

Dear Parent/Guardian:

March 4, 2019

California's academic standards—what we want students to know and be able to do—are designed for students to graduate ready for college and/or a career. One way the state measures student progress on these is through the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). Students across California in grades 3–8 and 11 are administered these assessments every spring. These assessments were created to gauge student performance in English, mathematics, and science. They are administered online and are computer-adaptive, allowing more precise measurement of individual skills. This year, your child will take the following tests: Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments (SBAC) for ELA and mathematics and The California Science Test (8th grade only).

Spring 2019 testing dates for NP3 Middle:

6<sup>th</sup> grade: April 22-26

7<sup>th</sup> grade: April 29-May 3

8<sup>th</sup> grade: April 22-May 3

To learn more about these assessments, please visit CDE's Test Score Guide web site at <http://www.testscoreguide.org/ca>, which provides informative guides and test score descriptions as well as sample test items with varied levels of difficulty. Another great resource are the Practice and Training Tests, which can be found on the CDE's Smarter Balanced Practice and Training Tests Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp>.

NP<sup>3</sup> strongly encourages your child's attendance during the testing periods as well as exploration with the practice tests. Students will also have practice time with online tools at school.

We are excited for students to show what they know! If you have any questions regarding your child's participation in statewide assessments, please contact your child's school counselor.

Sincerely,

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