

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 18-May 6**. 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 www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html

Following spring 2016 CAASPP testing, individual student score reports displaying CAASPP results from 2015 and 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 5, 8, and 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 assisting teachers, administrators, and pupils and their parents to improve teaching and learning 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 your child’s school. [Education Code 60615.] Your request will be granted. Please let the school know as soon as possible, so they can make alternative arrangements for your student.

If you have any questions regarding CAASPP, please contact **Suzanne Middle School** at **(909) 594-1657** or **asmith@wvusd.k12.ca.us**

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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Principal