

# California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) 2006

## 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 you meet one of the following requirements on the test date:

- You are at least 16 years old, or
- You have completed at least one academic year of the tenth grade, or
- You are enrolled in the second semester of tenth grade.

## When is the CHSPE offered?

The administration dates for 2006 are as follows:

Test Date Saturday Morning	Regular Registration Deadline (Postmark Date)	Late Registration Deadline (Receipt Date)	Emergency Registration Deadline (Receipt Date)	Results Mailed
June 24, 2006	May 26, 2006	June 9, 2006	June 20, 2006	August 4, 2006
October 21, 2006	September 22, 2006	October 6, 2006	October 17, 2006	December 1, 2006

During the summer and fall administrations, there is at least one test administration center in most California counties; some counties have more than one test administration center. A list of the counties and test centers may be found on the Internet at <http://www.chspe.net> or in the CHSPE Information Bulletin also available on the Web site.

## 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.