of the March 2015 administration, 68% of current 10th graders passed both parts of the exam, the same percentage compared to the last two years at the same point in time. Since 2006-07, pass rates have increased by one percentage point after the May administration. Last year, the percentage of 10th graders that passed both parts remained at 68% after the March and May administration.

Figure 1: Percentage of 10th Graders Passing Both Parts of CAHSEE on First Try
2003-04 to 2014-15



*March administration results not available for earlier years.

Since the March 2007 school year, the pass rates have increased from 51% to 68%. Compared to the previous year, the percentage of 10th graders passing both parts remained constant at 68%. Pass rates increased for females, Asian students and English Learners. Pass rates were constant for African-American and reclassified English Learners. All other subgroups decreased by one or more percentage points.

Table 2: Percentage of 10th Graders Passing Both Parts of CAHSEE on First Try as of March

	March 2007	March 2008	March 2009	March 2010	March 2011	March 2012	March 2013	March 2014	March 2015
ALL Students	51	56	59	61	65	66	68	68	68
GENDER									
Male	50	54	58	59	63	64	65	65	64
Female	53	58	61	63	67	69	70	70	71
ETHNICITY									
African American	43	44	50	53	54	56	58	57	57
Asian	81	82	85	87	88	89	85	86	89
Latino	47	53	56	58	62	64	66	67	66
White	79	80	81	82	83	84	84	83	81
English Learner	15	19	20	21	23	22	19	17	19
Reclassified ELs	69	74	77	78	81	81	81	79	79
Students with Disabilities	9	13	15	17	17	17	19	20	19

Table 3 displays the schools with the highest and lowest pass rates among comprehensive senior high schools. Harbor Teacher Prep had 100% of their 10th graders pass both parts, followed by Valley Alternative Magnet at 98%. Pass rates equaled or exceeded 90% for eleven other schools.

Nine schools had pass rates lower than 44%. LA Teacher Prep Academy had the lowest rate at 24%, followed by Early College Academy and Angelou Fine and Performing Arts.

Table 3: Comprehensive High Schools with the Highest and Lowest Percentage of 10th Graders Who Passed Both Parts of CAHSEE

Locn	ESC	BD	Name	March 2009	March 2010	March 2011	March 2012	March 2013	March 2014	March 2015	Mar 2015 Tested	1 Year Change
HIGHEST PASS RATES												
8518	S	7	HARBOR TCHR PREP ACD	99%	100%	100%	100%	98%	99%	100%	122	1%
7390	N	3	VALLEY ALTERN MAG	85%	91%	92%	91%	93%	92%	98%	48	6%
8760	W	1	MIDDLE COLLEGE HS	87%	91%	85%	94%	92%	89%	97%	103	8%
8741	W	1	LACES MAG	94%	98%	98%	97%	98%	98%	96%	225	-2%
7751	XP	2	ROOSEVELT SH MAGNET	--	--	83%	91%	92%	94%	95%	117	1%
8754	E	2	BRAVO MEDICAL MAG	87%	91%	94%	93%	95%	92%	93%	441	1%
8738	E	2	DOWNTWN BUSINESS MAG	78%	81%	86%	84%	93%	91%	93%	227	2%
8842	N	3	SOCES MAG	94%	95%	93%	86%	98%	94%	92%	273	-2%
7137	W	1	32ND/USC PER ART MAG	86%	80%	83%	90%	89%	86%	92%	84	6%
7656	XP	7	CARSON ACAD MED ARTS	--	--	--	--	78%	90%	92%	95	2%
8727	S	7	KING-DREW MED MAG	77%	82%	84%	83%	93%	92%	91%	358	-1%
8558	N	3	PEARL JOURN/COMM MAG	--	82%	94%	92%	91%	90%	90%	98	0%
8853	E	2	ORTHOPAEDIC HOSP MAG	87%	79%	85%	89%	90%	91%	90%	201	-1%
LOWEST PASS RATES												
8714	XP	5	JEFFERSON SH	43%	43%	50%	44%	48%	62%	44%	263	-18%
7666	XP	1	HAWKINS SH RISE	--	--	--	--	36%	41%	44%	124	3%
8093	XP	6	SUN VALLEY SH	--	55%	64%	50%	50%	48%	44%	131	-4%
8736	XP	1	LOS ANGELES SH	48%	60%	61%	60%	59%	50%	42%	379	-8%
8596	XP	1	CRENSHAW STEMM MAG	35%	43%	42%	38%	43%	42%	40%	253	-2%
7667	XP	7	DYMALLY SH	--	--	--	--	43%	52%	39%	199	-13%
7722	E	7	ANGELOU COMM FN ARTS	--	--	--	45%	55%	58%	37%	292	-21%
8710	XP	2	EARLY COLLEGE ACAD	--	--	--	--	--	52%	32%	37	-20%
8210	XP	2	BELMONT SH LA TCH PR	30%	39%	39%	67%	38%	23%	24%	68	1%

Table 4 displays the schools with the highest and lowest percentage point gains from the previous year. Roosevelt ESP had a 27 percentage point gain, although only 28 students were tested. Sotomayor LA River Academy, Contreras LC Business and Tourism and Bernstein STEM had double digit gains.

Ten high schools decreased the percentage of students passing by more than 10 percentage points. Elizabeth LC, Angelou Fine and Performing Arts and Early College Academy decreased by 20 or more percentage points.

