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*All Students Learning  
Whatever It Takes*

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This spring, your child, along with all public school students throughout California, will participate in California's Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program. Students at our school will take tests on the following dates:

Test Name	Who Takes It	Testing Date
California Standards Test (CST)	Grades 2-8	April 19 – 30
California Alternative Performance Assessment (CAPA)	Grade 2 - 8 students with CAPA specified on IEP	April 19 – 30
California Modified Assessment (CMA)	Grade 3 - 8 students with CMA specified on IEP	April 19 - 30
Standards-based Test in Spanish (STS)	Spanish speaking students not yet fluent in English enrolled in California public school less than 12 months or receiving instruction in Spanish – Grades 2-8	April 19 - 30

Most students will take the California Standards Tests (CST). Students with significant cognitive disabilities, who are unable to take the CST, will take the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA). Students that fall in between the CAPA and CST have an opportunity to take the California Modified Assessment (CMA) and students taking the CAPA or CMA must have their participation stated in the students' IEP. Spanish-speaking English Learners, who are enrolled in California public schools less than 12 months or are receiving instruction in Spanish, will also take the Standards-based Test in Spanish (STS) in grades 2-8.

Test results will be sent to the student's home in a STAR Student Report in late August. Individual results are confidential and will be shared only with parents/guardians, the students, and the student's teachers.

STAR Program reports provide valuable information about your child's academic achievement. The results are also used to compute our school's Academic Performance Index (API) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status and rankings. We expect all students to participate. Non-participation requires a written request from the student's parent/guardian. Please do not schedule doctor appointments and trips during testing dates and help your child by ensuring she or he receives adequate sleep and eats breakfast the days of the test.