

## FLYER FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES ELEVEN AND TWELVE

# California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) 2009–10

## 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 2009–10 school year are as follows:

Test Date Saturday Morning	Regular Registration Deadline (Postmark Date)	Late Registration Deadline (Receipt Date)	Emergency Registration Deadline (Receipt Date)	Results Mailed
October 17, 2009	September 18, 2009	October 2, 2009	October 13, 2009	November 20, 2009
March 20, 2010	February 19, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 16, 2010	April 23, 2010
June 19, 2010	May 21, 2010	June 4, 2010	June 15, 2010	July 23, 2010

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 this 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.