

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: October 9, 2015

To: All School Principals, Division and Department Heads

Subject: TESTING CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR THE
2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

**Department and/or
Persons Concerned:** Principals, Vice Principals, Testing Coordinators, and School Site
Personnel involved in testing

Due Date: Administer tests on dates or during testing window indicated.

Reference: Administrative Procedures 4322, 4835, 4845, 4846 and 4848.

Action Requested: Consider the testing dates when planning activities for the
2015-2016 school year.

Brief Explanation:

Attached are the following testing calendars for the 2015-2016 school year:

- **Attachment 1:** 2015-2016 Testing Calendar, Traditional Calendar Schools
- **Attachment 2:** 2015-2016 Testing Calendar, Year-Round Calendar Schools

Attachments 1 and 2 contain dates for the following state-mandated tests, district assessments, college entrance examinations, and Advanced Placement (AP) tests.

State-Mandated Tests

- California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)
 - ❖ California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA)
 - ❖ California Modified Assessment (CMA)
 - ❖ California Standards Test (CST)
 - ❖ California Alternate Assessment (CAA)
 - ❖ Smarter Balanced Assessments
- California English Language Development Test (CELDT)
- FITNESSGRAM

District Assessments

- Developmental Reading Assessment, Second Edition (DRA2)
- Honors End-of-Course Examinations
- Literacy Interim Assessments
- Mathematics Interim Assessments
- Mathematics Readiness Assessments

- Writing Prompts: Narrative and Argument/Opinion

College Entrance and Advanced Placement Tests

- Advanced Placement (AP)
- American College Test (ACT)
- College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests
- Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)

Please review the testing calendars carefully. It is important to pay close attention to the dates and required grade levels for each test.

If you have questions regarding state-mandated tests, district assessments, or college entrance tests, please call Erin Gordon at (619) 725-5687 or email at egordon@sandi.net.

Principals need to schedule coverage during state standardized testing in such a way that secondary classroom teachers receive their regularly scheduled preparation time. Questions regarding impact to teacher's preparation time as a result of administering tests should be directed to the Labor Relations Department at (619) 725-8060.

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APPROVED:



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Executive Director, Leadership and Learning

Attachments (2)

Distribution: Lists A, D, E, and F

**2015- 2016 TESTING CALENDAR
TRADITIONAL CALENDAR SCHOOLS**

| DATE | GRADE LEVEL (s) | PROCEDURE | TEST |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---|
| Site Determined* | TK - 11 | ----- | Writing Prompts: Narrative and Argument/Opinion* |
| September 8 - October 21 | TK - 12 | ----- | California English Language Development Test (CELDT) Annual Assessment |
| September 12 (Saturday) | | ----- | American College Test (ACT) |
| October 3 (Saturday) | | 4846 | College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests |
| October 14 | 10 | 4848 | Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) |
| October 19 - November 6 | TK - 5** | ----- | Developmental Reading Assessment, Second Edition (DRA2)** |
| October 19 - November 13 | 10 - 12 | 4835 | FITNESSGRAM: Physical Fitness Testing |
| October 24 (Saturday) | | ----- | American College Test (ACT) |
| November 2 - November 20 | 2 - 11 | ----- | Interim Assessment 1: Literacy & Mathematics |
| November 7 (Saturday) | | 4846 | College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests |
| December 5 (Saturday) | | 4846 | College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests |
| December 12 (Saturday) | | ----- | American College Test (ACT) |
| January 11 - January 29 | 9 - 12 | ----- | Honors End-of-Course Examinations for schools on a 4x4 schedule |
| January 23 (Saturday) | | 4846 | College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests |
| January 25 - February 11 | 2 - 11 | ----- | Interim Assessment 2: Literacy & Mathematics |
| February 6 (Saturday) | | ----- | American College Test (ACT) |
| February 16 - March 4 | TK - 5** | ----- | Developmental Reading Assessment, Second Edition (DRA2)** |
| February 22 - March 18 | 5, 7, 9 - 12 | 4835 | FITNESSGRAM: Physical Fitness Testing |
| March 5 (Saturday) | | 4846 | College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT Reasoning only |

* Scores for writing prompts must be entered into Illuminate by May 31, 2016.

** Students with a DRA2 level over 40 need not be tested.

**2015- 2016 TESTING CALENDAR
TRADITIONAL CALENDAR SCHOOLS**

| DATE | GRADE LEVEL (s) | PROCEDURE | TEST |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------|---|
| April 9 (Saturday) | | ----- | American College Test (ACT) |
| April 11 - June 21 | 3 - 8 | ----- | California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP): Smarter Balanced Assessments |
| April 11 – June 17 | 3 - 8, 11 | ----- | California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP): California Alternate Assessment (CAA) |
| April 25 - May 20 | 5, 8, 10 | ----- | California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP): Science California Standards Tests (CSTs); Science California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA); Science California Modified Assessment (CMA) |
| April 29 - June 21 | 11 | ----- | California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP): Smarter Balanced Assessments |
| May 2 - May 13 | 10 - 12 | 4845 | Advanced Placement Examinations |
| May 7 (Saturday) | | 4846 | College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests |
| May 23 - June 3 | 5 - 6, 8 | ----- | Mathematics Readiness Assessment |
| May 31 - June 21 | 9 - 12 | ----- | Honors End-of-Course Examinations |
| May 31 - June 21 | TK - 5** | ----- | Developmental Reading Assessment, Second Edition (DRA2)** |
| June 4 (Saturday) | | 4846 | College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP): SAT and Subject Tests |
| June 11 (Saturday) | | ----- | American College Test (ACT) |

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**2015-2016 TESTING CALENDAR
YEAR ROUND CALENDAR SCHOOLS**

| DATE | GRADE LEVEL(s) | PROCEDURE | TEST |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---|
| Site Determined* | TK - 8 | ----- | Writing Prompts: Narrative and Argument/Opinion* |
| September 8 - October 21 | TK - 8 | ----- | California English Language Development Test (CELDT) Annual Assessment |
| October 19 - November 6 | TK - 5** | ----- | Developmental Reading Assessment, Second Edition (DRA2)** |
| November 2 - November 20 | 2 - 8 | ----- | Interim Assessment 1: Literacy & Mathematics |
| February 8 - February 26 | 2 - 8 | ----- | Interim Assessment 2: Literacy & Mathematics |
| February 22 - March 18 | 5, 7 | 4835 | FITNESSGRAM: Physical Fitness Testing |
| February 29 - March 18 | TK - 5** | ----- | Developmental Reading Assessment, Second Edition (DRA2)** |
| April 19 - June 17 | 3 - 8 | ----- | California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP): California Alternate Assessment (CAA) |
| May 10 - July 21 | 3 - 8 | ----- | California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP): Smarter Balanced Assessments |
| May 24 - June 22 | 5, 8 | ----- | California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP): Science California Standards Tests (CSTs); Science California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA); Science California Modified Assessment (CMA) |
| June 27 - July 8 | 5, 6, 8 | | Mathematics Readiness Assessment |
| June 29 - July 21 | TK - 5** | ----- | Developmental Reading Assessment, Second Edition (DRA2)** |

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