

LINCOLN STAR INCENTIVE PROGRAM
STAR Testing 2008

SCHOOLWIDE INCENTIVE

STAR Fridays

If LHS meets all of its AYP and API targets, EIGHT (8) STAR Fridays will be built into next year's calendar.

STAR Fridays will follow a Monday schedule, resulting in EIGHT (8) additional one-hour early release days, approximately once a month. STAR Fridays = short Fridays.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT INCENTIVE

STAR Card

A STAR card will be issued to each qualifying student, regardless of our school-wide results. A student qualifies by scoring a 4 or a 5 on at least one of the four STAR tests (English, math, science, social science), or improving at least one band from last year on at least one of the four STAR tests.

Each card will be printed with at least one star in one corner. The number of stars printed on the card will be determined by the number of tests on which the student either scored a 4 or 5, or improved by at least one band from last year. A student could earn as many as four stars.

STAR Cards can be redeemed for:

- Detention waiver
- Entrance to a football or basketball game
- 1-hour early release from Saturday School
- \$5.00 price reduction on winter formal, senior ball or prom bids
- \$2.00 credit at the student store or a 20% discount on any one item
- Classroom incentives identified by teachers and/or departments

Each time the STAR Card is used, one of the stars will be punched or clipped off.

TEST TAKING STRATEGIES

Read each question and ALL of the answers carefully BEFORE choosing an answer.

Do NOT rush; this is an UNTIMED test. The testing times for each test are suggestions ONLY.

Attempt every question. There is no penalty for a wrong answer, but no answer is always a wrong answer.

If you get to a question about which you are not sure, skip it and come back to it later.

Before deciding you are finished, go back and make sure you have answered every question.

If you are unsure of an answer, first eliminate the answer(s) you know are incorrect. Examine the remaining answers, and make a "best guess."

Get a good night's sleep before each day of testing; 8 hours is best!

Eat breakfast! Focus on food which is high in protein, such as eggs, peanuts or peanut butter, oatmeal, bacon/sausage/ham, pizza. Fruit, juice, raisins and granola are also good choices.