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Dear Parents/Guardians of SCUSD 11th Grade Students:

Testing season has begun in California schools, giving students opportunities to show what they know and schools an opportunity to identify learning needs. Results from this spring's 11th grade online state tests will be used by the California State University system and some community colleges to measure whether students are ready for college-level math and English language arts. Scores should also be used to guide 12th grade course selections to ensure CSU eligibility.

Please read the following information carefully:

- Students who score at the highest performance level ("Standard Exceeded") are considered ready for college-level coursework in English and/or mathematics and exempt from taking the CSU English Placement Test and/or Entry Level Mathematics exam.
- Students who score at the "Standard Met" level are considered conditionally ready for college-level coursework in English and/or mathematics and exempt from taking the placement tests. However, they must take an approved English and/or mathematics course in grade 12 and receive a grade of "C" or better. Students that do not meet the conditional requirement will need to participate in the CSU's Early Start Program (www.csusuccess.org/earlystart), unless exemption was met through another pathway.
- Students who score at the "Standard Nearly Met" performance level are considered not yet ready for college-level coursework in English and/or mathematics and will need additional preparation in grade 12. They will also be required to take the placement exams unless they meet the exemption criteria through another pathway.
- Students who score at the "Standard Not Met" performance level are considered not ready for college-level work in English and/or mathematics. They will need substantial improvement to demonstrate knowledge and skills needed for success in entry-level credit-bearing college coursework after high school.

Students wishing to inform the CSU and participating community colleges of their Early Assessment Program status may submit their test results by selecting the release button at the end of the exams. Students who do not release their scores can request their scores be submitted by contacting the Sacramento State testing office at (916) 278-7766 or testingcenter@csus.edu. Your school will let you know when testing begins for your child. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before a test and eats a healthy breakfast. And remember, the primary purpose of testing is to support learning.

Thank you,

José L. Banda
Superintendent