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SUBJECT: LAUSD CAHSEE RESULTS FOR THE 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

This informative provides information regarding the pass rates on the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) for the 2011-12 school year. Statewide results will be released by the California Department of Education (CDE) on August 22, 2012.

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.

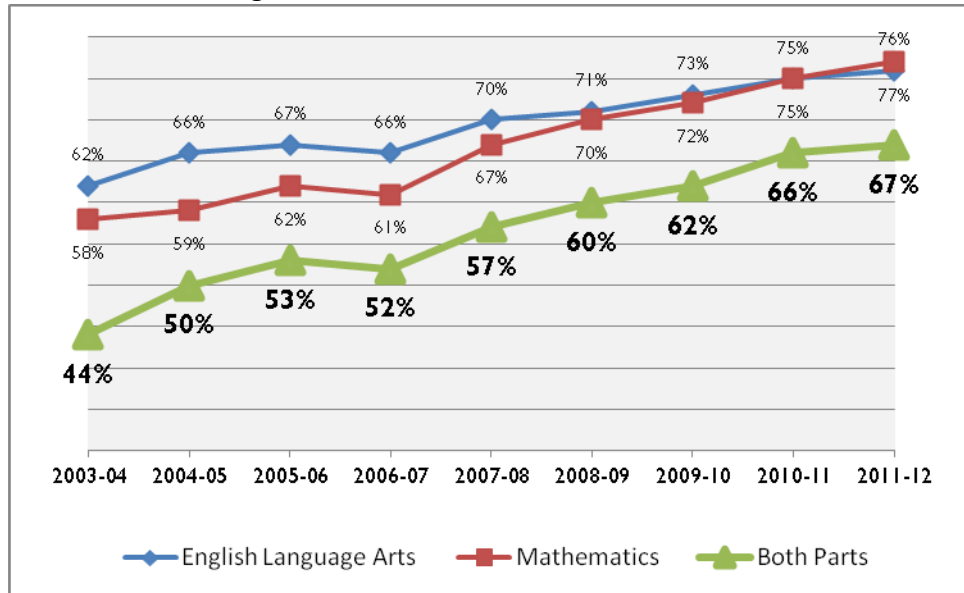
Previous reports presented CAHSEE results up to the March 2012 administration. This informative includes all test administrations for the 2011-12 school year up to the May 2012 administration.

CAHSEE Results for Grade 10 Students

In the 2011-12 school year, more than three-quarters (76%) of the 10th grade students passed the English language arts portion of the test, and 77% passed the Mathematics portion, the highest since the inception of the exam. However, students must pass both parts of the exam to meet graduation requirements.

In the 2011-12 school year, 67% of 10th graders passed both parts of the exam. **The pass rate for the 10th graders in 2011-12 is higher than all previous 10th grade classes.** The percentage of 10th graders who passed both parts of the exam on their first try increased by 23 percentage points, from 44% in 2003-04 to 67% in 2011-12.

Figure 1: 10th Grade CAHSEE Pass Rates



Pass Rates by Subgroup

In the past year, pass rates increased for all major subgroups, except for English learners and students with disabilities.

Female students had higher pass rates than male students. Latino students gained by two percentage points from the previous year while African American gained by three percentage points.

Over the past eight years, pass rates for Latino students increased by 27 percentage points, from 38% to 65%. Pass rates for African-American students increased by 22 percentage points, from 36% to 58%.

Pass rates decreased by one percentage point for English learners and gained by one percentage point for Reclassified English Learners. Over the past eight years, pass rates for English learners decreased by seven percentage points.

Pass rates for students with disabilities remained at 18% for the past two years. However, pass rates have increased by 11 percentage points over the past eight years.

Table 2: CAHSEE Pass Rates by Subgroup

	Percent Passed as 10th Graders									Change 2011 to 2012	Change 2004 to 2012
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12		
ALL STUDENTS	44%	50%	53%	52%	57%	60%	62%	66%	67%	1	23
Gender											
Male	42%	48%	51%	50%	55%	59%	60%	64%	65%	1	23
Female	46%	51%	55%	53%	59%	62%	64%	68%	70%	2	24
Ethnicity											
African American	36%	40%	45%	43%	45%	51%	54%	55%	58%	3	22
Asian	77%	80%	80%	81%	83%	86%	88%	89%	90%	1	13
Latino	38%	45%	48%	47%	54%	57%	59%	63%	65%	2	27
White	75%	80%	81%	80%	82%	83%	84%	84%	86%	2	11
English Learners	29%	34%	18%	15%	19%	20%	21%	23%	22%	(1)	(7)
Reclassified ELs	57%	65%	69%	69%	76%	78%	79%	82%	83%	1	26
Students w/Disabilities	7%	9%	11%	9%	14%	16%	17%	18%	18%	-	11

Comparison to State and Urban Districts

Comparisons to 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 of 76% was below the statewide average of 83%. LAUSD's pass rate exceeded Fresno and Oakland. Over the past eight years, LAUSD's 14 percentage point gains was the second highest among urban district, after Pasadena's gain of 18 percentage points.

