

Instruction

Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program

The Superintendent or designee shall administer mandatory student assessments within the state Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program as required by law and in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.54 - Test Integrity/Test Preparation)

The Board requires all students at the applicable grade levels to participate in the STAR assessments in order to maximize the usefulness of the data and enable the district to meet participation levels required for state and federal accountability systems. The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians about the importance of these assessments and shall develop strategies to encourage student participation. Students shall be exempted from participation only in accordance with law and administrative regulations.

The Board may use the results of the achievement tests to evaluate the performance of district students against the state's academic standards, the performance of students in other districts across the state, and national norms.

The Board shall annually examine STAR results by school, grade level, and student subgroup in the Board's discussion of each school's ranking on the statewide Academic Performance Index. If the average STAR test score is below the 50th percentile, the Board may conduct an assessment by grade level of the reasons for the performance results and adopt an improved performance plan in accordance with Education Code 52056.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 0520 - Intervention for Underperforming Schools)
(cf. 0530 - Awards for School Performance)
(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

Increased communication between parents/guardians and the district staff concerning student performance is a major goal of the district testing program. To facilitate this dialogue, parents/guardians shall receive annual assessment results along with a written explanation of the state and district testing program.

Legal Reference: (See next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51041 Evaluation of educational program

52057 Governor's Performance Award Program

60600-60652 Assessment of academic achievement

60810 Assessment of language development

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

850-870 Standardized Testing and Reporting program

880-901 Designated primary language test

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1412(a)(17) Participation of students with disabilities in state assessments

6311 Adequate yearly progress

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