

Antelope High School CAASPP Introduction Letter #1
Spring 2023

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians:

Each year, 11th grade students participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). In addition, 12th grade students who have not yet completed their CAST testing will be tested. This year, your child will take the following test(s):

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English Language Arts (April 12th);
- Mathematics (April 13th);
- California Science Test (CAST, April 19th).

The SBAC and the CAST are 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. All 11th graders will be testing along with Seniors who have not yet completed their CAST assessments. These students will be notified.

A significant benefit for students who perform at Achievement Level 4 on the CAASPP exams is that the student will be able to move directly into college-level courses upon enrollment. Students who perform at Achievement Level 3 will be encouraged to take appropriate courses in their senior year in order to move directly to college-level courses. Additional information about the next steps for students who perform at Achievement Level 3 or below is on the CSU EAP Web page at <https://www.csustudentsuccess.org/estimator>. Scoring Achievement Level 3 or above on both the ELA and Math portions of the exam also qualifies students as Prepared on the College/Career Readiness Indicator (CCI). The California Department of Education also has additional information regarding EAP: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gc/hs/eapindex.asp>.

Your student's school will soon send you information regarding their testing schedule for your student to follow. You are an important part of your child's education. To help your child get ready for the test you can:

- Talk about the test with your student. Make sure they are not anxious about the test.
- Tell your student that their teachers understand these are trying times, will support them, and appreciate them giving their best effort on the test.
- Take a practice test with your student.
- Make sure your student gets a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast before testing.

To learn more about 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 also 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>.

If you have questions, please contact the testing coordinator at your school with the contact information provided in their letter. General questions can be directed to Shane Waggoner, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, at swaggoner@rjuhsd.us.

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