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## Local High School Students Earn High Marks

El Dorado Union High School District (EDUHSD) students continue to excel on both the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) and the California Standards Tests (CSTs). The test results are measures used to gauge student learning and progress. These results also provide staff with valuable insights into student learning and lead to innovations in educational practices.

Tenth grade students in California are required to take and pass both the English/language arts and mathematics sections of the **CAHSEE** in order to meet the state requirement for high school graduation. The latest CAHSEE results show that District students continue to earn high marks. The table below compares the CAHSEE results of EDUHSD 10th grade students with those of neighboring districts. These high passing marks demonstrate student academic preparation and learning. Teachers and staff of the EDUHSD are proud of their students' effort and success.

### 2011 California High School Exit Exam Results for 10th Grade Students

<u>District</u>	<u>Percent Passing English Section</u>	<u>Percent Passing Math Section</u>
El Dorado Union High	94%	95%
Placer Union High	93%	96%
Roseville Joint Union High	93%	93%
Folsom Unified	87%	88%

Last Spring, the **CSTs** were administered to 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students. These rigorous end-of-course college preparatory exams include English, mathematics, science, and history. To view sample CST questions, visit the following California Department of Education website at:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/css05rtg.asp>

District students continue to post overall gains on the CSTs, but not every course tested improved. Students showed a more significant gain in percentage points in the proficient or advanced categories over last year's results in General Math (+5%), Algebra I (+4%), Geometry (+7%), and Biology (+7%). Other subjects as English, Physics, and U.S. and World Histories increased a few percentage points. Yet others such as Chemistry, Physical Earth Science, and Summative Math declined by only a few percentage points.

To better interpret student results, it is helpful to analyze student performance in the context of regional achievement. The table below compares CST student proficiency rates with those of neighboring districts on selected exams. (Note: This is not a complete list of all tested subjects.)

**Percentage of Students Scoring Advanced or Proficient on a Sample of CSTs in 2011**

<u>District</u>	<u>Grade 9 English</u>	<u>Grade 11 English</u>	<u>All Grades Summative Math</u>	<u>All Grades Algebra II</u>	<u>All Grades Biology</u>	<u>Grade 11 U.S. History</u>
El Dorado Union High	77%	62%	75%	52%	76%	67%
Placer Union High	77%	58%	58%	29%	64%	62%
Roseville Joint Union High	75%	62%	49%	31%	74%	63%
Folsom Unified	68%	54%	67%	41%	70%	57%

Christopher Moore, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services says that, "Our student gains and high achievement are worth celebrating. The faculty and staff of the EDUHSD are committed to improving teaching practices and allocating resources to better meet student needs. The District is committed to the mission of preparing students for college and career readiness."

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