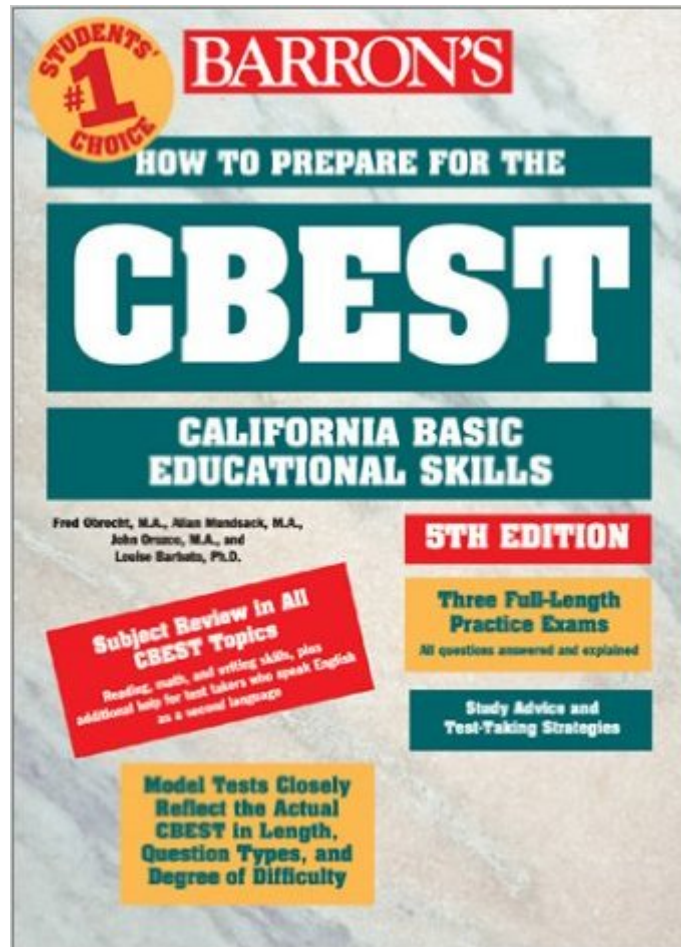


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# How To Prepare For The CBEST: California Basic Educational Skills Test (Barron's Cset)



## Synopsis

The CBEST, or California Basic Educational Skills Test, must be passed by all who intend to teach in California's elementary and secondary schools. The new edition of this test prep manual has been extensively updated to reflect the latest tests. It presents three full-length model tests with answers and explanations, subject reviews in reading, math, and writing skills, and additional help for test takers who speak English as their second language. Other features include strategies for succeeding on the exam and a general overview of the CBEST.

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## Customer Reviews

I took the CBEST in June of 07 (and passed with lots of room to spare) and have several observations and suggestions which not only do I hope you'll find helpful but with any luck can save you some time and grief. I purchased four review books. The Princeton Review's Cracking the CBEST (2002)," Cliff's Testprep "CBEST, 6th Edition,(2000)" Learning Express' "The Complete Preparation Guide CBEST (2006)," and Barron's "How to Prepare for the CBEST (2001)."

Additionally, I purchased one on-line guide and began receiving emails with "tips of the day" from another. Neither on-line guide was helpful in the least and I would caution you to stay away from them no matter how luring their websites are. Now onto the test (and then I'll come back to the guidebooks). The test, as I'm sure you're aware is divided into three sections: Reading, math and a writing portion in which you're asked to write two essays. Let's start with the math. If you go to the official CBEST website they will tell you specifically what you need to know in order to pass this part

of the exam. There is no geometry (apparently there was a law suit several years ago and the math portion was made easier) and the algebra on the test is beginner stuff. About the most difficult algebra question went something like this:  $10y - 36 + 4y - 6 + y = 3$ . What's the value of  $y$ ? Most of the questions are basic math and if I can do them, so can you! With the exception of The Princeton Review's "Cracking the CBEST," all the guidebooks, when it came to math, were significantly more difficult than you need to know. The biggest offender of this was Learning Express' "The Complete Preparation Guide CBEST" which included very high level math and was poorly written and filled with mistakes.

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