



Castle Rock Elementary School

Home of the Knights

“Nurturing students to become critical thinkers of today and global leaders of tomorrow”

Jen Alcazar,
Principal

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each spring, 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 his or her grade level:

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment in English language arts/literacy (grades three through eight and grade eleven)
- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment in mathematics (grades three through eight and grade eleven)

The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments are online tests that measure what your child 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 he or she needs to be successful in school.

California is in the process of implementing the California Next Generation Science Standards. As part of that implementation, students in grades five, eight and twelve will take a new test called the California Science Test, or CAST.

At Castle Rock, students will take the CAASPP tests from April 23 through May 6.

To learn more about either 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>.

Sample test questions and practice tests can be found on the CAASPP Web Portal at <http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>.

Per Education Code 60615, parents can excuse their child from the test. The request to be excused must be submitted in writing to the school Principal. Please let the school know as soon as possible, so alternative arrangements can be made for your child.

If you have any questions regarding CAASPP, please contact me at jalcazar@wvusd.k12.ca.us. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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