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To: District Superintendents

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Subject: CSU Early Assessment Program

The California State University (CSU), which draws its students from the top third of California's high school graduates, has long accommodated large numbers of incoming students who need remedial education in English and mathematics. While having well over half of incoming students requiring additional preparation is a common occurrence in all states, the CSU and public school leadership believe now that we have at hand a strategy that will substantially increase the college readiness of high school students.

Since early assessment is the key to helping high school students identify their strengths and those areas needing additional work, the CSU has worked with the State Board of Education and the California Department of Education to develop an early assessment program that incorporates the CSU's placement standards into existing high school standards tests in English and mathematics (California Standards Tests and Golden State Examinations).

This project was designed to bridge the gap between high school standards and college expectations. Supporters of the effort at both the K-12 and university levels believe that these linked tests will help alleviate the problem of students who receive high marks in high school only to arrive at college and learn that they need remedial education. The effort has been a collaborative one: teams of CSU faculty members, high school teachers, and members and staff from California's Department of Education and State Board of Education worked together to create the blueprint that earned board approval.

According to the plan, the CSU will utilize the newly-linked California Standards Test (CST) and Golden State Examination (GSE) in English-language arts and mathematics that are being offered in the eleventh grade. These junior-year assessments are pivotal to a comprehensive, school-based, college preparation program because they will allow for the first time each public high school and the CSU to determine the college preparation

status of individual students at a point in high school that permits sufficient time (entire senior year and the summer before entering the CSU) to attain the additional preparation needed to enter the CSU college-ready. For those students assessed as ready for college on the basis of the linked CST/GSE, the CSU will certify these students as proficient in English and mathematics and upon matriculation will permit them to enroll in baccalaureate courses without the need to take additional CSU placement tests.

We are pleased to announce that approximately one hundred high schools have volunteered to participate in the pilot CSU Early Assessment Program, including some in your district. A list of the high schools participating in the pilot project is included as Attachment A for your review. As part of this pilot project, we have worked with each high school to ensure that eleventh grade classes are signed up for the linked CSTs/GSEs. Students taking the eleventh grade English-Language Arts CST will also need to take the GSE in Reading and GSE in Writing and students taking the High School Mathematics (Summative) CST or Algebra II CST in the eleventh grade will also need to take the GSE in High School Mathematics.

Students who elect to participate in this pilot junior-year early assessment program will receive a test report at the end of the calendar year indicating whether they are ready for CSU college-level work or need some additional preparation. We hope that students in these classes are encouraged to volunteer to take these optional GSEs. By spring 2004, the California State Board, the Department of Education, and the CSU plan to make the early assessments available to all high school juniors who are taking the appropriate eleventh-grade English and mathematics courses required for admission to the CSU.

We have worked with the California Department of Education to develop "Supplemental Instructions" for the 2003 Golden State Examinations to assist those students taking the GSEs that wish to be a part of the CSU Early Assessment Program. These instructions are included as Attachment B and are intended to supplement the Directions for Preadministration Day beginning on page 2 of the 2003 Administration Manuals for the GSE in Reading and Writing and the High School Mathematics GSE. We request that you and your testing director provide assistance in the dissemination of this information to the GSE Room Supervisors in your district.

We look forward to working with your school district and the pilot high schools on this groundbreaking early assessment program. Please feel free to contact either Marsha Hirano Nakanishi, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Academic Research, at (562) 951-4767, mhirano-nakanishi@calstate.edu, or Allison G. Jones, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Student Academic Support, at (562) 951-4744, ajones@calstate.edu if you have any questions about our early assessment program.

