

## **STAR testing**

- ✓ STAR testing means “Standardized Testing and Reporting.”
- ✓ It’s a myth; our school does not get extra money if you do well on the STAR test! However, if you do badly, and the school’s scores show decreases, the government could come give extra help that might change the school in a bad way. Not Fun!
- ✓ Scores are reported on the internet and in the local papers. The community, colleges, and others form an opinion of Sheldon High School, its staff and its students based on those reported scores.
- ✓ It helps you to see if you learned everything you need to know for this school year. Can help place you in certain classes both honor and remedial.
- ✓ How the school performs can affect your parents’ property values. When people are looking for a house to buy they compare districts and schools because they want their children to get a good education. Quick way schools are compared is how well their students perform on the STAR test.
- ✓ Social Studies, Science, and Math will actually bump up your grade if you perform well.

## **STAR testing strategies**

- ✓ Be positive!
- ✓ Have confidence that you will do well!
- ✓ Believe in yourself that you can get a proficient or advanced score (or at least go up one level).
- ✓ READ the questions CAREFULLY.
- ✓ When taking the test do all the ones you know how to do, to the best of your ability. The ones that take you a long time just skip that one and go on to the next problem. When you finish the test go back to the ones you skipped and try to do them.
- ✓ When there is a multiple choice problem use process of elimination to help you find out what could be the right answer. Think about the answer before even looking at the choices.
- ✓ Check your answers, but remember, your first choice is often the correct choice.
- ✓ Have a nutritious breakfast before. The school provides a small breakfast for free.
- ✓ Get a good night’s rest before the day of the test.
- ✓ Use study guides to help determine things you have forgotten. Even better, work in study groups to prepare yourself for the test.
- ✓ Go to tutoring or teachers if extra help is needed.
  
- ✓ For study guides go to [SheldonHuskies.com](http://SheldonHuskies.com) and click on the link under STAR TESTING.
  - Select a category (Language Arts, mathematics, History, etc.)
  - Choose the grade level.
  - Try to answer each question thoughtfully.

You CAN succeed!!!  
¡Si, se puede!

## How the STAR testing can help you raise your grade

The STAR testing is a test to evaluate you and how much you have learned from the classes you are taking. This test is also here for you so that the district knows if you are learning everything you need to know. If you do really well on your **STAR** testing you could have an opportunity to raise your grade in core classes that you are taking right now or in the past, like Math, Science, and Social Studies.

<b>General Science/Biology</b>					
Current Grade	New grade will be assigned as .....				
	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic	Far Below Basic
A	No change	No change	No change	No change	No change
B	A	No change	No change	No change	No change
C	B	B-	No change	No change	No change
D	C	C-	No change	No change	No change
F	D	D	D-	No change	No change

<b>Social Studies</b>					
Current Grade	New grade will be assigned as .....				
	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic	Far Below Basic
A	No change	No change	No change	No change	No change
B	A	No change	No change	No change	No change
C	B	B	No change	No change	No change
D	C	C	No change	No change	No change
F	+10%	+10%	+10%	No change	No change

<b>CST Foundations in Algebra or Algebra 1 Placement</b>					
Current Grade	New grade will be assigned as .....				
	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic	Far Below Basic
A	No change	No change	No change	No change	No change
B	A	No change	No change	No change	No change
C	B	B	No change	No change	No change
D	C	C	No change	No change	No change
F	C	C-	D	No change	No change

<b>CST Applied Geometry, Geometry or Algebra 2 Placement</b>					
Current Grade	New grade will be assigned as .....				
	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic	Far Below Basic
A	No change	No change	No change	No change	No change
B	A	No change	No change	No change	No change
C	B	B	No change	No change	No change
D	C	C	No change	No change	No change
F	D	D	D	No change	No change

If you need help for **STAR** testing talk to your teacher, and meet with him or her so that you can study for the **STAR** testing, and make sure that you are able to do your best. Star testing starts on **April 27**.