

CAASPP System Parent and Guardian Student Score Report

Dear Parent or Guardian:

At the end of the last school year, your student took a computer-based test called the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment. This year-end test is part of the California assessment system and is aligned with California's academic standards, which are the things we want students to know and be able to do. The goal of the standards is to have students graduate ready for college and a career.

These tests in English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics give educators across the state a way to see how well students can write clearly, think critically, and solve problems, which are some of the skills that are needed to succeed in college and a 21st century career.

Your student's score report shows his or her scores for ELA and mathematics. It includes an overall score for each subject, and information about how well your student did in different skill areas. If your student took the test in past years, you will also see past scores so you can look at their progress over time.

If your student was in grade five or eight, he or she was also given a pilot of the new California Science Test based on California's Next Generation Science Standards. You will find information about the test in the back of the Student Score Report.

In our district, the test results are just one way to look at how well our students are doing. We use the results to find areas where students need help in the next school year. It is also important to know that the test results are not used to determine if a student moves to the next grade. If you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, please call your school principal to set up an appointment.

Sincerely,

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Additional Resources to find out more about your student's scores:

Test Score Guide Web site, <http://testscoreguide.org/ca> will give you information about the overall score, what level that score falls into, and the student's strengths and weaknesses.

Understanding the Student Score Report video will walk you through the different areas of the score report.

Parent Guides to the Summative Assessments will show sample items broken down by score level, so you can see what types of questions your student would get correct based on their score.

The video and Parent Guides are available in both English and Spanish on the California Department of Education's CAASPP Student Score Report Information Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caasppsrinfo.asp>