



YUBA CITY CHARTER SCHOOL

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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). The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments (SBCA) are secure online tests that measure what your child knows. The tests include many different types of 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.

Students in grades three to eight and eleven will take the English language arts and mathematics SBAC. Students in grades five, eight, eleven and twelve will take the California Science Test (CAST).

The English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC) is used to measure how well students in kindergarten through twelfth grade understand English when it is not their primary language. Information from the ELPAC helps your child's teacher provide support in the right areas. The ELPAC is in progress.

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

The practice tests CAASPP are at <http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>. The ELPAC practice tests are at <https://www.elpac.org/resources/practicetests/>.

Sincerely,

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Test Dates

Thursday, April 25 ELA

Tuesday, April 30 Math

Thursday, May 2 ELA

Tuesday, May 7 Math

Thursday, May 9 Science

How can I help my child?

- Make sure your child is at school on test day.
- Talk about the test with your child. Make sure they are not scared or anxious.
- Tell your child that you and his or her teacher have high expectations 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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Statewide Testing Notification

California students take several mandated statewide tests. These tests provide parents/guardians, teachers, and educators with information about how well students are learning and becoming college and career ready. The test results may be used for local, state, and federal accountability purposes.

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

- **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium Assessments**

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) computer adaptive assessments are aligned with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics tests are administered in grades three through eight and grade eleven to measure whether students are on track to college and career readiness. In grade eleven, results from the ELA and math assessments can be used as an indicator of college readiness.

- **California Science Tests (CAST)**

The new, computer-based CAST measures student acquisition of the California Next Generation Science Standards. It is administered in grades five and eight, and once in high school. The new computer-based CAST replaces the California Standards Tests (CST) for Science.

- **California Alternate Assessments (CAA)**

The computer-based CAA for ELA and CAA for mathematics is administered to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities in grades three through eight and grade eleven. Test items are aligned with the CCSS and are based on the Core Content Connectors. The instructionally embedded CAA for Science is administered in grades five and eight, and once in high school.

- **Standards-based Tests in Spanish (STS) for Reading/Language Arts**

California offers the optional STS for Reading/Language Arts, which are multiple-choice tests that allow Spanish-speaking English learners to demonstrate their knowledge of the California content standards. The California Spanish Assessment (CSA) will replace the optional STS. The CSA will be a computer-based assessment that is aligned with the California CCSS en Español.

Pursuant to California *Education Code* Section 60615, parents/guardians may annually submit to the school a written request to excuse their child from any or all of the CAASPP assessments.

English Language Proficiency Assessments for California

California will transition from the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) to the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) in 2017–18. The ELPAC is aligned with the 2012 California English Language Development Standards. It consists of two separate English Language Proficiency (ELP) assessments: one for the initial identification of students as English learners and the other for the annual summative assessment to identify students' English language proficiency level and to measure their progress in learning English.

Physical Fitness Test

The physical fitness test (PFT) for students in California schools is the FitnessGram®. The main goal of the test is to help students in starting lifelong habits of regular physical activity. Students in grades five, seven, and nine take the fitness test.