



THE GUIDE TO YOUR STAR STUDENT REPORT CALIFORNIA MODIFIED ASSESSMENT

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

This guide will help you follow your child's report and the recommendations that are provided. Some sections of your child's report are translated word for word, and other sections are translated more generally.

1 Your child's information

Here you find your child's student number, date of birth, grade, test date, school, and district. If available, your mailing address also appears in this section.

2 Introductory Letter from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each year, California's Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program measures your child's progress in meeting California's world class content standards. These standards describe what all students should know and be able to do at each grade level. Your child participated in the STAR Program by taking the California Modified Assessment (CMA). The CMA measures your child's understanding of selected California content standards.

This report shows your child's scores on the CMA. I encourage you to discuss the results with your child and your child's teacher(s). The CMA results help us understand how well our schools are doing and how we might do better in the most important job of all – preparing students to succeed in school and beyond.

3 Your child's results on the CMA

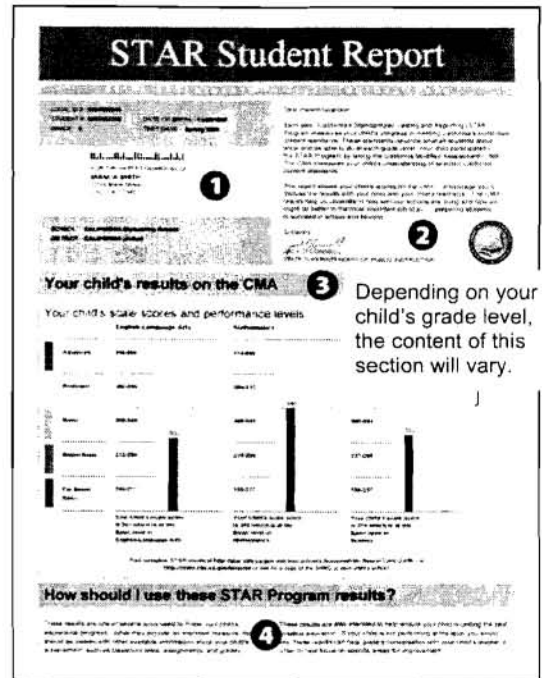
Your child was tested for English–language arts, mathematics, and/or science (grades five and eight). Scores are provided for the subject of any of the CMA tests your child took. If your child did not take one or more of these tests or if a score was not to be reported, this is noted on your child's report.

Your child's scale scores and performance levels—See how your child did on the CMA by looking at the vertical black bars below each subject heading. If your child was in grade three, four, or five, the number at the top of each bar is your child's exact test score in that subject. The colored boxes to the left and the text at the bottom of each black bar provide your child's performance level in each subject tested. There are five performance levels: advanced, proficient, basic, below basic, and far below basic. The goal in California is to have all students perform at the proficient or advanced level.

Your child's scores—For grade six, seven, or eight, see how your child did on the CMA by looking at the vertical black bars below the heading for each subject tested. The number at the top of each bar is your child's percent correct in that subject.

4 How should I use these STAR Program results?

This section suggests ways to monitor your child's educational progress, including through classroom tests, assignments, and grades. You can use these sources of information to talk with your child's teacher about specific areas for improvement.



5 More about your child's test results

For grades three through five, these charts show how your child did in the different content areas for each test taken. The subject for each test is listed at the top of each chart. Reports for students include English–language arts and mathematics for grades three, four, and five and science for grade five.

Next to the name of each content area is the number and percentage of questions your child answered correctly in that content area, represented by a diamond on the chart.

The questions on the CMA are grouped into the content areas on the left of each chart. These content areas are based on the California content standards, which describe what your child should know and be able to do at each grade. (If your child did not take any of the CMA tests expected for his or her grade level or if a score was unavailable to be reported, this is noted on the report.)

This section does not appear on the STAR Student Report for the CMA for students in grade six, seven, and eight.

6 About the CMA

This section describes the CMA, the newest test in the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program.

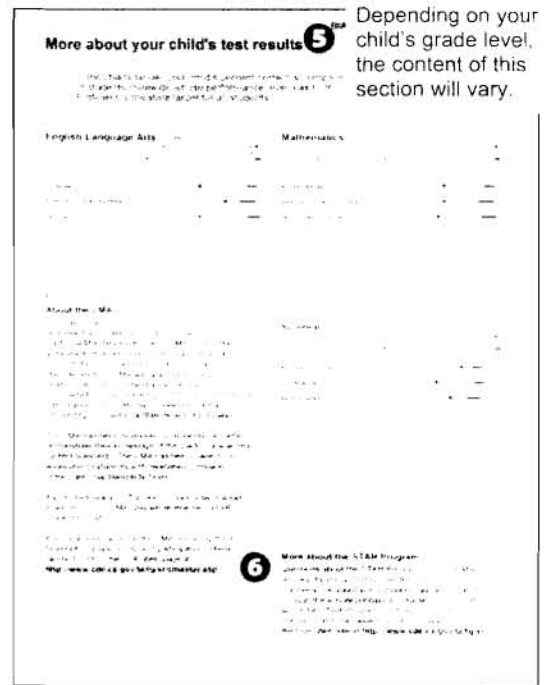
More about the STAR Program

This section provides information about how you can get answers to your questions about the STAR Program and your child's CMA results. Visit the California Department of Education's CMA Web page at

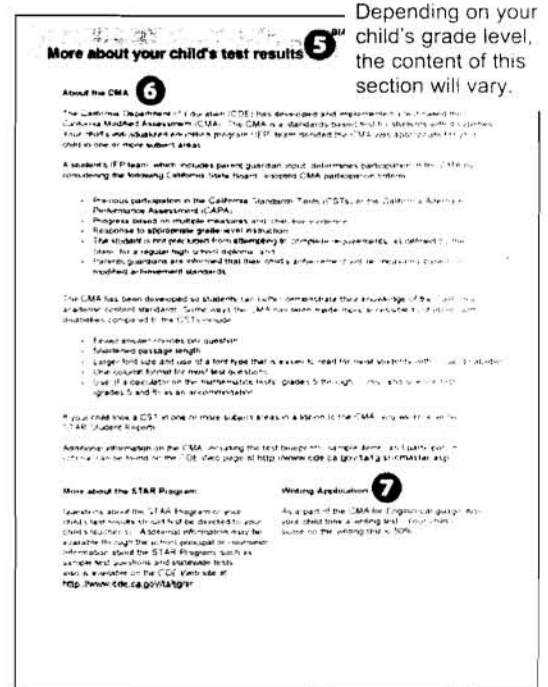
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/cmastar.asp> for background information, participation criteria, test blueprints, and sample test questions.

7 Writing Application

For grade seven, this section tells how your child did on the writing test if your child took the CMA writing test. (If your child did not take the CMA writing test or if a score was unavailable to be reported, this is noted on the report.)



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