

**SITE OPERATIONS CIRCULAR NO. 1005**

Office of the Chief Curriculum and  
Staff Development Officer

**SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Date:** August 25, 2008

**To:** All School Principals, Division and Department Heads

**Subject:** **REVISED TESTING CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Department and/or Persons Concerned:** Principals, 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 2008-2009 school year.

**Brief Explanation:**

Attached are the following testing calendars for the 2008-2009 school year:

- **Attachment 1:** Testing Calendar, 2008-2009, Traditional calendar schools
- **Attachment 2:** Testing Calendar, 2008-2009, Single Track Year-Round schools
- **Attachment 3:** Testing Calendar, 2008-2009, High Schools on 4x4 Schedule

There have been several changes to the district-mandated tests from the 2007-2008 school year. Please note the following changes to the assessment system for the 2008-09 school year:

- **Cumulative Literacy Benchmarks** will be administered at the end of each reporting period to all students in Grades 1 through 5/6 and at the end of each quarter to all middle level students in Grades 6, 7, and 8.
- **Cumulative Mathematics Benchmarks** will be administered quarterly to all students in Grades 1 through 8.
- **Cumulative Science Benchmarks** will be administered at the end of each reporting period to all students in Grades 3 through 5.
- The **Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA)** will no longer be administered to students in Grades K through 2. The Writing and Reading Assessment Profile (WRAP) will replace the DRA; please see details about the WRAP below.

- The **Degrees of Reading Power (DRP)** will only be required for schools participating in Striving Readers (Grades 7 through 10).
- The **End-of-Course Examinations** will be administered to students in Grades 6 through 12 that are enrolled in the following courses: Pre-Algebra, Algebra Readiness, Algebra, Geometry, Intermediate Algebra, Statistics and Data Analysis, Earth Science, Physics, World History and Geography, and US History; they will be administered at the end of the year, and at the end of each semester for schools on a 4x4 schedule.
- The **Gates-MacGinitie Reading Test (GMRT)** is a new screening assessment in reading that will be administered at the beginning of the school year to students in Grades 3 through 10. The DRP will be administered in place of the GMRT at schools participating in Striving Readers.
- The **Harcourt Inventory Test** is a new screening assessment in mathematics that will be administered at the beginning of the school year to students in Grades 1 through 6.
- The **Mathematics Diagnostic Testing Project (MDTP)** will not be administered districtwide during the 2008-09 school year. However, schools may continue to use the MDTP to inform instruction. Schools may contact UCSD directly for MDTP materials at (858) 534-4519.
- **On Demand Writing** is a new screening assessment for students in kindergarten through Grade 10 that will be administered at the beginning of the school year; On Demand Writing prompts are also included in subsequent literacy units to be used as appropriate by the teacher.
- The **Standards-based Assessment in Mathematics (Modified SAM Jr./SAM Jr.)** is a new assessment that will be administered both at the beginning of the school year (Modified SAM Jr.) and at the end of the school year (SAM Jr.) to all students in kindergarten.
- The **Writing and Reading Assessment Profile (WRAP)** is a new screening assessment that will be administered at the beginning of the school year to students in kindergarten through Grade 2. Additionally, it may be used during the school year to monitor progress and collect evidence of student growth.

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 11 who have been enrolled in a U.S. school less than 12 months or are enrolled in a Bilingual Program.
- The **Apreda 3** will no longer be administered; it has been replaced by the STS for the 2008-09 school year.
- The **California Modified Assessment (CMA)** is a new test for special education students in Grades 3 through 8 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)

**District-Mandated Tests**

- Cumulative Literacy Benchmarks
- Cumulative Mathematics Benchmarks
- Cumulative Science Benchmarks
- Degrees of Reading Power (DRP)
- End-of-Course Examinations
- Gates-MacGinitie Reading Tests (GMRT)
- Harcourt Inventory Tests
- Harcourt End-of-Year Tests
- Standards-based Assessment in Mathematics (Modified SAM Jr./SAM Jr.)
- On Demand Writing
- Practice California High School Exit Examination (PCAHSEE)
- Writing and Reading Assessment Profile (WRAP)

**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 2008-2009 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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Chuck Morris  
Chief Curriculum and Staff  
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Attachments (3)

Distribution: Lists A, D, E, and F

**2008- 2009 TESTING CALENDAR  
TRADITIONAL CALENDAR SCHOOLS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADES</u>	<u>PROCEDURE</u>	<u>TEST</u>
July 29	12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/English Language Arts*
July 30	12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/Mathematics*
September 2 - October 15	K - 12	-----	California English Language Development Test (CELDT) Annual Assessment*
September 8 - 19	K - 10	-----	On Demand Writing**
September 8 - 12	K - 2	-----	Writing and Reading Assessment Profile (WRAP)**
September 13 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)
September 22 - 26	3 - 10	-----	Gates-MacGinitie Reading Tests (GMRT)**
September 22 - 26	1 - 6	-----	Harcourt Inventory**
September 22 - 26	K	-----	Modified Standards-based Assessment in Mathematics (Modified SAM Jr.)**
October 4 (Saturday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
October 6 - 10	7 - 10	-----	Degrees of Reading Power (DRP)** <i>for schools participating in Striving Readers</i>
October 7	12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/English Language Arts*
October 8	12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/Mathematics*
October 15 or 18 (Wednesday or Saturday)		4848	Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)
October 20 - 24	1 - 5/6	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – RP1 (Elementary)**
October 20 - 24	6 - 8	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – Q1 (Middle)**
October 20 - 24	1 - 8	-----	Cumulative Mathematics Benchmark – Q1**

