

## RED Alert: Week of October 19, 2009

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\*2008-09 Advanced Placement Summary Report Available on the Web

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\*Principal's Certification of Graduates Reminder

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### **2008-09 Advanced Placement Summary Report Available on the Web NEW**

The report "[Advanced Placement \(AP\) Report, 2008-2009](#)" is now available on the web. This report summarizes 2009 AP course participation, test taking, and test pass rates at district-managed schools, providing demographic breakouts as well as comparing the results to those for previous years. In addition, the report presents results for individual schools. Notable findings are listed below:

- \* AP course participation in 2008-2009 among Grade 10-12 students in district-managed schools reached 27 percent, one percentage point higher than the previous year and eight percentage points higher than in 2001.
- \* The percentage of Grade 10-12 students in district-managed schools who passed an AP exam (scored 3 or higher) increased by one percentage point from the prior year to 13 percent, up from 9 percent in 2001.
- \* Racial/ethnic gaps in AP course participation decreased in 2008-2009 as African American and Hispanic participation increased and Asian participation decreased and White participation held steady.
- \* Racial/ethnic gaps in AP exam pass rates increased in 2008-2009 as Hispanic and African American pass rates decreased and pass rates of all other larger racial/ethnic groups increased.

Questions about this report may be directed to Leah Baylon of the Research and Reporting Department (619-725-7202 or [lbaylon@sandi.net](mailto:lbaylon@sandi.net)).

[Click here](#) for more detailed school and district AP reports.

### **Upcoming/Continuing Test Windows UPDATED**

**California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE):** November 3 and 4, 2009 for Grade 11 (students in the Class of 2011) and Adult Education students ONLY. For questions regarding the CAHSEE, please call 619-725-7061.

**CELDT Annual Assessment:** September 8, 2009 - October 21, 2009 for Grades K-12. Test materials must be returned to Annex 10, at the Eugene Brucker Education Center between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on the dates indicated below. For questions regarding the CELDT, please call 619-725-7059.

- October 21 – Elementary Schools, Traditional Calendar
- October 22 – Secondary Schools, Traditional Calendar
- October 23 – Elementary & Secondary Schools, Single Track Year-Round

**Literacy & Mathematics Benchmarks for Elementary Schools:** October 19 - November 6, 2009 for Grades 1-6. Materials were delivered via truck delivery during the week of October 5, 2009. Instructions for test site coordinators were included with the materials delivered to sites. For more information, please call 619-725-7148.

**Literacy & Mathematics Benchmarks for Middle Schools:** October 26 - November 6, 2009 for Grades 6-8. Materials were delivered via truck delivery during the week of October 12, 2009. Instructions for test site coordinators were included with the materials delivered to sites. For more information, please call 619-725-7148.

**Mathematics Benchmarks for Senior High Schools:** October 26 - November 6, 2009 for students enrolled in Algebra or Geometry. Materials were delivered via truck delivery during the week of October 12, 2009. Instructions for test site coordinators were included with the materials delivered to sites. For more information, please call 619-725-7148.

**Practice California High School Exit Examination (PCAHSEE):** Testing window will be determined by sites. The PCAHSEE will be administered to all students in Grade 9 (Class of 2013) during the 2009-10 school year. Materials were delivered via truck delivery during the week of October 19, 2009. Instructions for test site coordinators were included with the materials delivered to sites. Sites will print their own answer sheets from DataDirector after determining their school's testing window. For more information, please call 619-725-7165.

### **Principal's Certification of Graduates Reminder REMINDER**

A *Principal's Certification of Graduates* form **must be completed after each graduation event** (e.g., mid-year, June commencement, **end of Summer School**, and October 1). Please submit your school's certification form for the October 1 listing (primarily for students who completed their CAHSEE requirements via the July CAHSEE administration) by October 30.

The *Principal's Certification of Graduates* form serves as an assurance that:

1. a) All students receiving diplomas have completed all graduation requirements,
- b) Students who did not meet all graduation requirements but received a diploma were granted waivers by the principal, **and**
- c) Graduation status data have been correctly entered into the district's data system.

**OR**

2. There were no students who received diplomas at this graduation event.

Per Administrative Procedure 4770, waivers to the District graduation requirements may be granted in specific cases with compelling circumstances. Principals have the authority to grant waivers and will make the determination on a case-by-case basis. (Note: The CAHSEE graduation requirement is state-mandated and may not be waived by the principal.) The names of all students granted waivers as well as student ID numbers, specific graduation requirement(s) waived, and rationale for the waiver must be listed on the *Principal's Certification of Graduates* form.

The certification form must be signed by the principal and copies must be provided to the Chief Secondary School Improvement Officer and the Research and Evaluation Division.

For additional information, please refer to Administrative Circular No. 102 (posted June 10, 2008) on the District's website. An electronic version of the *Principal's Certification of Graduates* form is available online at [http://old.sandi.net/staff/circulars/0708/ac102\\_2.doc](http://old.sandi.net/staff/circulars/0708/ac102_2.doc).

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