

Berkeley, California
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SUBJECT: Inclusion of Chinese, Japanese and Swahili languages in College Examination Board

FROM: Berkeley High School Foreign Language Department and Berkeley Asian Task Force

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Mr. John Dusel, State of California, Consultant in Foreign Language Education and Mr. Glen Lambert from Educational Testing Services (ETS creator and administers the tests) have indicated support for the inclusion of these languages since they have been established in the curriculum, have maintained steady enrollment, and have met the basic requirements of high school foreign language departments.

We would like to see Achievements Tests offered in Japanese, Chinese and Swahili languages for the following reasons:

1. The students presently enrolled in these courses are not receiving proper accreditation and recognition for college entrance and advance placement.
2. High school foreign language departments are discouraged from initiating programs in these languages.
3. Students are discouraged from investing their time and effort toward a program which will not be considered.
4. Exclusion of these languages denies a recognition of the world's majority population. Asians and Africans are politically, economically, and socially vital in world affairs and general interest in these countries is increasing.
5. By not having these languages included, College Entrance Board has failed in its commitment to meet the educational needs of ethnic groups.
6. Recognition would result in better coordinated programs among the various districts and States which offer these courses.

Thanks to the great numbers of letters supporting this request from the Western States, the College Entrance Board Advisory Group for the Western Region has met and is giving us full support. NOW, the big job ahead of us is to gather support from NORTHEASTERN, SOUTHERN AND MIDWESTERN ADVISORY GROUPS OF THE COLLEGE ENTRANCE BOARD. WRITE IMMEDIATELY, (on letterheads, particularly on national organizations letterheads) TO:

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College Entrance Board
475 Riverside Drive
New York, N. Y. 10027

SOUTHERN: Ben S. Cameron, Jr. Director
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Sevanee, Tennessee 37375

MIDWESTERN: Hollace G. Roberts, Director
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