

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 29, 2004

TO: MEMBERS, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: Geno Flores, Deputy Superintendent
Assessment and Accountability Branch

SUBJECT: Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program: Approval to allow Grade Eleven Students enrolled in Integrated Mathematics 3 to take the Algebra II California Standards Tests (CSTs)

Current California Standards Test (CST) administration procedures require that students in grades eight through eleven take the CSTs for mathematics courses they have completed or will complete by the end of the school year. For example, grade eleven students who will complete an Algebra II course by the end of the 2003-2004 school year are to take the Algebra II CST; grade eleven students completing an Integrated Mathematics 3 course by the end of the 2003-2004 school year are to take the Integrated Mathematics 3 CST.

Beginning with the spring 2004 STAR Program, a California State University (CSU) Early Assessment of Readiness for College Mathematics (EAP for Mathematics) will be administered as an augmentation to the CSTs for Algebra II and Summative High School Mathematics. CSU representatives developed the augmentation through extensive review of the Algebra II and Summative High School Mathematics CST blueprints. Because of the extensive review required to develop the augmentation and the limited number of students enrolled in Integrated Mathematics 3 courses, the CSU representatives originally determined that the EAP for Mathematics would not be administered as an augmentation to the Integrated Mathematics 3 CST.

However, after further discussion with the CSU representatives, it has been determined that grade eleven students completing Integrated Mathematics 3 courses should be allowed to participate in the EAP for Mathematics. The current CST administration procedures as described above are to allow students to take only the CST for the course in which they are enrolled or have completed. In order to provide this EAP opportunity to students taking Integrated Mathematics 3, we will be requesting the State Board of Education (SBE) to approve allowing grade eleven students to take the Algebra II CST if the students wish to complete the EAP for Mathematics at the March meeting. Grade eleven students completing Integrated Mathematics 3 who choose not to participate in the EAP for Mathematics will take the Integrated Mathematics 3 CST.