



# Show What You Know!



Northgate 2011

STAR 900

## Before the Test...

1. Bring a few number 2 pencils with erasers.
2. Bring current student ID.
3. Solve family/friend problems before the test.
4. Get 8 hours of sleep the night before the test.

## Test Morning...

1. Start your day as you always do.
2. Eat a good breakfast and don't drink a large beverage before the test.
3. Get to school a few minutes earlier than usual.
4. Know what classroom you are to report to.
5. Think positive!



## In the Testing Room...

1. Relax!
2. Ask for procedural help when directions allow, your teacher is there to help you!
3. The STAR-CST test is based on the California State Standards. You have already studied most of the material you will see on the test.

## During the test...

1. If you do not understand the directions or are unsure, ask for help.
2. Read the question and ALL answer choices before marking anything.
3. Don't spend too much time on any one question. Do your best and move on.
4. Decide exactly what the question is asking and choose the response that is clearly best.
5. Answer all of the questions.
6. Give your best effort!

## STAR Test Schedule

### **Tuesday, May 3 – English Language Arts**

- All 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students

### **Wednesday, May 4 – Math**

- All 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students (except Personal Finance and 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> grade Intro to Algebra students)

### **Thursday, May 5 – Social Studies**

- All 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students

### **Monday, May 9 – Science**

- All 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students in Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Earth Science and Physiology (including AP and Honors)

### **Tuesday, May 10 – Life Science - Grade 10**

- All 10<sup>th</sup> grade students

**BRONCO  PRIDE**

## **Five Reasons to do Your Best...**

- The results of your test are used to calculate your school's API score, which ranks us throughout the state.
- Colleges recognize applicants from high API scoring high schools.
- The STAR-CST is based on the California State Standards. It is designed to help teachers and administrators determine areas of strength and areas to improve on.
- Show our Bronco Pride in all efforts!
- Beat Las Lomas!

## Multiple Choice

- Only change an answer if you are sure the first one you picked was wrong.
- Try to answer every question. Make the most intelligent guess you can.
- Find **key words** or **phrases** in the question that will help you choose the correct answer.
- Make sure you understand the question being asked. Don't be fooled!

## Process of Elimination

- If you're not sure of the right answer, get rid of the answers you know are wrong. Then make the best guess you can.
- If you can eliminate two wrong answers, your chance of choosing the right answer increases!

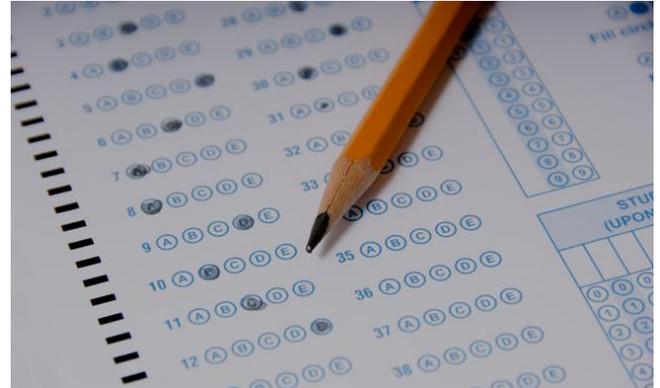
## Final Tips

- Fill in bubbles fully, write neatly, and erase any stray marks.
- Double check the test question number against your answer sheet to make sure you are on the right number.
- If you finish early, make sure you have answered all the questions.
- Once you have finished, remain quiet as others may still be taking the test.

## Avoid the CSU

### Early Assessment Program (EAP)

CSU first time freshman must take assessment tests for math and English prior to attending college. However, if you take the EAP (Early Assessment Test) that is part of the STAR Testing and meet the requirement, you do not have to take the other ELM and EPT assessment tests. When you get the STAR results, check the bottom left of the score sheet to see if you have met the requirement.



### Reading Passages

1. If the test requires you to read a passage and then answer questions about what you read...**read the questions first!**
2. When there are several questions about a reading passage or chart, look for **clues** in other questions that might help you with those items that you are unsure about.

## STAR Test Achievement Awards

*Any students whose test scores increase by the following points will be eligible for one of the following prizes:*

-  **10 point** Increase = Ice Cream
-  **20 point** Increase = Enter Drawing for class ring (One per grade 10, 11 & 12)
-  **25 point** Increase = Enter Drawing for IPAD 2

*The Grade that Scores the highest increase overall will receive a catered lunch in September*

### Math Computation

1. When using scratch paper on a math test, double check to make sure that you have copied the problem correctly from the booklet.
2. Work backwards if possible by plugging answers into the question or problem.
3. If your answer does not match the choices, reread the problem, recopy the numbers, and try solving the problem again.