

SITE OPERATIONS CIRCULAR NO. 1005

Office of the Deputy Superintendent

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: September 7, 2007

To: All School Principals, Division and Department Heads

Subject: **REVISED TESTING CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR**

Department and/or Persons Concerned: Vice Principals, testing coordinators, and school site personnel involved in testing

Due Date: Administer tests on dates or during testing window indicated.

Reference: None

Action Requested: Consider the testing dates when planning activities for the 2007-2008 school year.

Brief Explanation:

Attached are the following testing calendars for the 2007-2008 school year:

- Attachment 1: Testing Calendar, 2007-2008, Traditional calendar schools
- Attachment 2: Testing Calendar, 2007-2008, Single Track Year-round schools
- Attachment 3: Testing Calendar, 2007-2008, High Schools on 4x4 Schedule

Please Note: The District Assessment System Task Group has reviewed all district-mandated tests in order to create a more cohesive and useful assessment system. There have been several changes to the district-mandated tests from the 2006-2007 school year. Please note the following:

- The **Analytical Reading Inventory (ARI)** will no longer be mandatory; teachers may still use the ARI to inform instruction.
- **Cumulative Literacy Benchmarks** have been added to the district assessment system; they will be administered to all students in Grades 1, 3, and 5 three times per year and administered quarterly to students in Grades 6 through 8.
- **Cumulative Mathematics Benchmarks** are now required; they will be administered quarterly to all students in Grades 3 through 9.
- The **Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA)** will no longer be required for students in Grade 3; it will only be administered to students in Grades K through 2; teachers may still use the DRA at Grade 3 to inform instruction.

- The **Degrees of Reading Power (DRP)** will no longer be mandatory for all students in Grades 3 through 8; it will only be required for schools participating in Striving Readers (Grades 7 through 10).
- The **Houghton-Mifflin *Emerging Literacy Survey*** will be mandatory for all students in Grades K and 1.

In addition to modifications made to the district assessments, there have also been changes to the state-mandated assessments. Please note the following:

- The **Standards-Based Test in Spanish (STS)** will now be administered to Spanish-speaking English Learner students in Grades 2 through 7 who have been enrolled in a U.S. school less than 12 months or are enrolled in a Bilingual Program.
- The **Aprinda 3** will now be administered to Spanish-speaking English Learner students in Grades 8 through 11 who have been enrolled in a U.S. school less than 12 months or are enrolled in a Bilingual Program.
- The **California Modified Assessment (CMA)** is a new test for special education students in Grades 3 through 5 who meet specific criteria, have been identified by the student's IEP team, and are not eligible to take the CAPA.

Please review the revised testing calendars carefully. It is important to pay close attention to the dates and required grade levels for each test. The following assessments are included on the attached testing calendars:

State-Mandated Tests

- California English Language Development Test (CELDT)
- California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)
- FITNESSGRAM
- Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program
 - ❖ California Achievement Test, Sixth Edition (CAT/6)
 - ❖ California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA)
 - ❖ California Modified Assessment (CMA)
 - ❖ California Standards Tests (CSTs)
 - ❖ Standards-Based Test in Spanish (STS)/Designated Primary Language Test (DPLT)
 - ❖ Aprinda Third Edition (Aprinda 3)/Designated Primary Language Test (DPLT)

District-Mandated Tests

- Cumulative Literacy Benchmarks
- Cumulative Mathematics Benchmarks
- Degrees of Reading Power (DRP)
- Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA)/Evaluación del desarrollo de la lectura (EDL)
- District Mathematics Test (DMT)
- End-of-Course Examinations
- Houghton-Mifflin *Emerging Literacy Survey*
- Mathematics Diagnostic Testing Project (MDTP) Pre-Algebra and Algebra Readiness Exams
- Practice California High School Exit Examination (PCHSEE)

College Entrance and Advanced Placement Tests

- Advanced Placement (AP)
- American College Test (ACT)
- College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
- Community College Math 150 Qualifying Examination
- Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)

Please consider these testing dates when planning activities for the 2007-2008 school year.

If you have questions regarding state-mandated tests, district-mandated tests, College Board Examinations, ACT, or the Community College Math 150 Qualifying Examination, please call Erin Gordon at (619) 725-5687.

Principals need to schedule coverage during State standardized testing in such a way that secondary classroom teachers receive their regularly scheduled preparation time. Questions regarding impact to teacher's preparation time as a result of administering tests should be directed to the Labor Relations Department at 619-725-8060.

