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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System is our state academic testing program. This year, CAASPP includes computer adaptive tests and performance tasks in English Language Arts and Mathematics in grades 7, 8, and 11 and Science in grades 8 and High School (students must take it by senior year and most students take it in 10th or 11th grade). Your child will be taking these tests between March 2 and June 5, 2020. To learn about the types of questions on the computer-based test, you can view the practice test at the California Department of Education Smarter Balanced site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp>.

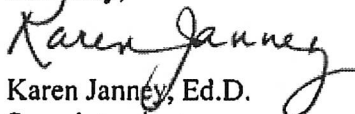
The California Alternative Assessment (CAA) is assigned to students through their Individualized Education Program (IEP) team. It consists of individually administered exams in English Language Arts and Mathematics for students in grades 7, 8 and 11 and the CAA Science test in grades 8 and High School (students must take it by senior year and most students take it in 10th or 11th grade).

An important aspect of the 11th grade CAASPP testing system is that the scores for 11th grade students will be used by the Cal State University (CSU) system to determine college readiness based on the Early Assessment Program (EAP). You can learn more about the EAP program here: <https://www.calstate.edu/eap/>.

But remember, the results from this test are not meant to tell the whole story. Your child's scores are meant to be one of several ways for you and your child's teachers to see how your student is progressing in school. Test scores, along with grades and teacher observations of your child's performance, are used together to form a complete picture of your child's achievement. Parents have the right to opt out of state testing. Please contact your school to discuss this option.

If you would like more information, please visit the Sweetwater Research and Evaluation web page devoted to state testing: <http://research-evaluation.sweetwaterschools.org/state-assessments/>. If you have any questions regarding your child's participation, please contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

  
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Superintendent

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