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**California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress  
Summative Assessments and California Science Test, 2018–19**

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 eight and grade eleven
- California Science Test (CAST) in grades five and eight and once in high school

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.

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>.

Sincerely,

Catherine Bowes

## CAASPP Testing Schedule 2019

**Who:** Students in grades 3-8 and 11

**What:** Take the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

**Where:** GSDA Jamul Office and Mobile sites

**What to bring:** We ask each student to bring a snack, lunch, and a water bottle that closes

**When:** *Well, that's where it gets interesting!* In past years, we have asked you to bring your students on specific days depending on their grade level. This is no longer the case. This year you can bring all 3rd-8th and 11th grade students to test at the same time and this year you have a choice of test dates.

### **Testing Sessions in Jamul**

- Tuesday, May 7, 9 AM - 2 PM
- Wednesday, May 8, 9 AM - 2 PM
- Thursday, May 9, 9 AM - 2 PM
- Friday, May 10, 9 AM - 12 PM
- Tuesday, May 14, 9 AM - 2 PM
- Thursday, May 16, 9 AM - 2 PM
- Friday, May 17, 9 AM - 12 PM
- Make-up testing day - Tuesday, May 21, 9 AM - 2 PM
- Make-up testing day - Thursday, May 23, 9 AM - 2 PM
- Make-up testing day - Friday, May 24, 9 AM - 12 PM

### **Mobile Testing Sessions**

- Thursday, May 9, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM at the San Diego County Office of Education in National City
- Tuesday, May 14, 11:30 AM - 3 PM at the Logan Heights Library
- Wednesday, May 15, 9:30 AM - 2 PM at the San Diego County Office of Education in Linda Vista
- Thursday, May 16, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM at the San Diego County Office of Education in National City
- Monday, May 20, 10 AM - 2 PM at the University Community Library in University City
- Tuesday, May 21, 9:30 AM - 2 PM at the San Diego County Office of Education in Linda Vista - make-up testing day
- Thursday, May 23, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM at the San Diego County Office of Education in National City - make-up testing day

### **Things to know:**

- Jamul will have snack breaks as needed. Lunch is 11-noon
- Jamul drop off for testing at 9 AM or between 11 and 12 (during lunch)
- Students can call home to be picked up when they are finished with testing. If you are unable to pick up your student right away, they can relax and wait in the library.
- It is estimated that students will need about 6-7 hours to complete all sections of the test, however, these sections can be broken up into smaller chunks. For most of us, 2 hours of testing a day is quite enough. In that case, a student would need to come in at least 3 times. However, how you schedule your child's testing is up to you. We just ask that you attend enough sessions to complete the entire test. **Due to limited space, RSVP is mandatory for your testing times at 619-669-3050**