

Golden State Examinations

The Golden State Exams (GSE) support the overall goals of the Educational Reform Act by challenging students to higher standards of achievement and recognizing students who met a statewide standard of excellence. Results are reported in terms of the numbers of students passing. Each student taking the exam is provided an analysis of performance.

The GSE provides:

- an added incentive for students to master the content of key academic subjects
- opportunities for students to test their knowledge against a statewide standard of excellence
- a certificate of recognition and a GSE insignia on the diploma for students who achieve Honors and High Honors
- a GSE notation on the high school transcript for all students receiving recognition in any of the three GSE categories: School Recognition, Honors, or High Honors

Total Number of Students Receiving GSE Recognition

1989-90	1,190
1990-91	No exam given
1991-92	1,141
1992-93	1,837
1993-94	1,849
1994-95	2,315
1995-96	2,374
1996-97	3,730
1997-98	5,096
1998-99	6,708
1999-00	6,350
2000-01	6,631
2001-02	6,866
2002-03	*2,089

* GSE exams were only administered in Written Composition, Reading/Literature, U.S. Government, Economics and High School Math

Algebra 1

GSE Categories	Number Receiving Golden State Exam Recognition						
	HBHS	WHS	MHS	FVHS	EHS	OVHS	HBUHSD
School Recognition							
1996-97	25	-	21	55	14	10	125
1997-98	27	42	24	52	28	29	202
1998-99	63	44	33	57	41	37	275
1999-00	71	30	37	50	35	19	242
2000-01	45	55	47	48	66	33	294
2001-02	43	41	24	40	36	11	195
Honors							
1996-97	11	-	10	27	9	6	63
1997-98	17	25	20	37	6	13	118
1998-99	27	37	27	20	37	19	167
1999-00	46	37	19	36	13	5	156
2000-01	46	29	29	29	34	31	198
2001-02	43	51	24	61	34	10	223
High Honors							
1996-97	9	-	10	16	3	6	44
1997-98	20	31	17	29	10	9	116
1998-99	9	13	9	13	7	3	54
1999-00	21	32	8	9	3	5	78
2000-01	18	7	13	21	9	13	81
2001-02	23	32	8	29	13	3	108
Total Algebra							
1996-97	45	-	41	98	26	22	232
1997-98	64	98	61	118	44	51	436
1998-99	99	94	69	90	85	59	496
1999-00	138	99	64	95	51	29	476
2000-01	109	91	89	98	109	77	573
2001-02	109	124	56	130	83	24	526

Geometry

GSE Categories	Number Receiving Golden State Exam Recognition						
	HBHS	WHS	MHS	FVHS	EHS	OVHS	HBUHSD
School Recognition							
1996-97	14	23	43	34	14	12	140
1997-98	20	9	18	30	13	12	102
1998-99	62	26	57	47	35	21	248
1999-00	50	47	53	56	36	30	272
2000-01	38	26	62	68	54	15	263
2001-02	45	44	60	91	66	28	334
Honors							
1996-97	15	29	53	47	20	20	184
1997-98	32	21	38	56	25	27	199
1998-99	25	35	38	38	29	16	181
1999-00	18	39	34	36	22	16	165
2000-01	18	18	44	55	21	9	165
2001-02	27	46	45	72	33	18	241
High Honors							
1996-97	16	27	38	33	15	11	140
1997-98	23	29	39	91	18	19	219
1998-99	15	36	37	54	13	19	174
1999-00	12	18	19	28	19	11	107
2000-01	13	20	38	62	22	6	161
2001-02	22	16	42	29	15	4	128
Total Geometry							
1996-97	45	79	134	114	49	43	464
1997-98	75	59	95	177	56	58	520
1998-99	102	97	132	139	77	56	603
1999-00	80	104	106	120	77	57	544
2000-01	69	64	144	185	97	30	589
2001-02	94	106	147	192	114	50	703

High School Mathematics

GSE Categories	Number Receiving Golden State Exam Recognition						
	HBHS	WHS	MHS	FBHS	EHS	OVHS	HBUHSD
School Recognition							
1997-98	19	5	32	79	22	9	166
1998-99	-	32	-	20	25	-	77
1999-00	31	17	24	-	20	21	113
2000-01	20	28	31	43	20	9	151
2001-02	12	15	20	17	21	7	92
2002-03	30	19	46	75	34	16	220
Honors							
1997-98	10	1	18	36	14	4	83
1998-99	-	12	-	7	6	-	25
1999-00	6	5	16	-	6	5	38
2000-01	6	10	20	20	12	8	76
2001-02	3	8	10	19	15	6	61
2002-03	22	13	19	47	24	9	134
High Honors							
1997-98	9	2	9	41	6	2	69
1998-99	-	2	-	8	7	-	17
1999-00	5	1	9	-	5	3	23
2000-01	5	8	6	15	2	5	41
2001-02	8	5	16	24	13	4	70
2002-03	6	2	4	18	6	1	37
Total High School Math							
1997-98	38	8	59	156	42	15	318
1998-99	-	46	-	35	38	-	119
1999-00	42	23	49	-	31	29	174
2000-01	31	46	57	78	34	22	268
2001-02	23	28	46	60	49	17	223
2002-03	58	34	69	140	64	26	391