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CSU Vice President Student Affairs
CSU Early Assessment Academic Preparation Program Coordinators

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District Name	School Name	School Mailing Address	School City	School Zip	County Name	CSU Campus
Alhambra City High	Mark Keppel High	501 E. Hellman Ave.	Alhambra	91801-5716	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
Alvord Unified	La Sierra High	4145 La Sierra Ave.	Riverside	92505-2938	Riverside	San Bernardino
Anaheim Union High	Kennedy (John F.) High	8281 Walker St.	La Palma	90623-2123	Orange	Long Beach
Atascadero Unified	Atascadero High	1 High School Hill	Atascadero	93422-4189	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo
Baldwin Park Unified	Sierra Vista High	3600 N. Frazier St.	Baldwin Park	91706-3897	Los Angeles	Pomona
Berkeley Unified	Berkeley High	2246 Milvia St.	Berkeley	94704-1429	Alameda	Hayward
Carlsbad Unified	Carlsbad High	3557 Monroe St.	Carlsbad	92008-2729	San Diego	San Marcos
Chaffey Joint Union High	Alta Loma High	8880 Baseline Road	Alta Loma	91701-5504	San Bernardino	San Bernardino
Chaffey Joint Union High	Rancho Cucamonga High	11801 Lark Dr.	Rancho Cucamonga	91701-8715	San Bernardino	San Bernardino
Chico Unified	Pleasant Valley High	1475 East Ave.	Chico	95926-1699	Butte	Chico
Coast Unified	Coast Union High	2950 Santa Rosa Creek R	Cambria	93428-3506	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo
Colton Joint Unified	Colton High	777 W. Valley Blvd.	Colton	92324-2251	San Bernardino	San Bernardino
Cuyama Joint Unified	Cuyama Valley High	P.O. Box 271	New Cuyama	93254-0271	Santa Barbara	San Luis Obispo
East Side Union High	Mt. Pleasant High	1750 S. White Road	San Jose	95127-4760	Santa Clara	San Jose
Elk Grove Unified	Valley High	6300 Ehrhardt Ave.	Sacramento	95823-5637	Sacramento	Sacramento
Escondido Union High	Orange Glen High	2200 Glen Ridge Road	Escondido	92027-4115	San Diego	San Marcos
Fresno Unified	Fresno High	1839 Echo Ave.	Fresno	93704-6047	Fresno	Fresno
Fresno Unified	Herbert Hoover High	5550 N. First St.	Fresno	93710-6201	Fresno	Fresno
Fresno Unified	McLane High	2727 N. Cedar Ave.	Fresno	93703-2016	Fresno	Fresno
Fullerton Joint Union High	Buena Park High	8833 Academy Dr.	Buena Park	90621-3705	Orange	Fullerton
Garden Grove Unified	Los Amigos High	16566 Newhope St.	Fountain Valley	92708-2403	Orange	Fullerton
Garden Grove Unified	Santiago High	12342 Trask Ave.	Garden Grove	92843-2812	Orange	Fullerton
Gonzales Unified	Gonzales High	501 5th St.	Gonzales	93926-	Monterey	Monterey Bay
Grant Joint Union High	Grant Union High	1400 Grand Ave.	Sacramento	95838-3624	Sacramento	Sacramento
Hacienda la Puente Unified	La Puente High	15615 E. Nelson Ave.	La Puente	91744-3910	Los Angeles	Pomona
Jefferson Union High	Westmoor High	131 Westmoor Ave.	Daly City	94015-3843	San Mateo	San Francisco
Jurupa Unified	Jurupa Valley High	10551 Bellegrave Ave.	Mira Loma	91752-1800	Riverside	San Bernardino
Kern Union High	Arvin High	900 Varsity Ave.	Arvin	93203-2421	Kern	Bakersfield
Kern Union High	Centennial High	8601 Hageman	Bakersfield	93312-3957	Kern	Bakersfield
Kern Union High	Ridgeview High	8501 Stine Road	Bakersfield	93313-9782	Kern	Bakersfield
Kern Union High	South High	1101 Planz Road	Bakersfield	93304-6150	Kern	Bakersfield
Kern Union High	Stockdale High	2800 Buena Vista Road	Bakersfield	93311-9791	Kern	Bakersfield
Kern Union High	West High	1200 New Stine Road	Bakersfield	93309-3534	Kern	Bakersfield

