



## HANFORD JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

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

**This year, your student will take the following test(s), depending on his or her grade level:**

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment in English language arts/literacy and Mathematics (grade eleven)
- California Science Test (CAST) (grade eleven)

The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments 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 student can get the support he or she needs to be successful in school.

**Below are the correct testing dates:**

**March 23 & 24 – CAASPP ELA, March 25 – CAST, March 30 & 31 – CAASPP Math**

To learn more about either 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 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>.

Pursuant to Education Code section 60615, any written request to excuse your student from participating in any or all parts of the CAASPP and CAST assessment will be granted. Pursuant to Title 5, section 852 of the California Code of Regulations, you may annually submit a written request to excuse your student from participation in any or all parts of any test provided pursuant to Education Code section 60640 for the school year. Education Code 60615 requests must be received prior to March 16, 2020.

For information on specific dates and times when your student will take the test in each subject, please contact your school's Testing Secretary: Christine Lee (Hanford West), 583-5903, ext. 3128, Kristen Rodrigues (Hanford High), 583-5902, ext. 3122 or Sharon Prichard (Sierra Pacific), 583-5912, ext. 2006.