

Shasta High School Mathematics Department STAR Test Grade Enhancement Policy 2011

The Math Department would like our students' STAR TEST results to accurately reflect what they have learned. Therefore, we are providing our students with an incentive to take their mathematics portion of the STAR TEST with an honest effort. The information provided below details how students' grades will be enhanced as a result of their performance on the STAR TEST. Please note that this grade enhancement will apply only to their second semester grade, as earned by the end of the second semester.

It is our desire that all of our students succeed in school, preparing them to succeed in their lives beyond Shasta High School. We hope this Grade Enhancement Program will encourage our students to strive to succeed.

Regular Classes (Algebra 1A and 1B, Regular Geometry and Integrated Math 2)

- Other regular classes will receive a grade enhancement of 5% will be awarded with a score of Proficient or Advanced since the STAR Test covers the content standards of the class.
- The grade enhancements will apply only to the Second Semester grade

CP Classes (Algebra 1, CP Geometry, and Algebra 2)

- A grade enhancement of 5% will be awarded with a score of Proficient or Advanced.
- Must score Advanced in order for a grade to be elevated to an "A"
- The grade enhancement will apply only to the Second Semester grade

Advance Math Classes(Trigonometry, Statistics or AP Class)

- A grade enhancement of 2% for the second semester grade will be awarded for any student who scores Advanced on the Summative Math STAR Test.

Shasta High School Science Department

STAR Test Grade Enhancement Policy 2011- CP

This April, your 9th, 10th, or 11th grade son/daughter will be participating in the statewide Standardized Testing and Reporting program, the STAR test. As a department, we have created a new policy that may positively affect your student should they achieve a particular level of performance. We feel that if a student can demonstrate competency not otherwise reflected in their academic grade, then it makes sense to improve their academic grade if they can 'show what they know' on the STAR test.

Students enrolled in College Prep science courses will have the opportunity to improve their first and second semester course grades as follows:

- Students who achieve a score of 'Proficient' or 'Advanced' will receive a 5% point boost on their 1st and 2nd semester grades, which may result in an improved academic grade. Note that to change a grade to an 'A', the student must score 'Advanced.'

Example: If a student earns a 75% (C) second semester and achieves 'Proficient' on the STAR test, then their academic grade will be changed to 80% (B).

The idea is for their subject matter competency to be recognized and woven into their academic grade. Should a student not do well on the STAR test, there is no consequence to their academic grade; a student who has worked hard to earn an 'A' in the course is not in jeopardy of losing it as a result of their STAR score.

Because STAR test results are not released until late July or early August, student scores will not be evaluated for potential grade changes by their science teacher until the first quarter of the school year. When a grade change is warranted your son/daughter's teacher will submit a request for a grade change to be made on their permanent school transcript.

If you have any questions, please contact the Shasta High School Department Chair, Brian Grigsby by phone at 241-4161 or by email at bgrigsby@suhsd.net.

Shasta High School Science Department STAR Test Grade Enhancement Policy 2011- Regular

This April, your 9th, 10th, or 11th grade son/daughter will be participating in the statewide Standardized Testing and Reporting program, the STAR test. As a department, we have created a new policy that may positively affect your student should they achieve a particular level of performance. We feel that if a student can demonstrate competency not otherwise reflected in their academic grade, then it makes sense to improve their academic grade if they can ‘show what they know’ on the STAR test.

Students enrolled in regular education science courses (meaning, non-College Prep or Honors/AP) will have the opportunity to improve both their first and second semester course grades as illustrated in the matrix below:

		STAR Test Score				
		FBB	BB	Basic	Prof	Adv
Course Grade	A	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	B	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	A
	C	n/a	n/a	n/a	B	A
	D	n/a	n/a	n/a	C	B
	F*	n/a	n/a	D	D	C

* The student must earn a minimum of 50% in the course to be considered for STAR test grade enhancement.

As an example, if a student were to earn a ‘C’ first and/or second semester, and achieve a score of ‘Proficient’ on the STAR test, then their teacher will improve either or both of their semester grades to a ‘B’. Again, the idea is for their subject matter competency to be recognized and woven into their academic grade. Should a student not do well on the STAR test, there is no consequence to their academic grade; a student who has worked hard to earn an ‘A’ in the course is not in jeopardy of losing it as a result of their STAR score.

Because STAR test results are not released until late July or early August, student scores will not be evaluated for potential grade changes by their science teacher until the first quarter of the school year. When a grade change is warranted your son/daughter’s teacher will submit a request for a grade change to be made on their permanent school transcript.

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Shasta High School Social Science Department STAR Test Grade Enhancement Policy 2011

This April, your 10th or 11th grade son/daughter will be participating in the statewide Standardized Testing and Reporting program, the STAR Test. As a **Social Science Department**, our policy is that their scores may positively affect your student should they achieve a particular level of performance. We feel that if a student can demonstrate competency not otherwise reflected in their academic grade, then it makes sense to improve their academic grade if they can “show what they know” on the STAR test.

Students enrolled in College Prep social science courses will have the opportunity to improve their second semester course grade as follows:

- Students who achieve a score of ‘Proficient’ or ‘Advanced’ will receive a 5% point boost on their grade, which may result in an improved academic grade.
- Student must have an 85% or higher and must score ‘Advanced’ in order to change their Spring (2nd) semester grade to an ‘A.’

Example: If a student earns a 75% (C) second semester and achieves ‘Proficient’ on the STAR test, then their academic grade will be changed to 80% (B).

The idea is for their subject matter competency to be recognized and woven into their academic grade. Should a student not do well on the STAR test, there is no consequence to their academic grade; a student who has worked hard to earn an ‘A’ in the course is not in jeopardy of losing it as a result of their STAR score.

Because STAR test results are not released until late July or early August, student scores will not be evaluated for potential grade changes by their social science teacher until the first quarter of the school year. When a grade change is warranted, your son/daughter will submit a request to their teacher for a grade change to be made on their permanent school transcript. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate the grade change.

If you have any questions, please contact Shasta High School.

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Social Science Department Chair

High School English Department STAR Test Grade Enhancement Policy 2011

Regular (CORE) Classes

- 5% grade enhancement with a score of *basic*, *proficient* or *advanced*.
- Must score *proficient* in order for a grade to be elevated to an “A.”
- Must have 55% + to receive a grade enhancement.
- These grade enhancements will apply to **Semester 2 only**.

CP Classes

- 5% grade enhancement with a score of *proficient* or *advanced*.
- Must score *advanced* in order for a grade to be elevated to an “A.”
- Must have 55% + to receive a grade enhancement.
- These grade enhancements will apply to **Semester 2 only**.

Honors Classes

- 2.5% grade enhancement with a score of *advanced*.
- Must score *advanced* in order for a grade to be elevated to an “A.”
- Must have 57.5% + to receive a grade enhancement.
- These grade enhancements will apply to **Semester 2 only**.

A.P. Classes

- Grade enhancement will not apply to these classes.