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King City Joint Union High	King City High	720 Broadway	King City	93930-3311	Monterey	Monterey Bay
Lompoc Unified	Lompoc Senior High	515 W. College Ave.	Lompoc	93436-	Santa Barbara	San Luis Obispo
Long Beach Unified	Cabrillo (Juan Rodriguez) High	2001 Santa Fe Ave.	Long Beach	90810-	Los Angeles	Long Beach
Long Beach Unified	Jordan High	6500 Atlantic Ave.	Long Beach	90805-2304	Los Angeles	Long Beach
Long Beach Unified	Lakewood High	4400 Briercrest Ave.	Lakewood	90713-2512	Los Angeles	Long Beach
Long Beach Unified	Millikan Senior High	2800 Snowden Ave.	Long Beach	90815-1436	Los Angeles	Long Beach
Long Beach Unified	Polytechnic High	1600 Atlantic Ave.	Long Beach	90813-2017	Los Angeles	Long Beach
Long Beach Unified	Wilson High	4400 E. Tenth St.	Long Beach	90804-4310	Los Angeles	Long Beach
Los Alamitos Unified	Los Alamitos High	3591 Cerritos	Los Alamitos	90720-2414	Orange	Long Beach
Los Angeles Unified	Carson Senior High	22328 S. Main St.	Carson	90745-4525	Los Angeles	Dominguez Hills
Los Angeles Unified	San Pedro Senior High	1001 W. 15Th St.	San Pedro	90731-3925	Los Angeles	Dominguez Hills
Los Angeles Unified	Lincoln (Abraham) Senior High	3501 N. Broadway	Los Angeles	90031-2856	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
Los Angeles Unified	Manual Arts Senior High	4131 S. Vermont Ave.	Los Angeles	90037-1918	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
Los Angeles Unified	Taft (William Howard) Senior High	5461 Winnetka Ave.	Woodland Hills	91364-2548	Los Angeles	Northridge
Los Angeles Unified	Wilson (Woodrow) Senior High	4500 Multnomah St.	Los Angeles	90032-3703	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
Los Angeles Unified	Granada Hills Senior High	10535 Zelzah Ave.	Granada Hills	91344-5902	Los Angeles	Northridge
Los Angeles Unified	Monroe (James) High	9229 Haskell Ave.	North Hills	91343-3114	Los Angeles	Northridge
Lucia Mar Unified	Arroyo Grande High	495 Valley Road	Arroyo Grande	93420-3928	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo
Modesto City High	Beyer (Fred C.) High	1717 Sylvan	Modesto	95355-1312	Stanislaus	Stanislaus
Modesto City High	Johansen (Peter) High	641 Norseman Dr.	Modesto	95357-0405	Stanislaus	Stanislaus
Modesto City High	Modesto High	First & H St.	Modesto	95351-	Stanislaus	Stanislaus
Modesto City High	Thomas Downey High	1000 Coffee Road	Modesto	95355-4204	Stanislaus	Stanislaus
Moreno Valley Unified	Canyon Springs High	23100 Cougar Canyon Dr.	Moreno Valley	92557-3800	Riverside	San Bernardino
Mt. Diablo Unified	Clayton Valley High	1101 Alberta Way	Concord	94521-3799	Contra Costa	Hayward
Napa Valley Unified	Napa High	2475 Jefferson St.	Napa	94558-4931	Napa	Sonoma
New Haven Unified	James Logan High	1800 H St.	Union City	94587-3321	Alameda	Hayward
Oakland Unified	Fremont Senior High	900 High St.	Oakland	94601-4405	Alameda	Hayward
Orange Unified	Orange High	525 N. Shaffer St.	Orange	92667-6824	Orange	Fullerton
Paso Robles Joint Unified	Paso Robles High	801 Niblick Road	Paso Robles	93447-7010	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo
Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified	Esperanza High	1830 N. Kellogg Dr.	Anaheim	92807-1298	Orange	Fullerton
Poway Unified	Rancho Bernardo High	13626 Twin Peaks	Poway	92064-3034	San Diego	San Marcos
Rialto Unified	Eisenhower Senior High	1321 N. Lilac Ave.	Rialto	92376-3201	San Bernardino	San Bernardino
Rialto Unified	Rialto High	595 S. Eucalyptus Ave.	Rialto	92376-7207	San Bernardino	San Bernardino

