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Tulare County Office of Education announces:

TCOE Offers Workshops to Assist Elementary Teachers in Preparation for CSET Testing

Visalia: The Tulare County Office of Education's Teacher Induction Programs and the Central California Teacher Recruitment Center are cosponsoring the first in a series of test-preparation workshops to be held in February and March. The workshops are designed to assist recently credentialed teachers - specifically, those teachers credentialed on or after July 1, 2002 -- in preparation for the Multiple Subject California Subject Examination for Teachers or CSET. Additionally, test preparation workshops are available to students who are currently enrolled in teacher preparation programs leading to a multiple subject credential.

As part of a Federal mandate for all teachers to become "No Child Left Behind" compliant, all California Multiple Subject teachers must demonstrate subject matter competency. To become compliant, those teachers who obtained their credential after July 1, 2002, must demonstrate subject matter competency by passing either the MSAT or CSET test. The CSET examination consists of eight subtest areas including History, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Physical Education, Art, Music and Human Development.

Prior to taking the CSET, teachers are encouraged to take practice CSET-style exams to help them determine the subject areas in which they may need additional test preparation. Any teacher who determines he or she

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would like more preparation can enroll in a particular subject area workshop to obtain additional instruction and preparation materials prior to taking the actual exam.

Registration information for all workshops and additional test preparation information is available at www.tcoe.org or by calling the Teacher Recruitment Center at 559/624-1035. More information about Tulare County Office of Education is available from our website at www.tcoe.org or by calling the public information office at 559-733-6606.

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