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APPROVED:



Geno Flores
Deputy Superintendent

Attachments (3)

Distribution: Lists A, D, E, and F

**2007- 2008 TESTING CALENDAR
TRADITIONAL CALENDAR SCHOOLS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADES</u>	<u>PROCEDURE</u>	<u>TEST</u>
July 24	12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/English Language Arts*
July 25	12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/Mathematics*
September 4 - October 17	K - 12	-----	California English Language Development Test (CELDT) Annual Assessment*
September 15 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)
October 2	12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/English Language Arts*
October 3	12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/Mathematics*
October 4 - 10	7 - 10	-----	Degrees of Reading Power (DRP)** <i>for schools participating in Striving Readers</i>
October 6 or 7 (Saturday or Sunday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
October 17 or 20 (Wednesday or Saturday)		4848	Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)
October 27 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)
October 29- November 2	K - 1	-----	Emerging Literacy Survey**
October 29- November 2	1, 3, 5	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – RP1 (Elementary)**
October 29- November 2	6 - 8	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – Q1 (Middle)**
October 29- November 2	3 - 9	-----	Cumulative Mathematics Benchmark – Q1**
October 29- November 2	K - 2	-----	Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA)/ Evaluación del desarrollo de la lectura (EDL)** levels due for Reporting Period 1

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TRADITIONAL CALENDAR SCHOOLS**

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November 3 or 4 (Saturday or Sunday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
November 6	11	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/English Language Arts*
November 7	11	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/Mathematics*
December 1 or 2 (Saturday or Sunday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
December 8 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)
January 26 or 27 (Saturday or Sunday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
January 28- February 1	6 - 8	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – Q2 (Middle)**
January 28- February 1	3 - 9	-----	Cumulative Mathematics Benchmark – Q2**
February 5	12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/English Language Arts*
February 6	12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/Mathematics*
February 9 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)
February 19 – March 13	5,7, 9	4835	Prudential FITNESSGRAM: Physical Fitness Testing*
February 25- 29	11	4322	Community College Math 150 Qualifying Examination
February 25- 29	K - 1	-----	Emerging Literacy Survey**
February 25- 29	1, 3, 5	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – RP2 (Elementary)**
February 25- 29	K - 2	-----	Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA)/ Evaluación del desarrollo de la lectura (EDL)** levels due for Reporting Period 2

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADES</u>	<u>PROCEDURE</u>	<u>TEST</u>
March 1 or 2 (Saturday or Sunday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT Reasoning only
March 4, 5	4, 7	-----	STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting) Program*: Writing Assessment
March 11	10, 11	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/English Language Arts*
March 12	10, 11	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/Mathematics*
March 26 - April 9	8 - 11	-----	STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting) Program*: Designated Primary Language Test (DPLT): Appendix 3 (Grades 8-11: All reading, language, and mathematics subtests)
April 7- 11	6 - 8	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – Q3 (Middle)**
April 7- 11	3 – 9	-----	Cumulative Mathematics Benchmark – Q3**
April 12 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)
April 14 - 18	7 – 10	-----	Degrees of Reading Power (DRP)** <i>for schools participating in Striving Readers</i>
April 23 - May 14	2 – 11	-----	STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting) Program*: California Standards Tests (CSTs); California Achievement Test, Sixth Edition (CAT/6); Standards-Based Test in Spanish (STS); California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA); California Modified Assessment (CMA)
May 3 or 4 (Saturday or Sunday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
May 5- 16	10- 12	4845	Advanced Placement Examinations***
May 6	10, 12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/ English Language Arts* (Grade 10 Make-up Administration only)
May 7	10, 12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/ Mathematics* (Grade 10 Make-up Administration only)
May 14 - 20	5	-----	District Mathematics Test**

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADES</u>	<u>PROCEDURE</u>	<u>TEST</u>
May 14 - 20	6, 7	-----	Mathematics Diagnostic Testing Project (MDTP) Pre-Algebra and Algebra Readiness Tests**
May 19- 23	9	-----	Practice California High School Exit Examination (PCAHSEE)**
May 29 - June 16	8- 12	-----	End-of-Course Examinations**
June 7 or 8 (Saturday or Sunday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
June 9- 13	K - 2	-----	Emerging Literacy Survey**
June 9- 13	1, 3, 5	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – RP3 (Elementary)**
June 9- 13	6 - 8	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – Q4 (Middle)**
June 9- 13	3 – 7/8	-----	Mathematics End-of-Year Examinations** (<i>through Pre-Algebra</i>)
June 9- 13	K - 2	-----	Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA)/ Evaluación del desarrollo de la lectura (EDL)** levels due for Reporting Period 3
June 14 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)

