

RED Alert: Week of October 12, 2009

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Administrative Circular Posted to the District Website NEW

The following circular has been posted to the district website:

Administrative Circular No. 31 *November 2009 Administration of California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) – Grade 11 (Class of 2011) and Adult Education Students Only* is available at <http://www.sandi.net/218220820134059770/lib/218220820134059770/documents/0910/ac031.pdf>.

Literacy End-of-Unit Assessments Now in DataDirector NEW

Literacy end-of-unit assessments for Grades 1-5 are now available in DataDirector. Please note that, other than calling out the students who answered at least 90% of the items correctly, proficiency levels have not been assigned to end-of-unit (and mathematics end-of-module) exams. These formative assessments are designed to provide information that can be used to plan instruction, form groups for small group instruction, and monitor progress; such assessments should be considered just one component in the overall body of evidence used to determine and report student progress.

MAP Results in DataDirector NEW

For schools participating in the MAP Pilot, student data will be available in DataDirector within 48-72 hours after testing. The data most useful to teachers have been pulled into Shared Reports under the Reports tab. The complete set of data can be found under the Assessments tab. Please contact Dina Policar (dpolicar@sandi.net) if you have questions.

Principal's Certification of Graduates Reminder NEW

A *Principal's Certification of Graduates* form **must be completed after each graduation event** (e.g., mid-year, June commencement, **end of Summer School**, and October 1). Please submit your school's certification form for the October 1 listing (primarily for students who completed their CAHSEE requirements via the July CAHSEE administration) by October 30.

The *Principal's Certification of Graduates* form serves as an assurance that:

1. a) All students receiving diplomas have completed all graduation requirements,
b) Students who did not meet all graduation requirements but received a diploma were granted waivers by the principal, **and**
c) Graduation status data have been correctly entered into the district's data system.

OR

2. There were no students who received diplomas at this graduation event.

Per Administrative Procedure 4770, waivers to the District graduation requirements may be granted in specific cases with compelling circumstances. Principals have the authority to grant waivers and will make the determination on a case-by-case basis. (Note: The CAHSEE graduation requirement is state-mandated and may not be waived by the principal.) The names of all students granted waivers as well as student ID numbers, specific graduation requirement(s) waived, and rationale for the waiver must be listed on the *Principal's Certification of Graduates* form.

The certification form must be signed by the principal and copies must be provided to the Chief Secondary School Improvement Officer and the Research and Evaluation Division.

For additional information, please refer to Administrative Circular No. 102 (posted June 10, 2008) on the District's website. An electronic version of the *Principal's Certification of Graduates* form is available online at http://old.sandi.net/staff/circulars/0708/ac102_2.doc.

Upcoming/Continuing Test Windows REMINDER

CELDT Annual Assessment: September 8, 2009 - October 21, 2009 for Grades K-12. Test materials must be returned to Annex 10, at the Eugene Brucker Education Center between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on the dates indicated below. For questions regarding the CELDT, please call 619-725-7059.

- October 21 – Elementary Schools, Traditional Calendar
- October 22 – Secondary Schools, Traditional Calendar
- October 23 – Elementary & Secondary Schools, Single Track Year-Round

The Degrees of Reading Power (DRP): October 12–16, 2009 for Grades 7-10 at schools participating in the Striving Readers grant. Materials were delivered via truck delivery during the week of September 28, 2009. Instructions for test site coordinators were included with the materials delivered to sites. All DRP testing materials are due back to Assessment Services, Annex 10, Eugene Brucker Education Center on October 19, 2009. For more information on DRP testing, please call 619-725-7165.

Schools participating in the DRP include the following:

Grades 7 & 8

Bell
Challenger
CPMA
Farb
Marston
Montgomery
Roosevelt
Taft

Grades 9 & 10

Clairemont
Crawford CHAMPS
Kearny- DMD
Kearny- SIB
Madison
Mira Mesa
Morse
San Diego High- Sci. & Tech

Literacy & Mathematics Benchmarks for Elementary Schools: October 19 - November 6, 2009 for Grades 1-6. Materials were delivered via truck delivery during the week of October 5, 2009. Instructions for test site coordinators were included with the materials delivered to sites. For more information, please call 619-725-7148.

Literacy & Mathematics Benchmarks for Middle Schools: October 26 - November 6, 2009 for Grades 6-8. Materials were delivered via truck delivery during the week of October 12, 2009. Instructions for test site coordinators were included with the materials delivered to sites. For more information, please call 619-725-7148.

Mathematics Benchmarks for Senior High Schools: October 26 - November 6, 2009 for students enrolled in Algebra or Geometry. Materials were delivered via truck delivery during the week of October 12, 2009. Instructions for test site coordinators were included with the materials delivered to sites. For more information, please call 619-725-7148.

Practice California High School Exit Examination (PCAHSEE): Testing window will be determined by sites. The PCAHSEE will be administered to all students in Grade 9 (Class of 2013) during the 2009-10 school year. Materials will be delivered via truck delivery during the week of October 19, 2009. Instructions for test site coordinators will be included with the materials delivered to sites. Sites will print their own answer sheets from DataDirector after determining their school's testing window. For more information, please call 619-725-7165.

Elimination of the STAR Writing Test for Grade 4 REMINDER

The California Department of Education (CDE) just announced that the STAR Writing test for Grade 4 has been eliminated. Therefore, Grade 4 students will no longer take a CST/CMA writing test in early March. By eliminating the STAR Writing test for Grade 4, the state will save over 2 million dollars. Grade 7 students will continue to take the STAR Writing test on March 2 and 3, 2010. Please contact Erin Gordon at 619-725-5687 if you have any questions.

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