



CHSPE Office
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Dear CHSPE Examinee:

You have requested information about having your results on the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) verified. This letter describes how the CHSPE is scored, and provides information about requesting a verification of your results.

The multiple-choice portions of the CHSPE are scored by a computer system in a process that is virtually error free. The essay is scored by trained readers using the CHSPE scoring scale following strict scoring procedures. At least two readers independently score each essay.

If you did not pass one or both sections of the CHSPE, however, and if you believe that your CHSPE results do not accurately reflect your performance, you may request that your results be verified. To do so, complete and mail to the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) the enclosed CHSPE Results Verification Request Form with the proper payment. The fee is \$25 for either the Mathematics section only or the Reading subtest only, or \$35 for the Language subtest only. The fee must be paid by cashier's check or money order payable to the *California Department of Education*. Requests must be complete and be received by SCOE within three months of the test date. You may only request verification for a specific portion of the test once. Telephoned, faxed, or e-mailed requests will not be accepted. If the request form is not signed by the examinee, or if proper payment is not included, the form will be returned unprocessed.

Upon receipt of the Results Verification Request Form and payment, your CHSPE performance will be reviewed. Your responses to the multiple-choice questions within the portions of the test you asked to be verified will be scored by hand. For the Language subtest, two senior readers will review your essay to verify the score it received is appropriate.

Notification of the outcome of the review will be mailed to you within three weeks of receipt of your request. Results will not be provided by telephone. If, as a result of the review, your results on a section for which you requested verification change from "not pass" to "pass," you will be sent a revised score report and your cashier's check or money order. (Keep the receipt for your cashier's check or money order; you may need it to change your returned check or money order back to cash.) If, as a result of the review, you have passed both CHSPE sections, you will be issued a Certificate of Proficiency, and, if you attend public school in grade 12 or below, your name will be added to the roster of passing examinees sent to your district superintendent of schools. If the review does not result in a change from "not pass" to "pass," you will be so notified.

Questions about the CHSPE results verification service should be directed to SCOE at (866) 342-4773 (toll-free).

