



Jefferson Union High School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each year, students in grades three through eight and high school participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP).

This year, your student will take the following test(s)

- ✓ Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts/literacy and mathematics
- ✓ California Science Test (CAST)

The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and the CAST are online tests that measure what your student knows and is able to do. The tests include many different types of questions that allow students to interact with the test questions. Results help identify gaps in knowledge or skills early on so your child can get the support needed to be successful in school.

SBAC Test Component	Dates	Location
Mathematics	Tuesday 4/15 – Thursday 4/17	Students will take the exam with a Math teacher during their regularly schedule math class period.
English Language Arts	Tuesday 4/21 – Thursday 4/23	Students will take the test with their English teacher during their regularly scheduled English class period.
California Science Test	Thursday 4/23 – Wednesday 4/29	Students will take the test with their U.S. History or APUSH teacher during their regularly scheduled history class period.

You are an important part of your student’s education. To help your child get ready for the test you can:

- Talk about the test with your student. Make sure they are not scared or anxious.
- Tell your child that you and their teacher have high expectations and are both there to help, every step of the way.
- Take a practice test with your student.
- Make sure your student gets a good night’s sleep and a nutritious breakfast before testing.

To learn more about the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments or the CAST, go to the California Department of Education Parent Guides to Understanding Web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp>.

You also can look at sample test questions on the practice tests, which can be found on the CAASPP Web Portal at <http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>.

The results of this test will be used as the student’s Early Assessment Program (EAP) status. The Early Assessment Program (EAP) is designed to provide students, their families, and high schools with early signals about students’ readiness for college-level English and mathematics. The California State University (CSU) and participating California Community Colleges (CCC) will use student results from the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments as a student’s’ EAP status in English and mathematics. The release of the results does not affect the student’s application for admission. Results are only used to determine placement of students after they have been admitted to the university. To find out more about EAP, please visit <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/hs/eapindex.asp>

Lastly, the Jefferson Union High School District would like to inform you that ***Section 852 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations permits a parent or guardian to submit to the school annually a written request to excuse his or her child from any or all parts of any test provided pursuant to Education Code Section 60640 for the school year. If a parent or guardian submits an exemption request after testing has begun, any test(s) completed before the request is submitted will be scored and the results reported to the parent or guardian and will be included in the student’s records. If you wish to opt your student out of the CAASPP assessments, please follow the process listed below completely on or before March 13, 2020.***

1. Visit the District’s website at www.juhsd.net
2. Click on DEPARTMENTS>EDUCATIONAL SERVICES>ASSESSMENTS>CAASPP (CAASPP Opt Out Process)
3. Print and fill out the Opt Out Form.
4. Make an appointment to submit the form to your student’s principal.
5. Meet with the principal.

If you have any questions regarding your student’s participation in statewide assessments, please contact your student’s Vice-Principal.

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