

Dear Parent/Guardian:

March 2, 2020

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 given 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.

Spring 2020 testing dates for NP3 Middle:

6th and 7th grade students April 20-24

8th grade students April 20-28

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 at different 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>.

NP3 strongly encourages your child's attendance during these testing periods as well as explore the practice tests with them. Students will also have practice time with the 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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