Table 4: Schools with the Highest and Lowest Percentage Point Change from Previous Year
10th Graders Who Passed Both Parts of CAHSEE

Locn	ESC	BD	Name	March 2009	March 2010	March 2011	March 2012	March 2013	March 2014	March 2015	Mar 2015 Tested	1 Year Change
HIGHEST GROWTH FROM PREVIOUS YEAR												
7750	E	2	ROOSEVELT SH ESP	--	--	53%	60%	61%	59%	86%	28	27%
8577	XP	5	SOTOMAYOR LA LARS	--	--	--	56%	52%	49%	64%	92	15%
8517	XP	2	CONTRERAS BUS TOUR	61%	63%	67%	68%	63%	69%	82%	104	13%
7734	XP	4	BERNSTEIN SH STEM	--	--	--	--	66%	75%	85%	149	10%
8843	XP	6	SAN FERNANDO SH	51%	63%	70%	65%	64%	61%	70%	800	9%
8611	XP	2	MENDEZ SH	--	45%	60%	57%	70%	70%	78%	96	8%
8760	W	1	MIDDLE COLLEGE HS	87%	91%	85%	94%	92%	89%	97%	103	8%
8529	XP	7	BANNING SH	61%	63%	68%	66%	72%	72%	80%	361	8%
LOWEST GROWTH FROM PREVIOUS YEAR												
8814	N	6	RESEDA SH	72%	74%	80%	75%	83%	75%	65%	456	-10%
8683	N	3	GRANT SH	63%	66%	65%	72%	72%	74%	63%	463	-11%
8600	XP	1	DORSEY SH	41%	40%	45%	53%	53%	57%	45%	289	-12%
7667	XP	7	DYMALLY SH	--	--	--	--	43%	52%	39%	199	-13%
7752	XP	2	SOLIS LEARNING ACAD	--	--	--	--	--	61%	48%	75	-13%
7775	XP	2	TORRES HUM/ART/TECH	--	--	44%	55%	50%	63%	48%	110	-15%
8714	XP	5	JEFFERSON SH	43%	43%	50%	44%	48%	62%	44%	263	-18%
8710	XP	2	EARLY COLLEGE ACAD	--	--	--	--	--	52%	32%	37	-20%
7722	E	7	ANGELOU COMM FN ARTS	--	--	--	45%	55%	58%	37%	292	-21%
3548	S	5	ELIZABETH LC	65%	72%	80%	79%	85%	78%	56%	197	-22%

CAHSEE Results for Grade 11 Students

The percentage of 11th graders that have passed CAHSEE decreased from 80% to 77% compared to the prior year. Pass rates decreased for all major subgroups.

Table 5: Cumulative Pass Rates for 11th Graders Passing Both Parts of CAHSEE as of March

11th Graders	March 2009	March 2010	March 2011	March 2012	March 2013	March 2014	March 2015
ALL STUDENTS	75	76	77	79	79	80	77
GENDER							
Male	73	75	75	78	77	77	74
Female	77	77	79	81	81	82	79
ETHNICITY							
African American	64	66	67	68	69	68	66
Asian	91	93	93	93	92	92	87
Latino	73	74	75	79	78	79	78
White	90	89	90	88	89	86	73
English Learner	33	34	33	36	31	22	24
Reclassified ELs	91	92	92	94	92	91	89
Students with Disabilities	25	27	27	29	28	30	28

CAHSEE Results for Grade 12 Students

Students must pass both parts of the CAHSEE and complete all course and credit requirements to receive a high school diploma. For the graduating class of 2015, students with disabilities are exempted from having to pass the CAHSEE in order to receive a diploma.

As of the March CAHSEE administration, 86% of current 12th graders have passed both parts of the exam, the same percentage as the previous year. Pass rates increased for females, Asian and White students, and English Learners. All other subgroups remained the same as the previous year with the exception of students with disabilities which decreased by one percentage point.

Students who have not yet passed CAHSEE had an additional opportunity to pass the exam in May 2015. However, results will not be received in time for June graduation. In previous years, students who had not passed the exam as of the May administration would have had another opportunity in July 2015. However, the California Department of Education (CDE) recently announced that the July 2015 administration has been cancelled.

Table 6: Cumulative Pass Rates for 12th Graders Passing Both Parts of CAHSEE as of March

12th Graders	March 2009	March 2010	March 2011	March 2012	March 2013	March 2014	March 2015
ALL STUDENTS	86	86	85	87	87	86	86
GENDER							
Male	86	85	83	86	85	84	84
Female	87	88	86	89	89	88	89
ETHNICITY							
African American	80	78	77	80	80	77	77
Asian	95	96	95	95	96	93	94
Latino	85	85	84	87	86	86	86
White	94	94	91	93	91	89	93
English Learner	57	53	50	52	47	28	32
Reclassified ELs	97	97	97	97	98	96	96
Student with Disabilities	44	33	30	35	34	34	33

Attachment A lists the pass rates for the current 10th graders as of the March administration for comprehensive high schools and options schools. Attachment B lists the pass rates for 10th, 11th and 12th graders.

If there are any questions, please call me at 213-241-2460 or if there are questions regarding the CAHSEE test administration, please call the Student Testing Unit at 213-241-4104.