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Casa Grande Union High School Guidance Department

Grande Union High School District Competency Exam Process

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ACT/SAT

- *Next ACT Test date is December 13. The last day to register is November 7. Late registration is November 8-20 (The test is on our campus).*
- *Next SAT Test date is December 6 The last day to register is November 5. Late registration is November 6-18 (This test is on our campus).*
- *Students can pick up registration and preparation packets in the career center of the guidance office or they can register online at:
ACT www.actstudent.org
SAT www.collegeboard.com.
Our school code is 030040. Students who qualify for free and reduced lunches can obtain a registration fee waiver-see Mr. Lewis.*

Overview:

The State Board of Education passed R7-2-302. Minimum Course of Study and Competency Requirements for Graduation from High School September 2007. Under this section 3.5.c, the following information states:

c. Upon request of the student, the local governing board shall provide the opportunity for the student to demonstrate competency in the subject areas listed in subsections (1)(a) through (1)(g) above in lieu of classroom time.

A committee was formed in 2008 to look at the new SBOE adopted graduation requirements and other information contained within the new law. Therefore, a district wide protocol was developed to provide a central location in which a student and/or parent/guardian could request a competency exam for award of credit. The following outlines the protocol.

Criteria:

A student may challenge/request a competency exam to be administered for a specific course in the areas of English, math, science or social studies once each semester.

A student may only challenge courses in sequential order in a particular subject.

Competency exams are scored on a PASS/FAIL basis and a student must score a 70% to PASS

Protocol:

The student requests *CTAN (Competency Test Approval Notice)*, through Guidance office, that he/she be scheduled for a competency exam.

The Guidance staff will give CTAN *to* Principal to approve the exam.

Principal's office will have 48 hours to approve and give back to student or AP in charge of After School Academic program, if applicable

The student will then take *CTAN* to district office for appointment time with Assistant Superintendent for Academic Affairs or designee.

Exam will be proctored by Assistant Superintendent or designee.

Once exam is completed, exam will be sealed and held for grading by a highly qualified teacher in that particular course.

The results will be forwarded to student, family, sending school guidance and principal's office.

If results deem passing, District Office or designee will place credits on transcripts and in log entries in data management system for verification and documentation.

If student successfully passes exam, award of credit will be in the form of Pass (P) on transcript and therefore does not compute into the Grade Point Average (GPA).

Promise for the Future Scholarship Reminder

Any student who signed the "Promise for the Future" contract their 8th grade year will be eligible for a two-year (tuition only) waiver at CAC. Students who signed the contract must graduate with a 2.75 GPA. If you would like to find out if your student is in the running for the scholarship, contact his or her guidance counselor.

Guidance Counselor Assignments

520-836-8500

A-Cas	Mr. MacKenzie	Men-Po	Mrs. Powell
Cat-F	Mr. Peacock	Pr-Sp	Ms. Boremi
G-Ji	Mr. Cordova	St-Z	Mrs. Salazar
Jo-Mel	Mrs. Harding	Registrar	Mr. Lewis