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

	Percent Passed as 10th Graders									Percentage Point Gain	
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2011 to 2012	2004 to 2012
English Language Arts											
San Jose	78%	80%	80%	82%	82%	82%	83%	84%	85%	1	7
California	75%	76%	75%	77%	79%	79%	81%	82%	83%	1	8
San Diego	78%	75%	78%	77%	77%	79%	80%	82%	83%	1	5
Pasadena	64%	69%	73%	76%	76%	75%	78%	82%	82%	0	18
Long Beach	71%	74%	75%	79%	79%	78%	81%	80%	81%	1	10
Pomona	67%	67%	69%	71%	71%	74%	72%	77%	80%	3	13
San Francisco	74%	76%	74%	77%	77%	77%	80%	77%	80%	3	6
Sacramento	68%	68%	71%	75%	75%	73%	76%	78%	80%	2	12
LAUSD	62%	66%	67%	66%	70%	71%	73%	75%	76%	1	14
Fresno	62%	65%	64%	68%	68%	67%	70%	74%	75%	1	13
Oakland	55%	57%	62%	60%	60%	60%	60%	64%	65%	1	10

In Mathematics, LAUSD's pass rate of 77% was higher than Fresno and Oakland and on par with Pomona. The statewide average was 84%. LAUSD's gain of 19 percentage points over the last eight years was higher than other urban districts and higher than the statewide gain of 10 percentage points.

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

Mathematics	Percent Passed as 10th Graders									Percentage Point Gain	
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2011 to 2012	2004 to 2012
San Diego	74%	78%	78%	77%	77%	81%	82%	85%	86%	1	12
San Jose	76%	75%	79%	83%	83%	85%	85%	85%	85%	0	9
San Francisco	78%	80%	76%	80%	80%	78%	80%	82%	84%	2	6
California	74%	74%	77%	76%	78%	80%	81%	83%	84%	1	10
Long Beach	69%	70%	71%	78%	78%	79%	79%	79%	83%	4	14
Sacramento	68%	64%	70%	76%	76%	77%	79%	79%	82%	3	14
Pasadena	59%	59%	63%	72%	72%	71%	78%	82%	82%	0	23
LAUSD	58%	59%	62%	61%	67%	71%	72%	75%	77%	2	19
Pomona	63%	64%	70%	72%	72%	77%	73%	75%	77%	2	14
Fresno	59%	61%	63%	71%	71%	71%	73%	75%	75%	0	16
Oakland	52%	54%	60%	61%	61%	64%	58%	64%	67%	3	15

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

Pass rates for 11th and 12th graders have increased from the previous year. As of May 2012, 80% of 11 graders passed both parts of the exam, up three percentage points from the previous year. Pass rates for 11th graders have inched upward for each major subgroup, and is the highest in the past four years.

Table 6: CAHSEE Pass Rates for 11th Graders

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

Pass rates for 12th graders at the end of the school year are at an all-time high of 88%, compared to previous years. Pass rates increased for all major subgroups.

Table 7: CAHSEE Pass Rates for 12th Graders

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

*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 2011-12 school year.

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

Locn	BD	ESC	Name	May-07	May-08	May-09	May-10	May-11	May-12	1 Year Change
8518	7	S	HARBOR TCHR PREP ACD	97%	96%	99%	100%	100%	100%	0%
8741	1	W	LACES MAG	94%	96%	96%	99%	98%	99%	1%
8754	2	E	BRAVO MEDICAL MAG	88%	92%	91%	93%	94%	95%	1%
8760	1	W	MIDDLE COLLEGE HS	72%	88%	87%	91%	85%	94%	9%
8558	3	N	PEARL JOURN/COMM MAG	--	--	--	86%	94%	93%	-1%
7390	3	N	VALLEY ALTERN MAG	87%	85%	87%	91%	92%	91%	-1%
7751	2	XP	ROOSEVELT HS MAGNET	48%	51%	56%	57%	85%	91%	6%
8842	3	N	SOCES MAG	96%	90%	95%	97%	95%	91%	-4%
7137	1	W	32ND/USC PER ART MAG	89%	84%	86%	80%	83%	90%	7%

The following schools had the greatest improvement in pass rates for 10th graders, compared to the previous year.

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

Locn	BD	ESC	Name	May-07	May-08	May-09	May-10	May-11	May-12	1 Year Change
8210	2	XP	LA TEACHER PREP ACAD	0%	0%	32%	39%	39%	67%	28%
7771	2	XP	AMBSDR-GLOBAL LDSHP	--	--	--	--	48%	73%	25%
7780	2	XP	UCLA COMMUNITY SCH	--	--	--	--	50%	69%	19%
8610	6	XP	PANORAMA SH	29%	45%	47%	48%	51%	67%	16%
8882	5	S	MAYWOOD ACADEMY SH	51%	61%	57%	64%	68%	83%	15%
8768	6	XP	MONROE SH	42%	51%	57%	55%	58%	73%	15%
8774	2	XP	LA GLOBAL STUDIES	57%	53%	59%	69%	59%	73%	14%
8721	7	XP	JORDAN SH	37%	35%	39%	31%	36%	49%	13%
8501	2	XP	LA HS ARTS @RFK	0%	0%	50%	57%	66%	78%	12%
7775	2	XP	TORRES HUM/ART/TECH	--	--	--	--	44%	56%	12%

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

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