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More OUSD Students Performing at the Proficient and Advanced Level on STAR Test

ORANGE, Calif., August 31, 2012 – State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson released the results of the 2012 Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program from Spring 2012. The STAR program measures student learning in grades 2 through 11. The STAR program includes the California Standards Tests (CST), the California Modified Assessment (CMA), the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA), and Standards-based Tests in Spanish (STS).

The Orange Unified School District saw the percentage of advanced and proficient students increase District-wide with the highest gains in secondary subjects. Grade 7 mathematics increased by 7% and grade 10, summative mathematics, had a total proficient/advanced rate of 97%. In grade 10, World History, students who were proficient and advanced increased by 8%. In addition, in the CST Science and End of Course Sciences, the number of students proficient and advanced increased by 5%, with the largest gain in Biology (11%) and Life Science (7%).

Other content area and subgroup increases for OUSD included:

- 3rd grade Mathematics – a 5% increase in proficient/advanced students
- 6th grade English Language Arts – a 5% increase in proficient/advanced students
- CST English Language Arts – the Special Education subgroup increased by 8%, with grades 9 and 6 increasing by 18% and grade 8 increasing by 19%
- CST Mathematics – the Special Education subgroup increased, specifically in grade 6 by 24% and grade 8 by 18%
- 8th grade Science – 6% more students scored proficient/advanced
- District-wide the English Learner subgroup increased in the number proficient/advanced by 16% in Biology, 7% United States History, and 6% in grade 8 History
- English Learners also advanced in percentage of proficient and advanced students in English Language Art grade 4 (7%) and mathematics grade 6 (10%)

Superintendent Christensen stated, “Orange Unified School District has dedicated teachers and support staff that continue to provide an excellent educational program. We appreciate the collaboration of the school staff, the community and parents to ensure student success.”

STAR results can be found at the California Department of Education (CDE) Website, <http://www.cde.ca.gov> .

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA

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