

# California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) 2011–12

## What is the CHSPE?

The California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) is a voluntary test that assesses proficiency in basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills taught in public schools. Eligible persons who pass both parts of the CHSPE are awarded a Certificate of Proficiency by the State Board of Education. The test is given in English only.

## Who is eligible to take the CHSPE?

You may take the CHSPE *only if* on the test date, you:

- are at least 16 years old, *or*
- have been enrolled in the tenth grade for one academic year or longer, *or*
- will complete one academic year of enrollment in the tenth grade at the end of the semester during which the next regular administration will be conducted. (Regular administrations are the fall and spring administrations each school year.)

## When is the CHSPE offered?

The administration dates for 2011–12 school year are as follows:

Test Date Saturday Morning	Regular Registration Deadline (Receipt Date)	Late Registration Deadline (Receipt Date)	Emergency Registration Deadline (Receipt Date)	Results Mailed
October 15, 2011	September 16, 2011	September 30, 2011	October 11, 2011	November 18, 2011
March 17, 2012	February 17, 2012	March 2, 2012	March 13, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 16, 2012	May 18, 2012	June 1, 2012	June 12, 2012	July 20, 2012

There is at least one test administration center in most California counties; some counties have more than one test administration center. Test dates and locations, as well as the CHSPE Information Bulletin, are available on the Internet at <http://www.chspe.net>.

## Certificate of Proficiency

California law requires that the Certificate of Proficiency be equivalent to a high school diploma. Institutions that are subject to California law and that require a high school diploma also must accept a Certificate of Proficiency. A student who receives a Certificate of Proficiency may, with verified parental approval, leave high school early. The Certificate of Proficiency, however, is not equivalent to completing all course work required for regular graduation from high school. Speak to your school counselor to understand the benefits of the Certificate of Proficiency. If you are planning to continue your studies in a college or university, contact the admissions office so that you may understand its requirements and whether or not the CHSPE certificate will be accepted.

## For more information:

Additional information about the CHSPE is located on the Web at <http://www.chspe.net> or call 866-342-4773.