



Whittier Union High School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP is the state academic testing program. CAASPP is a system intended to provide information that can be used to monitor student progress on an annual basis and ensure that all students leave high school ready for college and career. CAASPP assessments include computer adaptive tests in English–language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics for students in grades 3 – 8 and 11 and paper-based tests in science for students in grades 5, 8 and 10.

This year, students will take the CAASPP tests from April 11 through June 2, 2016. To learn about the types of questions on the computer-based test, you and your child can view the practice test online at the California Department of Education (CDE) Smarter Balanced Practice Test Web page at https://login3.cloud1.tds.airast.org/student/V135/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=California_PT

Following spring 2016 CAASPP testing, individual student score reports displaying CAASPP results from 2016 will be sent home to parents. Student score reports will include an overall score and a description of the student's achievement level for ELA and mathematics. Score reports for students in grades 10 will include results of the Science test. Early Assessment Program (EAP) results will be included on the score reports for students in grade 11, providing an early indication of readiness for college-level coursework.

With CAASPP, the purpose of statewide annual assessments shifted from producing annual accountability reports to engaging teachers, administrators, students and their parents in the teaching and learning process throughout the school year. [Education Code 60602. (a)] Results from the CAASPP assessments will be used, along with other available data, to determine the impact of selected curriculum/programs, and to make other instructional plans.

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 district. [Education Code 60615] We will grant your request. Please let the school know as soon as possible so we can make alternative arrangements for your student.

If you have any questions regarding CAASPP, please contact the curriculum office at your child's school.

If you would like more information on CAASPP, please visit the Parent/Student tab of the California Department of Education (CDE) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/>.

Sincerely,

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