

March 26, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each year, students in grades three through eight and high school participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP).

This year, your child will take the following test(s), depending on their grade level:

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts/literacy and mathematics in grades three through six
- California Science Test (CAST) in grade five

The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and the CAST are online tests that measure what your student knows and is able to do. 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 needed to be successful in school.

West Side's assessment schedule is as follows:

Date	Grade	Assessment
April 15-18	Grade 6	English Language Arts
April 22-25	Grades 3-5 Grade 6	English Language Arts Math
April 30-May 2	Grades 3-5	Math
May 6	Grade 5	Science

You are an important part of your child's education. To help your child get ready for the test you can:

- Talk about the test with your child. Make sure they are not scared or anxious.
- Tell your child that you and their teacher have high expectations and are both there to help, every step of the way.
- Take a practice test with your child.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast before testing.

To learn more about the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments or the CAST, go to the California Department of Education Parent Guides to Understanding Web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp>.

You also 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>.

This letter and the links provided above are also on our school's website, under the Academics tab. Please then select assessment.

If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Menlove.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Kris Menlove
Superintendent/Principal