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Dear Grade Eleven Student:

2009 EARLY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

In a short time, you will be taking the California Standards Tests (CSTs) in several subjects, including English and mathematics. When you take the grade eleven CSTs in English and in either Algebra II or Summative High School Mathematics, there will be a brief set of optional multiple-choice questions that are part of the California State University (CSU) Early Assessment Program (EAP).

The EAP lets you know if you are ready for college-level course work in English and mathematics at the end of your junior year. This early signal allows you an opportunity to improve your skills if additional preparation is necessary in English and/or mathematics during your senior year. You will receive your results on your Standards Testing and Reporting (STAR) Student Report in August 2009.

If you would like the CSU or other authorized postsecondary institutions to receive your English and mathematics EAP results, **you must fill in the bubble in the EAP Readiness for College English and Mathematics – EAP Augmentation sections on your STAR answer sheets to authorize the release of your results. We strongly encourage you to release your results.** If you choose not to release your results and later decide to attend a CSU you will be required to submit a copy of your STAR Student Report to the CSU upon admission.

You can access web-based English and math college prep interactive tutorials through the EAP to assist you in improving your skills while still in high school. To learn more about the EAP tutorials please visit the CSU English Success Web site at <http://www.csuenglishsuccess.org/> and the CSU Math Success Web site at <http://www.csumathsuccess.org/>.

If you have any questions regarding the EAP please talk with your English and mathematics teachers or you may send an e-mail to eapmail@calstate.edu.

Sincerely,

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