

## Verification Process for Special Settings (VPSS) Science

### What is VPSS?

VPSS is a state-approved advanced certification process by which secondary teachers in “special settings” have an additional option to become compliant with No Child Left Behind legislation. Completion of VPSS will allow eligible teachers to become “Highly Qualified” without taking high-stress tests or spending long hours on college coursework. It incorporates specific subject matter knowledge with practical application targeted to hard-to-staff settings.

### Who is eligible for VPSS?

VPSS is designed for teachers who teach two or more core academic subjects in the following settings:

- Secondary Special Education Settings
- Secondary Alternative Program
- Secondary Small Rural School Achievement (SRSA) programs
- Independent Study

All teachers must complete both Tiers. Teachers with 20 units or more of college level approved science classes or 10 units or more of upper division approved science classes only need to attend Tier II.

For eligibility questions, please contact your district Human Resources representative.

## VPSS in Santa Clara County: SCIENCE

### Science – Tier I

September 10, 2010	4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
September 11, 2010	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
September 24, 2010	4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
September 25, 2010	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
October 8, 2010	4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
October 9, 2010	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
October 29, 2010	4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
October 30, 2010	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

### Science – Tier II

November 5, 2010	4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
November 6, 2010	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
November 19, 2010	4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
November 20, 2010	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
December 3, 2010	4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
December 4, 2010	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
December 17, 2010	4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
December 18, 2010	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



### Register online at:

Tier I: <http://santaclara.k12oms.org/1052-38449>

Tier II: <http://santaclara.k12oms.org/1052-38450>

Registration Fee: \$550 per Tier (includes materials, continental breakfast and lunch for Saturday sessions, and a light dinner for evening sessions)

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