



BEAUMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BEAUMONT HIGH SCHOOL

“Big enough to serve, and small enough to care”



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Dear BHS Parents,

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

The assessments listed below will take place on April 16, 17, 19, and 23 for 11th and 12th grade students, and the weeks following for 9th and 10th grade students. Please make every effort to have your child in school during testing. We will be following a block schedule on those days to allow students uninterrupted time to test. Any students that do not finish their assessments or are absent during assessment dates will make up their test(s) during the following week.

- **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium Assessments – 11th Grade**
The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) computer adaptive assessments are aligned with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and administered in 11th grade English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics 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) Field Test – 12th Grade**
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) – 11th Grade**
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.

California Physical Fitness Test – 9th Grade Students

The physical fitness test (PFT) for ninth grade 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 will be tested through their 9th grade Physical Education (PE) classes in May.

District Assessment – iReady Diagnostic Assessment – 9th and 10th Grade Students

The i-Ready Diagnostic and Instructional Program provides our teachers one way to gather baseline information and monitor progress for students. i-Ready is a diagnostic and instructional program for English and math. Students have taken the iReady Diagnostic twice this year and will be completing an end of the year diagnostic in April. Each assessment was individualized based on the student answer to a question. This makes this assessment an “adaptive” one. For example, a series of answers that are correct will result in slightly harder question, while a series of answers that are incorrect will yield slightly easier questions. The results of these assessments have provided teachers with an instructional assessment based on what you student can do and the next steps for instruction.

Thank you in advance for your support and help in ensuring your students is at a school and on time for their state and district assessments.

Sincerely,

Christina Pierce, Principal