



Information Alert for Parents of Special Education Students

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CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM (CAHSEE) REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

As of September 1, 2009 the California State legislature ruled that students with IEPs will not be required to pass the CAHSEE in order to obtain a high school diploma. However, students will still need to meet all requirements for high school credits established by the district. All districts are required by the state to include the passing of Algebra 1 as a diploma requirement.

The legislature notes that this exemption stays in place until the State Board approves an alternate means of assessment. Since no one knows for sure when this may happen, it is important that all students continue to attempt to pass the CAHSEE each time it is administered. In addition, the IEP needs to note that the student is working toward a high school diploma (not Certificate of Completion).

What If My Child Passes The CAHSEE With Modifications?

The law continues to allow students with IEPs who take the CAHSEE using modifications, and achieve a passing score, to be eligible for a diploma. This is a local option, and the diploma may be granted by the school board.

For more information on this issue, go to the SELPA website at www.venturacountyselpa.com click on Information for Families/Information Alerts for Parents.