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**2007- 2008 TESTING CALENDAR
SINGLE TRACK YEAR-ROUND SCHOOLS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADES</u>	<u>PROCEDURE</u>	<u>TEST</u>
September 4 - October 17	K - 9	-----	California English Language Development Test (CELDT) Annual Assessment*
September 15 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)
October 4 - 10	7 - 10	-----	Degrees of Reading Power (DRP)** <i>for schools participating in Striving Readers</i>
October 6 or 7 (Saturday or Sunday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
October 17 or 20 (Wednesday or Saturday)		4848	Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)
October 27 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)
October 29- November 2	K - 1	-----	Emerging Literacy Survey**
October 29- November 2	1, 3, 5	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – RP1 (Elementary)**
October 29- November 2	6 - 8	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – Q1 (Middle)**
October 29- November 2	3 - 9	-----	Cumulative Mathematics Benchmark – Q1**
October 29- November 2	K - 2	-----	Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA)/ Evaluación del desarrollo de la lectura (EDL)** levels due for Reporting Period 1
November 3 or 4 (Saturday or Sunday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
December 1 or 2 (Saturday or Sunday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
December 8 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADES</u>	<u>PROCEDURE</u>	<u>TEST</u>
January 26 or 27 (Saturday or Sunday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
February 8- 14	6 - 8	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – Q2 (Middle)**
February 8- 14	3 - 9	-----	Cumulative Mathematics Benchmark – Q2**
February 9 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)
February 19 – March 13	5,7, 9	4835	Prudential FITNESSGRAM: Physical Fitness Testing*
March 1 or 2 (Saturday or Sunday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT Reasoning only
March 4, 5	4, 7	-----	STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting) Program*: Writing Assessment
March 7- 13	K - 1	-----	Emerging Literacy Survey**
March 7- 13	1, 3, 5	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – Q1 (Elementary)**
March 7- 13	K - 2	-----	Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA)/ Evaluación del desarrollo de la lectura (EDL)** levels due for Reporting Period 2
April 12 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)
April 14 - 25	8 - 11	-----	STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting) Program*: Designated Primary Language Test (DPLT): Aprenda 3 (Grades 8-11: All reading, language, and mathematics subtests)
May 3 or 4 (Saturday or Sunday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
May 12 - 16	7 - 10	-----	Degrees of Reading Power (DRP)** <i>for schools participating in Striving Readers</i>
May 12- 16	6 - 8	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – Q3 (Middle)**
May 12- 16	3 - 9	-----	Cumulative Mathematics Benchmark – Q3**

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May 28 – June 18	2 – 11	-----	STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting) Program*: California Standards Tests (CSTs); California Achievement Test, Sixth Edition (CAT/6); Standards-Based Test in Spanish (STS); California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA); California Modified Assessment (CMA)
June 7 or 8 (Saturday or Sunday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
June 14 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)
June 16 - 20	5	-----	District Mathematics Test**
June 16 - 20	6, 7	-----	Mathematics Diagnostic Testing Project (MDTP) Pre-Algebra and Algebra Readiness Tests**
July 1- 21	8- 12	-----	End-of-Course Examinations**
July 14- 18	K - 1	-----	Emerging Literacy Survey**
July 14- 18	1, 3, 5	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – RP3 (Elementary)**
July 14- 18	6 - 8	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – Q4 (Middle)**
July 14- 18	3 – 7/8	-----	Mathematics End-of-Year/Course Examinations** (<i>through Pre-Algebra</i>)
July 14- 18	K - 2	-----	Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA)/ Evaluación del desarrollo de la lectura (EDL)** levels due for Reporting Period 3

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**2007- 2008 TESTING CALENDAR
HIGH SCHOOLS ON 4X4 SCHEDULE*******

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July 24	12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/English Language Arts*
July 25	12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/Mathematics*
September 4 - October 17	K - 12	-----	California English Language Development Test (CELDT) Annual Assessment*
September 15 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)
October 2	12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/English Language Arts*
October 3	12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/Mathematics*
October 6 or 7 (Saturday or Sunday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
October 17 or 20 (Wednesday or Saturday)		4848	Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)
October 27 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)
November 3 or 4 (Saturday or Sunday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
November 6	11	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/English Language Arts*
November 7	11	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/Mathematics*
December 1 or 2 (Saturday or Sunday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
December 8 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)

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**2007- 2008 TESTING CALENDAR
HIGH SCHOOLS ON 4X4 SCHEDULE******

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADES</u>	<u>PROCEDURE</u>	<u>TEST</u>
January 24- February 1	9-12	-----	End-of Course Examinations**
January 26 or 27 (Saturday or Sunday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
February 5	12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/English Language Arts*
February 6	12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/Mathematics*
February 9 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)
February 19 – March 13	5,7, 9	4835	Prudential FITNESSGRAM: Physical Fitness Testing*
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May 3 or 4 (Saturday or Sunday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
May 5- 16	10- 12	4845	Advanced Placement Examinations***

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HIGH SCHOOLS ON 4X4 SCHEDULE******

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADES</u>	<u>PROCEDURE</u>	<u>TEST</u>
May 6	10, 12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/ English Language Arts* (Grade 10 Make-up Administration only)
May 7	10, 12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/ Mathematics* (Grade 10 Make-up Administration only)
May 19- 23	9	-----	Practice California High School Exit Examination (PCAHSEE)**
June 9 - June 16	8- 12	-----	End-of-Course Examinations**
June 7 or 8 (Saturday or Sunday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
June 14 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)

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