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Rowland Unified	Nogales High	401 S. Nogales St.	La Puente	91744-6144	Los Angeles	Pomona
Sacramento City Unified	Kennedy (John F.) High	6715 Gloria Dr.	Sacramento	95831-2008	Sacramento	Sacramento
Saddleback Valley Unified	Mission Viejo High	25025 Chrisanta Dr.	Mission Viejo	92691-5326	Orange	Fullerton
Salinas Union High	Alisal High	777 Williams Road	Salinas	93905-1907	Monterey	Monterey Bay
San Benito High	San Benito High	1220 Monterey St.	Hollister	95023-4708	San Benito	Monterey Bay
San Bernardino City Unified	San Bernardino High	1850 North E St.	San Bernardino	92405-	San Bernardino	San Bernardino
San Bernardino City Unified	San Geronio High	2299 E. Pacific Ave.	San Bernardino	92404-6172	San Bernardino	San Bernardino
San Francisco Unified	Abraham Lincoln High	2162 24th Ave.	San Francisco	94116-1723	San Francisco	San Francisco
San Francisco Unified	Balboa High	1000 Cayuga St.	San Francisco	94112-3236	San Francisco	San Francisco
San Francisco Unified	Burton (Phillip & Sala) Academic High	400 Mansell St.	San Francisco	94134-	San Francisco	San Francisco
San Francisco Unified	George Washington High	600 32nd Ave.	San Francisco	94121-2733	San Francisco	San Francisco
San Lorenzo Unified	Arroyo High	15701 Lorenzo Ave.	San Lorenzo	94580-1407	Alameda	Hayward
San Luis Coastal Unified	Morro Bay High	235 Atascadero Road	Morro Bay	93442-1516	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo
San Luis Coastal Unified	San Luis Obispo High	1350 California Blvd.	San Luis Obispo	93401-2952	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo
San Marcos Unified	San Marcos High	1615 San Marcos Blvd.	San Marcos	92069-4020	San Diego	San Marcos
Santa Maria Joint Union High	Righetti (Ernest) High	941 E. Foster Road	Santa Maria	93455-3318	Santa Barbara	San Luis Obispo
Santa Maria Joint Union High	Santa Maria High	901 S. Broadway	Santa Maria	93454-6603	Santa Barbara	San Luis Obispo
Soledad Unified	Soledad High	425 Gabilian Dr.	Soledad	93960-	Monterey	Monterey Bay
Sweetwater Union High	Bonita Vista Senior High	751 Olay Lakes Road	Chula Vista	91913-2004	San Diego	San Diego
Sweetwater Union High	Castle Park Senior High	1395 Hilltop Dr.	Chula Vista	91911-4529	San Diego	San Diego
Sweetwater Union High	Chula Vista Senior High	820 Fourth Ave.	Chula Vista	91911-1102	San Diego	San Diego
Sweetwater Union High	Eastlake High	1120 Eastlake Parkway	Chula Vista	91915-2102	San Diego	San Diego
Sweetwater Union High	Hilltop Senior High	555 Claire Ave.	Chula Vista	91910-6105	San Diego	San Diego
Sweetwater Union High	Mar Vista Senior High	505 Elm Ave.	Imperial Beach	91932-2027	San Diego	San Diego
Sweetwater Union High	Montgomery Senior High	3250 Palm Ave.	San Diego	92154-1507	San Diego	San Diego
Sweetwater Union High	Southwest Senior High	1685 Hollister St.	San Diego	92154-4548	San Diego	San Diego
Sweetwater Union High	Sweetwater High	2900 Highland Ave.	National City	91950-7415	San Diego	San Diego
Temecula Valley Unified	Temecula Valley High	31555 Rancho Vista Road	Temecula	92592-3516	Riverside	San Marcos
Templeton Unified	Templeton High	1200 Main St.	Templeton	93465-9421	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo
Turlock Joint Union High	Turlock High	1600 E. Canal Dr.	Turlock	95380-4221	Stanislaus	Stanislaus
Vista Unified	Vista High	400 E. Bobier Dr.	Vista	92084-3101	San Diego	San Marcos
Vista Unified	Rancho Buena Vista High	1601 Live Oak Road	Vista	92083-5424	San Diego	San Marcos
Wasco Union High	Wasco High	Box 250	Wasco	93280-0250	Kern	Bakersfield
Yucaipa-Calimesa Jt. Unified	Yucaipa High	33000 Yucaipa Blvd.	Yucaipa	92399-1951	San Bernardino	San Bernardino



