



CST Special Instructions: 2012 Unbrailleable Test Items

Certain test questions on 2012 California Standards Tests (CSTs) could not be translated into braille.

If the answer document to which the student's responses will be transcribed does not have the answer circles for the appropriate test question crossed out, the test site coordinator or the braille transcriber should mark a line through the answer circles with a red ballpoint pen before beginning the transcription.

Test site coordinators should contact their district STAR coordinator if there are any questions about administering the braille version of the CSTs.

See the guidelines in the "STAR Instructions for Using Large-Print and Braille Materials" that accompanied this shipment of brailled materials for detailed information about preparing and returning answer documents for students who took brailled tests. Tests that are not transcribed cannot be scored.

English–Language Arts (ELA) CSTs

There is one test question in the CST for ELA (Grade 9) that could not be brailled and, therefore, had to be omitted from this test.

In place of the omitted test question, students taking the braille version of the CST for ELA (Grade 9) will read, "This item is omitted from the braille test."

The affected test question is:

Test	Question
CST for ELA (Grade 9)	#25

Science CSTs

There is one test question in each of the CST for Science (Grade 5), the CST for Science (Grade 8), the CST for Earth Science, and the CST for Integrated/Coordinated Science 2 that could not be brailled and, therefore, had to be omitted from the respective tests.

In place of each omitted test question, students taking the braille version of these tests will read, "This item is omitted from the braille test."

The affected test questions are:

Test	Question
CST for Science (Grade 5)	#29
CST for Science (Grade 8)	#54
CST for Earth Science	#37
CST for Integrated/Coordinated Science 2	#54