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California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress 2024–25 Parent/Guardian Notification Letter for CAASPP Summative Testing

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

There are many ways to measure your child's learning. Your child's teacher uses report card grades, classroom work, teacher observations, and end-of-year statewide test results to get a complete picture of your child's learning. In addition, students participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) each year.

WCCUSD Summative CAASPP Window January 6 - May 16, 2025

Schools will share their specific testing dates with parents/guardians. This year, students will take the following CAASPP computer-based assessments depending on their grade level or instructional program:

Test	Description	Students Participating	Information	Website
Smarter Balanced (SBAC)	English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics	Grades 3-8 and 11, except for students taking the CAA tests. ELA section is not administered to English Learners in the first 12 months of attending school in the United States.		https://bit.ly/3smCMpu
California Alternate Assessment (CAA)	Alternate assessment in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics	Students with the most significant cognitive disabilities in grades 3-8 and 11 are required to participate.	As designated in their IEP	https://bit.ly/2NXN3t5
California Science Test (CAST)	Assessment based on the Next Generation Science Standards	Grades 5, 8, 11, and 12* are required to participate.		https://bit.ly/3qOC4Rv
California Alternate Assessment for Science	Alternate assessment in Science	Students with the most significant cognitive disabilities in grades 5, 8, 11, and 12* are required to participate.	As designated in their IEP	https://bit.ly/2NXN3t5
California Spanish Assessment (CSA)	A Component of the CAASPP. Presented in Spanish	Students in grades 3-8 enrolled in Dual Language Immersion classes.		https://bit.ly/3IAoyK9

^{*}Grade 12 students are required to participate if not tested in previous year

The CAASPP practice tests are another good resource. They can be found on the https://www.caaspp-elpac.org/resources/preparation/practice-and-training-tests