

CAASPP Update #1

Principals,

This is the first in a series of brief CAASPP Updates that will be sent out periodically. These Updates will be posted for future reference on our district's Assessment page located at <http://vusd.org/Departments.cfm?subpage=22150>.

- The CAASPP assessment is live this year, and the window differs for two different grade spans:

CAASPP (ELA & Math)

Grade 3-8	March 4 - June 5
Grade 11	April 16 - June 5

CST (Science)

Grade 5, 8 & 10	April 10 - May 14
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- Estimated testing times range between 7 and 8.5 hours per student depending on the grade level:

Content Area	Grades	Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) items hrs : mins	Performance Task (PT) hrs : mins	Total hrs : mins	Classroom Activity (administered prior to the PT)* hrs : mins	Total hrs : mins
English Language Arts/Literacy	3-5	1:30	2:00	3:30	:30	4:00
	6-8	1:30	2:00	3:30	:30	4:00
	HS	2:00	2:00	4:00	:30	4:30
Mathematics	3-5	1:30	1:00	2:30	:30	3:00
	6-8	2:00	1:00	3:00	:30	3:30
	HS	2:00	1:30	3:30	:30	4:00
Both	3-5	3:00	3:00	6:00	1:00	7:00
	6-8	3:30	3:00	6:30	1:00	7:30
	HS	4:00	3:30	7:30	1:00	8:30

- The training site for teachers to set up a testing session, and for students to take the practice test, can be found at <http://californiatac.org/practice-and-training/index.html> and the CAASPP single-sign in information was sent to teachers in early December.

Please reply with any question you might have since this will help in formulating an FAQ bank that I can make available.

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