U. S. Government

GSE Categories	Number Receiving Golden State Exam Recognition						
	HBHS	WHS	MHS	FBHS	EHS	OVHS	HBUHSD
School Recognition							
1996-97	-	10	7	23	11	9	60
1997-98	6	19	39	73	8	40	185
1998-99	49	9	53	60	32	15	218
1999-00	16	17	41	61	43	25	203
2000-01	-	24	40	60	35	13	172
2001-02	-	25	65	64	40	25	219
2002-03	11	19	22	51	24	12	139
Honors							
1996-97	-	8	4	15	4	-	31
1997-98	-	6	23	57	6	14	106
1998-99	16	11	39	55	4	4	129
1999-00	4	17	24	47	5	4	101
2000-01	2	25	33	53	20	8	141
2001-02	-	15	35	60	22	8	140
2002-03	10	13	19	47	21	9	119
High Honors							
1996-97	-	7	-	6	-	1	14
1997-98	1	9	9	61	1	5	86
1998-99	12	10	10	48	3	1	84
1999-00	1	5	30	27	5	2	70
2000-01	-	8	33	32	9	1	83
2001-02	-	18	44	26	4	2	94
2002-03	3	14	6	24	12	3	62
Total U. S. Government							
1996-97	-	25	11	44	15	10	105
1997-98	7	34	71	191	15	59	377
1998-99	77	30	102	163	39	20	431
1999-00	21	39	95	135	53	31	374
2000-01	2	57	106	145	64	22	396
2001-02	-	58	144	150	66	35	453
2002-03	24	46	47	122	57	24	320

U. S. History

GSE Categories	Number Receiving Golden State Exam Recognition						
	HBHS	WHS	MHS	FBHS	EHS	OVHS	HBUHSD
School Recognition							
1996-97	21	15	96	53	30	16	231
1997-98	8	31	44	126	40	25	274
1998-99	35	24	65	69	58	9	260
1999-00	34	19	69	103	53	46	324
2000-01	38	46	92	93	60	28	357
2001-01	23	27	89	90	54	10	293
Honors							
1996-97	11	16	34	41	5	14	121
1997-98	8	8	33	46	13	19	127
1998-99	16	15	41	46	21	13	152
1999-00	15	10	52	76	15	16	184
2000-01	20	16	49	62	15	21	183
2001-02	42	15	61	62	28	25	233
High Honors							
1996-97	4	5	18	27	-	17	71
1997-98	9	6	12	25	2	15	69
1998-99	1	-	6	8	4	7	26
1999-00	6	2	9	29	2	7	55
2000-01	2	1	12	15	3	7	40
2001-02	4	2	14	32	3	11	66
Total U. S. History							
1996-97	36	36	148	121	35	47	423
1997-98	25	45	89	197	55	59	470
1998-99	52	39	112	123	83	29	438
1999-00	55	31	130	208	70	69	563
2000-01	60	63	153	170	78	56	580
2001-02	69	44	164	184	85	46	592

Economics

GSE Categories	Number Receiving Golden State Exam Recognition						
	HBHS	WHS	MHS	FBHS	EHS	OVHS	HBUHSD
School Recognition							
1996-97	15	15	38	65	42	7	182
1997-98	45	14	24	100	42	38	263
1998-99	58	17	38	72	39	53	277
1999-00	27	34	39	87	62	40	289
2000-01	21	30	15	65	61	10	202
2001-02	17	32	33	69	46	18	215
2002-03	-	17	35	46	28	-	126
Honors							
1996-97	24	25	22	55	21	14	161
1997-98	41	13	19	63	14	24	174
1998-99	58	8	25	46	15	13	165
1999-00	11	18	10	51	17	8	115
2000-01	11	5	19	40	19	5	99
2001-02	15	14	21	35	32	8	125
2002-03	-	12	28	25	9	-	74
High Honors							
1996-97	40	23	10	55	7	2	137
1997-98	23	18	12	86	12	1	152
1998-99	71	10	26	51	8	2	168
1999-00	-	12	35	45	8	-	100
2000-01	29	4	34	66	15	-	148
2001-02	11	15	58	62	12	1	159
2002-03	-	13	63	32	1	-	109
Total Economics							
1996-97	79	63	70	175	70	23	480
1997-98	109	45	55	249	68	63	589
1998-99	187	35	89	169	62	68	610
1999-00	38	64	84	183	87	48	504
2000-01	61	39	68	171	95	15	449
2001-02	43	61	112	166	90	27	499
2002-03	-	42	126	103	38	-	309

