



CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each spring, students in Grades 3-8 and high school participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). Most students take the Smarter Balanced for English-Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics. However, students who have the most significant cognitive disabilities, as designated in their active Individualized Education Program, are eligible to take the California Alternate Assessments (CAAs). Students in Grades 5, 8, and high school will be administered a Science test.

The Chula Vista Elementary School District will begin testing students on the following assessments on **April 29, 2019 (May 6, 2019 for Modernization Schools – Kellogg, Harborside, and Montgomery)**. It is the responsibility of each school to create a testing schedule. Schools will notify parents/guardians of their specific grade level testing schedules.

This year, your child will take the following assessments:

- Grades 3-6: Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for ELA and Mathematics
- OR
- Grades 3-6: California Alternate Assessments (CAA) for ELA and Mathematics

California is in the process of implementing the California Next Generation Science Standards. As part of that implementation, students in grade 5 will take one of the following assessments for Science:

- California Science Test (CAST)
- OR
- CAA for Science – Field Test – **February 1, 2019 or February 8, 2019** for Modernization Schools – Kellogg, Harborside, and Montgomery

The Smarter Balanced Summative and CAA are online tests that measure what your child knows and is able to do related to the CA Common Core State Standards for their grade level. The tests include many different types of questions that allow students to interact with the test questions. Results help identify gaps in knowledge or skills early on so your child can get the support he or she needs to be successful in school.

To learn more about either the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments, CAA, CAST or the CAA for Science, please visit:

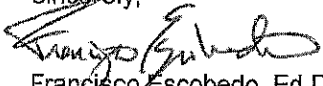
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp> or
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/caa-pgtu.pdf>.

You can look at sample test questions on the practice tests, which can be found on the CAASPP Web Portal at <http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>. In addition, sample performance tasks for the CAA for Science are available on the CAASPP Web page at <http://www.caaspp.org/administration/about/caa/index.html#task>.

As the parent or guardian, you have the **option of excusing your child from any part of the CAASPP**. If you would like to excuse your child from the test, you must submit your request in writing to the school principal. [Education Code 60615.] Be sure to include your child's name, grade, teacher, and the specific CAASPP assessment(s) from which you are excluding your child. Please notify your school as soon as possible so alternative arrangements can be made for your student, during the testing period.

If you have any questions regarding your child's participation, please contact your school's principal.

Sincerely,


Francisco Escobedo, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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