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## **OUSD STAR Test Results Released**

ORANGE, Calif., August 17, 2010—Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell yesterday released the results of the 2010 Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program from spring 2010. The STAR program measures student learning in grades 2 through 11. The STAR program includes the California Standards Tests (CST), the California Modified Assessment, the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) students and Standards-based Tests in Spanish (STS).

The Orange Unified School District saw the percentage of Advanced and Proficient students increase in all content areas District wide with the highest gains in Grade Level History (5%) and Grade Level Science (4%).

Other content area increases for OUSD included:

- Elementary District Science scores improving from 58% proficient and advanced to 66%. Specifically, 5th grade students have made a 19% increase in science the past three years.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade mathematics increased 47% to 55%.
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade English Language Arts rose from 60% to 65% proficient and advanced.

In addition, the percentage of students scoring Far Below Basic and Below Basic decreased in all content areas meaning that students are moving toward proficiency. The percentage of Advanced and Proficient Students grew in all content areas ranging from 1%-7% except English Language students in World History.

"I am pleased to see the increases in student achievement throughout the Orange Unified School District. This is a credit to our teachers, students, staff and parents. While this news is positive, we understand that there is still work to be done to meet the needs of all of our students," said Renae Dreier, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools for the Orange Unified School District.

Below is the California Department of Education link to STAR scores for OUSD schools.

<http://tinyurl.com/275oyd6>

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

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