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Subject: Impact of Updated Accommodations Matrix on the CELDT



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Dear CELDT District Coordinator:

Recently, the California Department of Education (CDE) revised the *Matrix of Test Variations, Accommodations and Modifications for Administration of California Statewide Assessments* and posted it to the CDE Web site (<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/documents/matrix2012fnl.doc>). A change was made to the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) component of the matrix, now allowing students to mark in the CELDT test booklet. Previous matrix instructions, “Marked test booklets may not be used again”, were removed from the document. This memo explains the impact of writing in test booklets for the CELDT program with regard to scanning and scoring, and the actions that must be taken for each CELDT booklet type.

There are two types of CELDT “test booklets.” The first booklet type is the non-scannable *Test Book* used in grades 3–12. If a student writes in a *Test Book*, there is no impact to scoring; however, the book may *not* be used to test another student. If your district reuses *Test Books*, review and remove those books that have been written in prior to reuse.

The second booklet type is the scannable *Answer Book*. These books are machine scanned to read both the bubbled responses and written responses. Accuracy of scoring is dependent on score marks and answers written only in the proper places. Because the scanner will pick up all marks, including those that cross any of the bubbles or spill over into the writing response boxes, a student’s score may be negatively affected if the *Answer Book* has extraneous marks. In addition, marks that fall within one inch of the margin of each page will be picked up by the scanner and affect the scannability of the book. To avoid incorrect scanning and scoring of a student’s CELDT document, all extraneous marks **must be erased**. If marks are made with highlighter or pen, all responses and demographic data **must be transcribed** to a new *Answer Book*.

For further inquiries about the booklets and extraneous marks, please contact the CELDT Customer Support Center by phone at 866-850-1039 or by e-mail at support@celdt.org. For inquiries about the Matrix, please contact the CDE CELDT office at 916-319-0784.

Sincerely,

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