

Berkeley USD
Administrative Regulation
Standardized Testing And Reporting Program

AR 6162.51

Instruction

The district shall administer the following assessments in the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program:

1. A nationally norm-referenced achievement test in basic academic skills designated by the State Board of Education (SBE) pursuant to Education Code 60642, to each student in grades 3 and 7. (Education Code 60640)
2. A standards-based achievement tests, as designated by the SBE pursuant to Education Code 60642.5, to each student in grades 2-11. (Education Code 60640)
3. A primary language test for any limited-English-proficient student who either receives instruction in his/her primary language or has been enrolled in a California public school for less than 12 months, if such a test is available. This test shall be administered in addition to any applicable norm-referenced achievement test and standards-based achievement test. (Education Code 60640)

Following the first year of enrollment in a California public school, English language learners may continue to take, in addition to the tests in English, an achievement test in their primary language to the extent that such a test is available and the Superintendent or designee determines that such test results would provide useful information about students' performance.

4. The California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) for any special education student whose individualized education program (IEP) specifically states that he/she will be assessed with the CAPA due to the student's inability to participate in any applicable norm-referenced test and standards-based achievement test, even with appropriate accommodation. (Education Code 60640; 5 CCR 850, 851)

Any special education student who is an English learner may be tested with the designated primary language test in accordance with item #3 above, unless the IEP specifically exempts him/her from such testing. (5 CCR 881)

Testing Period

The STAR assessments shall be administered to students during a testing window of 21 instructional days that includes 10 instructional days before and after completion of 85 percent of the school's, track's or program's instructional days. Testing for all students, including make-up testing, shall be completed within this 21 instructional day window unless all or part of the 21 instructional day period falls after any statutorily specified deadline. (Education Code 60640; 5 CCR 855)

The Superintendent or designee shall arrange for at least two make-up days for the testing of students who were absent during the period that any school administered the STAR assessments. All make-up testing shall occur within five instructional days of the last date that the district administered the tests, but not later than the 21 instructional day window established above. (Education Code 60640; 5 CCR 855)

Exemptions

A parent/guardian may submit to the school a written request to excuse his/her child from any or all parts of any test. District employees may discuss the STAR program with parents/guardians and may inform them of the availability of exemptions under Education Code 60615. However, the district and its employees shall not solicit or encourage any written exemption request on behalf of any student or group of students. (5 CCR 852)

Testing Variations

The STAR assessments shall be administered in accordance with the manuals or other instructions provided by the test contractor, unless a testing variation, accommodation, or modification is specifically allowed in 5 CCR 853 or 853.5. (5 CCR 853, 853.5)

All students may be provided with the following variations: (5 CCR 853.5)

1. Simplified or clarified test directions
2. For grades 5-11 on the standards-based achievement test, write-in test booklets
3. On the standards-based achievement test, as much time as needed within a single sitting to complete a test or test part

In addition, all students shall be provided with the following testing

variations if such variations are regularly used in the classroom: (5 CCR 853.5)

1. Special adaptive furniture
2. Special lighting, special acoustics, or visual magnifying or audio amplification equipment
3. An individual carrel or study enclosure
4. Individual testing in a separate testing room provided that a district employee who has signed the STAR Test Security Affidavit directly supervises the student
5. Colored overlay, masks, or other means to maintain visual attention to the test or test questions
6. For grade 2 or 3 standards-based achievement tests, underlining or marking information or working math problems in the test booklet
7. Manually Coded English or American Sign Language to communicate directions for test administration

Identified English learners shall be provided with the following testing variations if such variations are regularly used in the classroom or for assessment: (5 CCR 853.5)

1. Flexible setting: testing in a separate room with other English learners provided that a district employee who has signed the Test Security Affidavit directly supervises the student
2. Flexible schedule: additional supervised breaks following each section within a test part provided that the test section is completed within a testing day. A test section is identified by a "STOP" at the end of it.
3. Translated directions: hearing the test directions printed in the test administration manual translated into their primary language. English learners shall have the opportunity to ask clarifying questions about any test directions presented orally in their primary language.
4. Glossaries: access to translation glossaries/word lists for the standards-based achievement tests in mathematics, science, and history/social science (English to primary language). The translation glossaries/word lists are to include only the English word or phrase with the corresponding primary language word or phrase. The

glossaries/word lists shall not include definitions or formulas.

Students with disabilities shall be permitted to take the assessments with any of the testing variations listed in 5 CCR 853.5, provided the variations are specified in their IEP or Section 504 plan. These variations may include, but are not limited to, accommodations in the presentation or setting of the test administration or in how a student is allowed to respond, and/or modifications in accordance with 5 CCR 853.5. A special education student shall be allowed to test below his/her grade level only in accordance with 5 CCR 853. (5 CCR 850, 853, 853.5)

District and Test Site Coordinators

Each year the Superintendent or designee shall designate a district coordinator who shall serve as the district representative and liaison with the California Department of Education for all matters relating to the STAR program. The Superintendent or designee also shall designate a coordinator at each test site. (5 CCR 857-858, 886-887)

In addition to the duties prescribed in 5 CCR 857-858 and 886, the district coordinator shall establish guidelines to help ensure that the test contractor is provided complete student information, as specified in 5 CCR 861 and 870, for purposes of the Academic Performance Index.

After receiving summary reports and files from the test contractor, the district STAR coordinator shall review the files and reports for completeness and accuracy, and shall notify the test contractor and the California Department of Education of any errors, discrepancies, or incomplete information. (5 CCR 857)

Reports of Test Results

The Superintendent or designee shall forward the student report provided by the test contractor to the student's parents/guardians within 20 working days of receiving the report from the contractor. If these reports are received from the contractor after the last day of instruction in the school year, each student's results shall be mailed to his/her parents/guardians. (5 CCR 863)

The report shall include a clear explanation of the purpose of the test, the student's score, and its intended use by the district. (Education Code 60641)

An individual student's scores shall also be reported to his/her school and teachers and shall be included in his/her student record. (Education Code 60641)

Districtwide, school-level, and grade-level results shall be reported to the Governing Board at a regularly scheduled meeting. The Board shall not receive individual students' scores or the relative position of any individual student. (Education Code 60641)

Individual test results shall not be released without the written consent of the adult student or the minor student's parents/guardians to any person other than a parent/guardian; a teacher, counselor or administrator directly involved with the student; or a postsecondary educational institution for the purposes of credit, placement, or admission. (Education Code 60607, 60641)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)
(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education under Section 504)
(cf. 3553 -Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)

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