



California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) 2020-2021 Parent and Guardian Notification Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian:

During the spring of 2021, the third grade students will participate in the statewide administration of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). These online Summative Assessments measure what your child knows and is able to do. They include many different type of questions that allow students to interact with the assessment items. Results help identify gaps in knowledge or skills early on so your child can get the support he or she needs to be successful in school.

This year your child will take the following Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBAC) for Grade 3:

The SBAC ELA and Mathematics tests reflect California's rigorous academic standards and allow students to demonstrate analytical writing and critical thinking skills as well as the knowledge of facts. Please note that a parent or guardian may annually submit to the school a written request to excuse his or her child from any test, pursuant to Education Code section 60640.

To learn more about these tests, please visit CDE's Test Score Guide website 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 where parents can experience the kinds of questions that students will encounter on the tests.

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp>

If you have any questions regarding your child's participation in the statewide assessments, please contact Diana Juarez at diana@puente.org.

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