Biology

GSE Categories	Number Receiving Golden State Exam Recognition						
	HBHS	WHS	MHS	FVHS	EHS	OVHS	HBUHSD
School Recognition							
1996-97	104	37	108	142	31	28	450
1997-98	107	35	111	135	67	38	493
1998-99	81	28	105	133	85	53	485
1999-00	130	40	154	162	136	47	669
2000-01	132	26	156	178	118	39	649
2001-02	138	51	180	271	169	63	872
Honors							
1996-97	18	15	33	60	29	10	165
1997-98	31	13	64	70	52	30	260
1998-99	37	29	69	76	55	22	288
1999-00	34	27	48	84	43	16	252
2000-01	47	25	79	80	52	18	301
2001-02	44	16	71	80	47	16	274
High Honors							
1996-97	4	-	9	9	4	6	32
1997-98	13	13	30	25	20	6	107
1998-99	6	14	34	12	21	15	102
1999-00	5	11	26	6	7	2	57
2000-01	11	19	37	45	29	10	151
2001-02	16	7	29	22	11	2	87
Total Biology							
1996-97	126	52	150	211	64	44	647
1997-98	151	61	205	230	139	74	860
1998-99	124	71	208	221	161	90	875
1999-00	169	78	228	252	186	65	978
2000-01	190	70	272	303	199	67	1,101
2001-02	198	74	280	373	227	81	1,233

Chemistry

GSE Categories	Number Receiving Golden State Exam Recognition						
	HBHS	WHS	MHS	FVHS	EHS	OVHS	HBUHSD
School Recognition							
1996-97	44	23	78	102	25	22	294
1997-98	56	27	75	54	17	25	254
1998-99	28	20	61	79	36	32	256
1999-00	36	32	67	66	47	21	269
2000-01	53	22	60	90	49	21	295
2001-02	14	18	75	70	38	20	235
Honors							
1996-97	10	14	25	26	12	6	93
1997-98	26	20	53	55	20	13	187
1998-99	24	25	61	53	37	18	218
1999-00	17	20	70	54	47	13	221
2000-01	36	33	57	68	45	9	248
2001-02	18	24	68	52	45	9	216
High Honors							
1996-97	5	6	10	16	16	3	56
1997-98	12	11	30	31	22	6	112
1998-99	6	14	32	39	37	8	136
1999-00	6	8	33	20	19	5	91
2000-01	12	24	32	44	26	4	142
2001-02	10	16	32	53	34	1	146
Total Chemistry							
1996-97	59	43	113	144	53	31	443
1997-98	94	58	158	140	59	44	553
1998-99	58	59	154	171	110	58	610
1999-00	59	60	170	140	113	39	581
2000-01	101	79	149	202	120	34	685
2001-02	42	58	175	175	117	30	597

Second Year Coordinated Science

GSE Categories	Number Receiving Golden State Exam Recognition						
	HBHS	WHS	MHS	FBHS	EHS	OVHS	HBUHSD
School Recognition							
1996-97	-	42	-	-	-	-	42
1997-98	-	33	-	-	8	-	41
1998-99	-	51	-	-	30	-	81
1999-00	-	85	-	-	31	-	116
2000-01	-	47	-	-	34	-	81
2001-02	-	73	-	-	21	-	94
Honors							
1996-97	-	6	-	-	-	-	6
1997-98	-	4	-	-	2	-	6
1998-99	-	3	-	-	4	-	7
1999-00	-	29	-	-	8	-	37
2000-01	-	12	-	-	7	-	19
2001-02	-	23	-	-	3	-	26
High Honors							
1996-97	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
1997-98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1998-99	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
1999-00	-	2	-	-	1	-	3
2000-01	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
2001-02	-	3	-	-	1	-	4
Total 2nd Year Coord. Science							
1996-97	-	51	-	-	-	-	51
1997-98	-	37	-	-	10	-	47
1998-99	-	55	-	-	35	-	90
1999-00	-	116	-	-	40	-	156
2000-01	-	61	-	-	41	-	102
2001-02	-	99	-	-	25	-	124

