



The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

March 12, 2018

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians of Class of 2019:

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) is our state’s academic testing program. CAASPP is a system intended to provide information that can be used to monitor student progress and ensure that all students leave high school ready for college and career.

CAASPP includes two Smarter Balanced Assessment components: Computer Adaptive Tests (CAT) and Performance Task (PT) tests in English Language Arts and Mathematics for students in eleventh grade and focuses on the Common Core State Standards. These assessments are taken online. A device will be provided to each student student during this assessment period. Amador Valley High will be administering these assessments over a two week period, **April 9 - 20, 2018**. Assessments will occur on block days within each 11th graders’ math and english classes. For optimal testing results please ensure your child is present during the entire scheduled testing window.

Our testing schedule will be as follows:

| WEDNESDAY - 4/11/18 4/18/18 | |
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| Collaboration | 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. |
| 1° | 8:50 – 10:20 a.m. |
| ACCESS | 10:26 – 11:06 a.m. |
| Brunch | 11:06 – 11:15 a.m. |
| 3° | 11:21 – 12:51 p.m. |
| Lunch | 12:51 – 1:25 p.m. |
| 5° | 1:31 – 3:01 p.m. |

| Thursday - 4/12/18 4/19/18 | |
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| A° | 7:00 – 8:45 a.m. |
| 2° | 8:50 – 10:20 a.m. |
| ACCESS | 10:26 – 11:06 a.m. |
| Brunch | 11:06 – 11:15 a.m. |
| 4° | 11:21 – 12:51 p.m. |
| Lunch | 12:51 – 1:25 p.m. |
| 6° | 1:31 – 3:01 p.m. |

* Students will be testing during their scheduled Math and English classes with the exception of the Math Performance Task (PT). Math PT will be administered during ACCESS on April 18th and 19th*

Assessments can add additional stress for our students and we want to do everything we can to support them. Parents can help their students deal with stress by encouraging them to find balance. Support the use of coping strategies and help them find some free time to recharge. Some strategies that parents can share with students to help navigate the anxiety that often comes with tests are: help your student(s) take study breaks, ask for help from friends, counselors, teacher and get plenty of rest.

Additional Information regarding CAASPP and Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments is found on PUSD's assessment department page or caaspp.org. You may click on the images below to be directed to each site.



A practice test is available online. Click on this link [SBAC Practice Test](http://bit.ly/2IjVJmB) or go to <http://bit.ly/2IjVJmB>

Please feel free to also contact me directly with any questions.

Best regards,

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