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October 25 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)
November 1 (Saturday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
November 4	11	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/English Language Arts*
November 5	11	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/Mathematics*
November 17 - 21	3 - 5	-----	Cumulative Science Benchmark – RP1**
December 6 (Saturday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
December 13 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)
January 20 - 26	6 - 8	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – Q2 (Middle)**
January 20 - 26	1 - 8	-----	Cumulative Mathematics Benchmark – Q2**
January 24 (Saturday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
February 3	12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/English Language Arts*
February 4	12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/Mathematics*
February 7 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)
February 17 - 23	1 - 5/6	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – RP2 (Elementary)**
February 23 - 27	3 - 5	-----	Cumulative Science Benchmark – RP2**
March 2 - 27	5, 7, 9	4835	Prudential FITNESSGRAM: Physical Fitness Testing*
TBD	11	4322	Community College Math 150 Qualifying Examination

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March 3, 4	4, 7	-----	STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting) Program*: Writing Assessment
March 14 (Saturday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT Reasoning only
March 16 - 20	9	-----	Practice California High School Exit Examination (PCAHSEE)**
March 17	10, 11	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/English Language Arts*
March 18	10, 11	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/Mathematics*
March 23 - 27	6 - 8	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – Q3 (Middle)**
March 23 - 27	1 - 8	-----	Cumulative Mathematics Benchmark – Q3**
April 4 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)
April 13 - 17	7 - 10	-----	Degrees of Reading Power (DRP)** <i>for schools participating in Striving Readers</i>
April 22 - May 13	2 - 11	-----	STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting) Program*: California Standards Tests (CSTs); California Achievement Test, Sixth Edition (CAT/6); California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA); California Modified Assessment (CMA); Standards-Based Test in Spanish (STS);
May 2 (Saturday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
May 4 - 15	10 - 12	4845	Advanced Placement Examinations***
May 12	10, 12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/ English Language Arts* (Grade 10 Make-up Administration only)
May 13	10, 12	4850	California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)/ Mathematics* (Grade 10 Make-up Administration only)
May 26 - June 5	1 - 5/6	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – RP3 (Elementary)**
May 26 - June 5	6 - 8	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – Q4 (Middle)**

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June 1 - 15	6 - 12	-----	End-of-Course Examinations**
June 1 - 15	1 - 6	-----	Harcourt End-of-Year**
June 1 - 15	K	-----	Standards-based Assessment in Mathematics (SAM Jr.)**
June 6 (Saturday)		4846	College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
June 8 - 12	3 - 5	-----	Cumulative Science Benchmark – RP3**
June 13 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)

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**2008- 2009 TESTING CALENDAR  
SINGLE TRACK YEAR-ROUND SCHOOLS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADES</u>	<u>PROCEDURE</u>	<u>TEST</u>
September 2 - October 15	K - 12	-----	California English Language Development Test (CELDT) Annual Assessment*
September 8 - 19	K - 10	-----	On Demand Writing**
September 8 - 12	K - 2	-----	Writing and Reading Assessment Profile (WRAP)**
September 22 - 26	3 - 10	-----	Gates-MacGinitie Reading Tests (GMRT)**
September 22 - 26	1 - 6	-----	Harcourt Inventory**
September 22 - 26	K	-----	Modified Standards-based Assessment in Mathematics (Modified SAM Jr.)**
October 6 - 10	7 - 10	-----	Degrees of Reading Power (DRP)** <i>for schools participating in Striving Readers</i>
October 20 - 24	1 - 5/6	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – RP1 (Elementary)**
October 20 - 24	6 - 8	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – Q1 (Middle)**
October 20 - 24	1 - 8	-----	Cumulative Mathematics Benchmark – Q1**
November 17 - 21	3 - 5	-----	Cumulative Science Benchmark – RP1**
February 2 - 6	6 - 8	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – Q2 (Middle)**
February 2 - 6	1 - 8	-----	Cumulative Mathematics Benchmark – Q2**
February 23 - 27	1 - 5/6	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – RP2 (Elementary)**
March 2 - 27	5, 7, 9	4835	Prudential FITNESSGRAM: Physical Fitness Testing*
March 3, 4	4, 7	-----	STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting) Program*: Writing Assessment
March 16 - 20	3 - 5	-----	Cumulative Science Benchmark – RP2**
March 30 - April 3	6 - 8	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – Q3 (Middle)**

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March 30 - April 3	1 - 8	-----	Cumulative Mathematics Benchmark – Q3**
May 11 - 15	7 - 10	-----	Degrees of Reading Power (DRP)** <i>for schools participating in Striving Readers</i>
May 28 - June 18	2 - 11	-----	STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting) Program*: California Standards Tests (CSTs); California Achievement Test, Sixth Edition (CAT/6); California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA); California Modified Assessment (CMA); Standards-Based Test in Spanish (STS)
June 29 - July 10	1 - 5/6	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – RP3 (Elementary)**
June 29 - July 10	6 - 8	-----	Cumulative Literacy Benchmark – Q4 (Middle)**
July 6 - 10	3 - 5	-----	Cumulative Science Benchmark – RP3**
July 6 - 21	6 - 12	-----	End-of-Course Examinations**
July 6 - 21	1 - 6	-----	Harcourt End-of-Year**
July 6 - 21	K	-----	Standards-based Assessment in Mathematics (SAM Jr.)**

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HIGH SCHOOLS ON 4X4 SCHEDULE**

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HIGH SCHOOLS ON 4X4 SCHEDULE**

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December 13 (Saturday)		-----	American College Test (ACT)
January 20 - 30	6 - 12	-----	End-of-Course Examinations**
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