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2011 STAR TESTS

EL DORADO COUNTY STUDENTS CONTINUE TO PERFORM WELL ABOVE STATE AVERAGE

El Dorado County students again performed significantly higher than the State average on the 2011 California Standards Tests (CST) in all academic areas. The CST, a part of the California State Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program, measures student knowledge based on the California Academic Content Standards, which are among the most rigorous in the nation.

In the spring, students in grades 2 through 11 took part in the State's STAR Program. The STAR Program is comprised of a variety of tests. Students in grades 2 through 11 were given the CST in English/Language Arts and Mathematics. A writing test was administered in grades 4 and 7. In addition, a CST was administered for History/Social Science in grades 8 through 11, Math in grades 8 through 11 (course-based assessments), and Science in grades 5 and 8 through 11.

The results of the CST are reported at five performance levels: advanced, proficient, basic, below basic, and far below basic. El Dorado County students placed in the proficient and advanced levels at a significantly higher percentage than the State average in all subject areas. In English/Language Arts across all grade levels, 11% more of El Dorado County students placed in the proficient and advanced levels than the State.

In Mathematics, 8% more El Dorado County students in grades 2-7 achieved advanced and proficient levels than the same grades State-wide. Similarly, 16% more of the County's students in advanced math courses, such as Algebra II and Geometry, placed in the advanced and proficient categories.

Students enrolled in Science for grades 5, 8 and 10, as well as students enrolled in advanced high school science courses including Biology and Chemistry, placed in the advanced and proficient level at an 18% higher rate than the State. In addition, 12% more of the County students placed in the advanced and proficient levels in History/Social Science at all grade levels.

County students also continue to show progress when compared to the previous year's scores. English/Language Arts, Science and History scores are up 0.6%, 1.2% and 2.6%, respectively. El Dorado County's emphasis on standards-based curriculum and materials, effective teaching strategies, and professional development has resulted in the continued improvement in County scores.

STAR results from the CST can be found on the California Department of Education's website:

<http://star.cde.ca.gov/>

**2010 & 2011 STAR RESULTS
EL DORADO COUNTY AND STATE COMPARISON**

		2010		2011		
		<i>Numbers indicate students scoring Percent Proficient or Above</i>				
Test	Grade	EDC	State	EDC	State	
English/Language Arts	2	62	54	63	56	
	3	56	44	56	46	
	4	77	63	75	64	
	5	74	58	73	59	
	6	69	56	68	55	
	7	72	55	73	57	
	8	69	54	71	57	
	9	72	54	71	55	
	10	58	45	60	48	
	11	54	43	56	45	
	Mathematics					
Mathematics	2	74	62	74	66	
	3	77	65	75	68	
	4	79	68	79	71	
	5	73	60	71	63	
	6	65	52	64	53	
	7	61	49	58	50	
	EOC*	30	27	24	28	
Algebra I	EOC*	47	31	45	32	
Geometry	EOC*	40	27	44	31	
Algebra II	EOC*	50	31	50	33	
HS Summative	EOC*	75	54	74	55	
Science						
Science	5	72	56	72	58	
	8	74	59	75	63	
	10	62	46	67	50	
	EOC*	65	46	74	49	
	Chemistry	EOC*	58	37	55	38
	Physics	EOC*	76	49	76	52
	Earth Science	EOC*	56	33	54	35
	History/Social Science					
History/Social Science	8	61	47	62	50	
	World History	EOC*	53	42	56	44
	U.S. History	11	56	45	60	48

*End of Course results summarizes scores for all students that took that specific test regardless of grade.