Physics

GSE Categories	Number Receiving Golden State Exam Recognition						
	HBHS	WHS	MHS	FBHS	EHS	OVHS	HBUHSD
School Recognition							
1998-99	40	29	45	32	49	9	204
1999-00	9	21	49	29	27	21	156
2000-01	32	15	33	33	35	7	155
2001-02	25	32	45	37	40	12	191
Honors							
1998-99	17	7	28	12	19	4	87
1999-00	-	9	17	8	9	3	46
2000-01	19	6	23	8	14	4	74
2001-02	8	9	28	19	19	6	89
High Honor							
1998-99	4	2	16	1	7	4	34
1999-00	-	-	2	-	7	2	11
2000-01	13	7	39	2	19	14	94
2001-02	9	6	34	2	16	6	73
Total Physics							
1998-99	61	38	89	45	75	17	325
1999-00	9	30	68	37	43	26	213
2000-01	64	28	95	43	68	25	323
2001-02	42	47	107	58	75	24	353

Written Composition

GSE Categories	Number Receiving Golden State Exam Recognition						
	HBHS	WHS	MHS	FBHS	EHS	OVHS	HBUHSD
School Recognition							
1996-97	136	64	131	187	95	70	683
1997-98	66	44	85	107	64	42	408
1998-99	60	30	67	86	44	30	317
1999-00	76	36	83	132	40	50	417
2000-01	60	52	70	77	52	41	352
2001-02	77	57	86	108	43	56	427
2002-03	14	53	95	111	61	43	377
Honors							
1996-97	23	14	38	43	37	14	169
1997-98	19	19	48	74	24	19	203
1998-99	38	5	58	50	34	23	208
1999-00	36	24	48	88	30	23	249
2000-01	39	36	59	77	15	34	260
2001-02	54	11	51	80	14	12	222
2002-03	12	17	26	66	42	16	179
High Honors							
1996-97	3	2	10	9	7	2	33
1997-98	7	2	3	10	11	12	45
1998-99	6	2	6	15	15	5	49
1999-00	3	-	5	18	5	3	34
2000-01	12	2	14	19	5	7	59
2001-02	12	1	5	11	-	-	29
2002-03	10	5	4	28	9	-	56
Total Written Composition							
1996-97	162	80	179	239	139	86	885
1997-98	92	65	136	191	99	73	656
1998-99	104	37	131	151	93	58	574
1999-00	115	60	136	238	75	76	700
2000-01	111	90	143	173	72	82	671
2001-02	143	69	142	199	57	68	678
2002-03	36	75	125	205	112	59	612

Reading / Literature

GSE Categories	Number Receiving Golden State Exam Recognition						
	HBHS	WHS	MHS	FBHS	EHS	OVHS	HBUHSD
School Recognition							
1997-98	53	93	-	-	45	7	198
1998-99	107	31	-	-	99	53	290
1999-00	95	58	102	-	98	70	423
2000-01	4	56	67	84	70	37	318
2001-02	2	33	81	86	67	31	300
2002-03	12	27	63	82	43	29	256
Honors							
1997-98	14	20	-	-	29	2	65
1998-99	33	4	-	-	50	50	137
1999-00	31	11	51	-	63	28	184
2000-01	-	19	43	32	25	14	133
2001-02	5	9	36	47	24	7	128
2002-03	13	11	20	52	25	9	130
High Honors							
1997-98	1	-	-	-	6	-	7
1998-99	11	1	-	-	11	25	48
1999-00	5	2	6	-	9	5	27
2000-01	1	3	10	19	9	7	49
2001-02	2	1	7	17	8	3	38
2002-03	11	7	8	28	14	3	71
Total Reading / Literature							
1997-98	68	113	-	-	80	9	270
1998-99	151	36	-	-	160	128	475
1999-00	131	71	159	-	170	103	634
2000-01	5	78	120	135	104	58	500
2001-02	9	43	124	150	99	41	466
2002-03	36	45	91	162	82	41	457

Spanish - Language (Spanish 2)

GSE Categories	Number Receiving Golden State Exam Recognition						
	HBHS	WHS	MHS	FVHS	EHS	OVHS	HBUHSD
<i>School Recognition</i>							
*1998-99	71	4	78	143	28	24	348
1999-00	26	18	46	68	37	44	239
2000-01	24	23	48	80	30	13	218
2001-02	24	21	56	104	29	28	262
<i>Honors</i>							
*1998-99	43	11	75	159	14	22	324
1999-00	9	8	41	35	16	26	135
2000-01	23	14	13	32	7	6	95
2001-02	10	4	19	39	8	14	94
<i>High Honors</i>							
*1998-99	27	3	96	162	5	97	390
1999-00	4	9	16	16	9	25	79
2000-01	6	11	12	23	3	26	81
2001-02	3	4	7	26	2	21	63
<i>Total Spanish - Language</i>							
*1998-99	141	18	249	464	47	143	1,062
1999-00	39	35	103	119	62	95	453
2000-01	53	48	73	135	40	45	394
2001-02	37	29	82	169	39	63	419

*This is the first year that the Spanish-Language Golden State Exam was administered. It was taken by students in Spanish 2, Spanish 3 and Spanish 4. In the following years, it will only be given to Spanish 2 students.