



## MARK WEST UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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.

To learn more about either the SBAC 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 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>.

For information on specific dates and times when your child will take the test in each subject, please refer to your child's school website and newsletter.

Sincerely,

*Rachel L. Valenzuela*

Rachel Lemus Valenzuela, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

### How can I help my child get ready for the CAASPP?

You are an important part of your child's education. Some things you can do to help your child are:

- Talk about the test with your child.
- Tell your child that you and his or her teacher know they will be prepared for it and that you 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.



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