



# Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program

## Bilingual Coordinators Network Meeting Update

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## Upcoming STAR Workshops

- Monthly Webcasts:
  - 5/27: How to Read Your STAR Student CD
  - 6/24: 2009 STAR Reports Preview
  - 7/29: 2010 Test Administration Setup
  - 8/26: 2009 Post-Test
  - 9/30: 2009 Demographic Data Corrections
  - 10/28: 2010 Ordering Workshop
  - 11/18: 2010 Pre-ID Workshop
  - 12/09: 2010 Ordering and Pre-ID Recap
- To register for the Webcast workshops and view archived workshops, visit: [wcportal.sdcoe.net/v\\_h.asp](http://wcportal.sdcoe.net/v_h.asp)



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## Resources

- California Standards Test (CST) released test questions (RTQs) are available on the California Department of Education (CDE) Web site:  
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/css05rtq.asp>.
- Standards-based Test in Spanish (STS) RTQs will be available in 2010 (grades 2-4).
- Parent/Guardian Information and Assistance Packets
  - Information for districts about communicating with parents/guardians about STAR
  - Sample letters
  - Available in twelve languages
  - Available on the CDE Web site:  
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/resources.asp>

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## Resources (cont.)

### CST STAR Exemplar Parent Guides

- Provide an overview of the STAR Program and sample questions for each content area assessed.
- Sample questions include:
  - Correct answer
  - Percentage of California students who chose the correct answer
  - State content standard the question is measuring
- Web site is scheduled to be available in May 2009.

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## 2009 Test Results Release

- Districts will begin to receive student test results in July 2009.
- Individual student reports are mailed to school districts.
  - Districts receive two copies of each student report, one for the student's file and one to send to parents/guardians.
  - State law requires districts to mail student reports to parent/guardians within 20 working days of having received them.
- Results are posted on the CDE Web site by August 15 of each year.
  - Results are reported by state, county, district, and school.

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## Standard Setting

- The purpose is to collect recommendations for the placement of cut scores.
- Cut scores determine performance levels (far below basic, below basic, basic, proficient, and advanced).
- Approval by the State Board of Education (SBE) is required.

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## CMA Standard Setting

- CMA cut scores were adopted by the SBE in November 2008 (English–Language Arts [ELA] and Mathematics in grades 3–5 and Science in grade 5).
- CMA, grades 6–8
  - ELA, grades 6-8: Sept. 23–25
  - Mathematics, grades 6 and 7: Sept. 30–Oct. 2
  - Science, grade 8: Sept. 30–Oct. 2
- Currently recruiting special education participants with expertise in mathematics, ELA, or science in grades 5 through 9.
- Interested applicants contact:
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## STS Standard Setting

- STS cut scores were adopted by the SBE in May 2009 (Reading/Language Arts [RLA] and Mathematics in grades 2–4).
- STS grades 5–7
  - RLA: October 21–23
  - Mathematics: October 28–30
- Currently recruiting bilingual and biliterate participants with expertise in RLA or mathematics in grades 4 through 8.
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## Assessment Review Panels

### STS Assessment Review Panels consist of:

- Bilingual and biliterate members with RLA or mathematics expertise, some of whom serve on both the STS and CST panels to ensure consistency and rigor
- Members who can assist in analyzing content standards

- **Interested applicants are still needed**

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