



St. Serra Students Perform Very Well on Latest STAR Tests

Schools and school districts across the country have noticed a decline in student performance that can be attributed to pandemic-related changes in instruction. To estimate the impact of those changes on student learning, Renaissance Learning examined the Fall 2019 and Fall 2020 STAR tests of more than 5 million students in grades 1-8 from all 50 states and Washington, DC. In a report titled *How Kids are Performing: Tracking the Impact of Covid-19 on Reading and Mathematics Achievement*, published in the fall of 2020, the company concluded that the pandemic has had a negative impact on both reading achievement and math achievement.

Despite findings like these, we are pleased to report that St. Serra students performed very well on the STAR tests they took in January. In fact, 73% of students in Grades 1-8 scored in the top two quartiles on the STAR Reading test, and 89% of students in Grades 1-8 scored in the top two quartiles on the STAR Math test. In those same grade levels, 80% of students already have demonstrated proficiency (i.e., have reached the state grade-level benchmark) in reading, and 77% already have demonstrated proficiency in math.

Results like these are a testament not only to the resiliency of St. Serra students, but also to the strength of the school's curriculum and instruction.