

## LUSD 20-21 Summative Spring Testing Plan

In April, the US Department of Education approved the California State Board of Education flexibility guidelines for 2020-2021 summative state testing requirement. The flexibility guidelines allow for locally administered assessments to be used in place of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) assessments which students typically take during spring testing time.

Many considerations were taken into account with our primary focus on equity and viability for our students during the pandemic.

LUSD will administer the following assessments for the 2020-2021 school year in order to collect the most relevant data of student achievement and be in compliance with the State requirements.

1. ***Renaissance Star Assessments will be used as LUSD's primary source of data for English Language Arts and Mathematics.*** This is the best way to utilize our limited in-person classroom instructional time while still measuring student performance. Additionally, we understand state testing may cause students extra pressure and anxiety. To alleviate this, LUSD will use Star tests to ensure a more relaxed and low pressure setting. The results of these tests are available immediately. LUSD will report scores to families, teachers, and stakeholders allowing them to see how students are performing, where there is room for growth, and provide a consistent picture of student achievement as this assessment has been used consistently throughout the school year and is aligned to Common Core State Standards.
2. The SBAC summative ELA and Math state test can be utilized for any student/family who wishes to have their student take the assessment for *additional* data. Parents and Guardians will receive test results with information about how well students are learning and becoming college and career ready in English, mathematics, and science. If families are interested in taking the summative SBAC for ELA and Math, please contact your student's school site principal by May 7, 2021.
3. The ***California Science Test (CAST)*** portion of the ***California Assessments of Student Performance and Progress*** will be administered to all 5th, 8th and 11th grade students.

4. LUSD **encourages ALL 11th grade students** to participate in the **ELA and Math** portion of the **SBAC**. Students **will NOT qualify** for the State Seal of Biliteracy, the Golden State Seal of Merit, or the Early Assessment Program (EAP) for Cal State Universities if they do not take these assessments.
5. Exposure to the CAASPP assessments are important for our students which is why we will continue to make the CAASPP interim assessments a familiar part of our formative assessments this school year and next. LUSD is confident that students who do not take part in the SBAC assessments this year will still be familiar with the summative next spring because of their exposure and experience with the interim assessments.
6. There is **no exemption** for students who are required to take the **ELPAC** per state law.

SBAC- Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium

CAASPP-California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

ELPAC- English Language Proficiency Assessments for California

CAST- California Science Test