



CHSPE

California High School Proficiency Examination

<https://www.chspe.net>

The California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) is a testing program established by California law (*Education Code Section 48412*). If eligible to take the test, **students can earn the legal equivalent of a high school diploma** by passing the CHSPE. Upon passing the CHSPE, the California State Board of Education will award a **Certificate of Proficiency**, which by state law is equivalent to a high school diploma. *All persons and institutions subject to California law that require a high school diploma for any purpose must accept the certificate as satisfying the requirement.*

The CHSPE consists of two test sections: English Language Arts and Mathematics. *You must pass both sections to receive a Certificate of Proficiency.* On the test administration day, you can choose to take the Mathematics section, the English Language Arts section, or the English Language Arts Reading section subtest, or any combination of the three.

Total testing time provided is 3½ hours. No part of the exam is timed, so you may spend as much time as you like on any portion until the testing session ends.

Who may take the CHSPE?

A student may take the CHSPE if he/she meets one of the following requirements:

- At least 16 years old
- Enrolled in 10th grade for at least one academic year
- Will complete one academic year of enrollment in 10th grade during which the CHSPE administration (spring or fall) will be conducted

Is the CHSPE Certificate of Proficiency equal to a high school diploma?

Upon passing the CHSPE, the California State Board of Education will award a **Certificate of Proficiency**, which by state law is equivalent to a high school diploma. Though CHSPE is a test offered only in California, other states have also recognized the CHSPE as a diploma equivalency.

Are students who take the CHSPE eligible to attend college?

Yes! Students may attend a community college and have the same opportunities as students who earn a high school diploma. Students who pass the CHSPE may qualify for federal financial aid and Cal Grants (pending income and other eligibility).

How do I register for the CHSPE, and what is the cost to take the exam?

- Register online at <https://www.chspe.net>.
- Regular registration fee is \$130.

Upcoming Exam Dates:

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 19, 2019	September 20, 2019	October 4, 2019
March 21, 2020	February 21, 2020	March 6, 2020
June 20, 2020	May 22, 2020	June 5, 2020

English Language Arts Section

The English Language Arts section consists of two subtests: **Language** and **Reading**. To pass the English Language Arts section, you must pass both subtests. (The two subtests do not have to be passed at the same test administration and can be taken separately.)

Number of Test Questions by Content Cluster in English Language Arts

Reading Subtest

Area	Content Cluster	Number of Questions
Comprehension	Initial Understanding	10
	Interpretation	20
	Critical Analysis	14
	Strategies	10
Vocabulary	Synonyms	12
	Multiple Meaning Words	6
	Context Clues	12
Total Questions		84

Language Subtest

Area	Content Cluster	Number of Questions
Mechanics	Capitalization	8
	Usage	8
	Punctuation	8
Expressions	Sentence Structure	10
	Prewriting	5
	Content and Organization	9
Total Questions		48
Writing	Writing Task	1

Mathematics Section

The Mathematics section has 50 multiple-choice questions.

Number of Test Questions by Content Cluster in Mathematics

Content Cluster	Number of Questions
Number Sense and Operations	9
Patterns, Relationships, and Algebra	15
Data, Statistics, and Probability	12
Geometry and Measurement	14
Total Questions	50