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Directions for Preadministration Day - Supplemental Instructions 2003 Golden State Examinations Administration Manual

We are pleased to announce that approximately one hundred high schools have agreed to participate in the pilot California State University (CSU) Early Assessment Program. As part of this pilot project, CSU placement standards in mathematics and language arts will be blended with the State Board of Education's standards as found in the revised California Standards Tests (CST) and the Golden State Examinations (GSE) offered this spring to eleventh grade students.

The 11th grade CSU Early Assessment will strengthen the comprehensive, school-based, college preparation program because it will allow for the first time each public high school and CSU to determine the college preparation status of individual students at a point in high school that permits sufficient time (over the entire senior year) to attain the additional preparation needed to enter CSU college-ready. For those students assessed as ready for college on the basis of the CST/GSE, CSU will certify these students as proficient in English and/or mathematics, and upon matriculation these students will enroll in baccalaureate courses without the need to take any additional placement tests.

The following supplemental instructions are provided to augment the Administration Manual for the GSE in Reading and Writing and the High School Mathematics GSE. Room Supervisors who will be administering the spring 2003 Golden State Examinations (GSEs) should provide the following information as part of the Directions for Preadministration Day found on pages 2 and 3 of the Administration Manuals. Please replace the "Do not complete area 5." verbiage on page 3 of the Administration Manual with the instructions below. 11th grade students taking the GSE in Reading, the GSE in Writing, and the GSE in High School Mathematics should be provided the following information prior to the GSE examination:

Supplemental Instructions for Preadministration Day

1. The California State University (CSU) system is working with your high school to pilot the use of the spring 2003 Golden State Examinations (GSEs) in Reading, Writing, and High School Mathematics to determine whether students are prepared for college-level work in English and/or mathematics.
2. (Only read the following instruction to students who are taking the GSE Reading and GSE Writing examination.) For students who apply and are accepted for admission to the CSU, the English-Language Arts California Standards Test (CST) combined with the GSEs in Reading and Writing taken in the eleventh grade can be used to determine college-level proficiency in English language arts.

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3. (Only read the following instruction to students who are taking the GSE High School Math examination.) For students who apply and are accepted for admission to the CSU, the High School Mathematics (Summative) or Algebra II CST combined with the GSE in High School Mathematics taken in the eleventh grade can be used to determine college-level proficiency in mathematics.
4. Students in the pilot program who meet CSU proficiency expectations on the linked CSTs/GSEs, and who apply and are accepted for admission to the CSU, will be certified as proficient and will enroll in baccalaureate courses upon matriculation in the CSU without the need to take additional CSU placement tests.
5. Students in the pilot program who do not meet CSU proficiency expectations on the linked CSTs/GSEs will be provided with opportunities to improve their skills and knowledge during their senior year. In addition, these pilot program participants will be given the opportunity to demonstrate their readiness for CSU baccalaureate courses in spring 2004 at no cost. The regular fees for taking CSU placement tests are \$18 for each test (\$18 for the Entry Level Mathematics - ELM, and \$18 for the English Placement Test - EPT).
6. Students who are interested in participating in the pilot CSU Early Assessment Program should complete area 5 (CSIS ID NUMBER) on the identification portion of the answer document. In area 5, fill in all the circles with a 9 and enter the number 9 in every box of the CSIS ID NUMBER (there should be ten "9"s). This will authorize the release of your CST and GSE testing records to CSU to determine academic proficiency in English and/or mathematics.