



## El Rancho High School

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### California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Summative Assessments and California Science Test 2019

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each spring, students in **eleventh grade (11<sup>th</sup>)** participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). This year, your child will take the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment in English Language Arts/Literacy April 1-12 & Mathematics May 13-24. California is in the process of implementing the California Next Generation Science Standards. As part of that implementation, students in **grades eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) and twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>)** will participate in the California Science Test, or *CAST*. **Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>)** will take the test on **April 23-26 and twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>)** on **March 26-28**.

The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments are online tests that include many different types of questions. Results help:

- Measure how well your child has mastered the skills and content in mathematics and English language arts at his or her grade level
- Align with the instruction that takes place in the classroom everyday
- Match the learning goals of each grade level
- Assess critical thinking, analytical writing, and problem solving skills, which are needed for success in college and a 21<sup>st</sup> century career

To learn more about either the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments or the CAST, go to the California Department of Education Parent Guide 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, <https://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>.

At El Rancho High School, our goal is for all students to achieve their full potential. The Smarter Balanced tests are just one way that we are able to better understand if we are meeting that goal. Thank you for all you do to partner with us in your child's education.

Sincerely,  
Hector Vasquez, Principal

#### How can I help my child get ready for the CAASPP/CAST?

- You are an important part of your child's education. Some things you can do to help your child are:
- Talk about the test with your child. Make sure they are not scared or anxious.
- Tell your child that you and his or her teacher have high expectations and that you are both there to help, every step of the way.
- Take a practice test with your child.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast before testing.