

Buena Park High School

10th Grade Parent Night



California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)

- Basic Math + Algebra 1
- 10th Grade English (Including Essay)
- 1st Test – March 11/12
- Number of Attempts Possible = 5 (Less if re-designated)
- Study Guide for Students/Parents
- Parents need to set aside time over the next 2 weeks to help their child study. (Take the practice tests, go over the answers and write practice essays)



CAHSEE (Multiple Choice Section)

- Reading Passages (Read the questions first before reading the passage)
- If you don't know the answer, eliminate bad choices before guessing.

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Essay: Score of 1-4

Each Point is worth 6 correct questions on the multiple choice section.

Keys to scoring well on the Essay

- * Neatness (Print if necessary)
- * Length (As long as possible without rambling) More pieces of “evidence” will help length. Get to the 3rd Page!
- * A thesis statement in the Introductory Paragraph that addresses the question
- * Distinct paragraphs (use large indentations) that prove the thesis. (Indent at least 1/3 of the page)
- * A conclusion paragraph that summarizes your thesis and how you proved it. If in doubt, it’s ok to start off with “In conclusion,

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Example: Response to Literature

- Write an essay in which you describe the personality and emotions of Jeff, the main character. How do his personal characteristics add to the events in the story? How does the author reveal this information about Jeff in the story? Use details and examples from the story to support your ideas.
- Intro Paragraph “In the story “The Hiking Trip,” the main character Jeff.....
- Body Paragraph 1 “The author lets us know that Jeff is very.....
(use quotes from the story as evidence)
- Body Paragraph 2 “The author also reveals that Jeff is.....”
- Conclusion “In conclusion, those who read the story “The Hiking Trip” will see that the main character Jeff.....

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- Exposition/Persuasive Essays
- “Write a composition in which you discuss a moment in history. Share its importance in today’s world. Be sure to support the moment with details and examples.”
- Intro Paragraph “The Industrial Revolution was a very important moment in history” Give examples of a few reasons.
- Body Paragraph 1 “Without the Industrial Revolution we wouldn’t have all of the technology we have today.....
- Body Paragraph 2 “Another reason the Industrial Revolution was important is that many people moved from farms to the cities for jobs.”
- Conclusion “As we have seen, the Industrial Revolution has had a large impact on today’s world.....

CST's and CAHSEE

- **Students scoring “Far Below Basic, Below Basic and Basic on their 9th grade CST’s in English and/or Math have not passed the CAHSEE without intense review and study.**
- **Less than half of Students scoring “Proficient” on their 9th grade CST’s in English and/or Math pass the CAHSEE the first time without some amount of review and studying**
- **Most students scoring “Advanced” on their 9th grade CST’s in English and/or Math pass the CAHSEE the first time. About 10% do not, so it’s best to review the basics.**



Thank You for Coming!

