New legislation puts an end to most CST testing in 2014. However, grade 11 CSTs in English Language Arts (ELA), Algebra II (Alg. II), and Summative High School Mathematics (SHSM) tests will continue to be offered to high school juniors for the purpose of earning an EAP designation. The California State University (CSU) and the California Department of Education (CDE) urge all schools to administer the grade 11 CSTs and encourage their students to participate. Participation allows students to better prepare for a successful transition to their first year of college.

**BENEFIT OF PARTICIPATION IN 2014**
- Students who show readiness on EAP will be exempt from the English Placement Test (EPT) and/or Entry Level Math exam (ELM).
- Students may earn an exemption from participating in the CSU Early Start program.
- Students may avoid spending time and money on unnecessary tests and classes.
- Students may use their senior year to become better prepared to succeed in college.

**SCHOOL PARTICIPATION IN THE ELA AND MATH CST IN 2014**
Districts will continue to use the ETS test ordering process. Test materials must be ordered by December 1, 2013 for spring 2014 administration. Test materials will be available at no cost to schools or districts.

**NON-PARTICIPATION IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRADE 11 ELA AND MATH CST IN 2014 WILL RESULT IN:**
- No EAP statuses for students prior to their senior year;
- No opportunity for students to earn exemptions for CSU placement tests; and
- Lack of opportunity to use the senior year to prepare for college readiness.

**ELA AND MATH CST ADMINISTRATION IN 2014**
- Students must still grid the “bubble” releasing results to the CSU.
- Students must complete all components of the CST in Algebra 2 or Summative High School Mathematics and the 15 additional EAP test items to receive a result.
- For English, students must complete all components of the grade 11 ELA CST, 15 additional EAP test items, and the essay to receive a result.