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CAHSEE results for 2013-14 released

SAN JOSE, CA – On Sept. 19, the California Department of Education (CDE) released the 2013-14 California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) results.

An analysis of the CAHSEE completed by the Santa Clara County Office of Education's Assessment and Accountability department shows that Santa Clara County students as a whole continue to outperform their peers across the state on both the English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics portions of the CAHSEE.

However, the analysis also indicates that in 2014 some Santa Clara County subgroups were outperformed by their statewide counterparts in passing rates on both portions of the CAHSEE.

The CAHSEE is administered each year to ensure that students who graduate from public high schools demonstrate grade level competency in reading, writing and mathematics.

Several highlights of the SCCOE analysis:

- Grade 10 Asian and white subgroups are performing at or near the ceiling of performance for both portions of the CAHSEE. In 2014, grade 10 Asian students in the county passed the ELA portion at a rate of 95 percent and the Mathematics portion at a rate of 98 percent. For grade 10 white students, the rates of passage were 95 for ELA and 96 percent for Mathematics.
- Over the last nine years, grade 10 Hispanic/Latino students have shown the greatest improvement of all subgroups in their passing rates on the ELA portion of the CAHSEE, with an increase of 10 percentage points, from 64 percent passing in 2005 to 74 percent passing in 2014.
- Between 2005 and 2014, both grade 10 Hispanic/Latino and African American students have demonstrated the greatest improvement of all subgroups in their passing rates on the Mathematics portion of the CAHSEE, with respective increases of 15 and 14 percentage points.

- Although the county's subgroups outperform most of their counterparts statewide, Hispanic, Filipino and Economically Disadvantaged students scored lower on both parts of the test than their statewide counterparts. English Learner results were the same for Santa Clara County students and their statewide peers on the ELA portion of the test.

The entire analysis for the CAHSEE report can be found at www.sccoe.org.