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There are many ways to measure your child's learning. Your child's teacher uses report card grades, classroom work, teacher observations, and end-of-year statewide test results to get a complete picture of your child's learning. Each year, students in grades three through eight and high school participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP).

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The CAASSP tests are online tests that measure what your student knows and can do. The tests include many different types of questions that allow students to interact with the test questions. Results help identify gaps in knowledge or skills early on so your child can get the support needed to be successful in school.

This year, your child may take one or more of the following test(s) during the window of **March 28 through May 13, 2022:**

- **6, 7, 8** and **11th Graders** will take the SBA (Smarter Balance Assessment) for both English and Mathematics
- **8, 10** and **12th Graders** may take the CAST (California Science Test)

For CAASPP testing, students who have the most significant cognitive disabilities, as designated in their active individualized education program (IEP), are eligible to take the California Alternative Assessments [CAAs (either the CAA (California Alternative Assessment) or the CAAS (California Alternative Assessment for Science)].

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You are an important part of your child's education. To make sure your child feels comfortable taking these tests, you can:

- Explain to your child that the test is a tool to help them learn, and they should not be anxious or scared.
- Explore a practice test with your child at caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html so they can become familiar with the platform and setup of the tests.
- Remind your child that you and their teacher want them to try their very best and are there to help, every step of the way.

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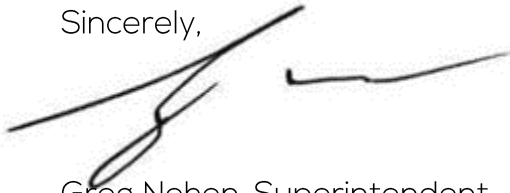
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You will receive your child's results at or after the beginning of the next school year. The results will identify where your child is doing well or needs more help, so you can better support their learning at home and teachers can better support their learning in the classroom.

To learn more about these tests go to the Starting Smarter web page at ca.startingsmarter.org/, or review the Parent Guides to Understanding at cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp.

If you have any questions, please contact your student's school site administration.

Sincerely,



Greg Nehen, Superintendent
Antelope Valley Union High School District

