

CAASPP Update #4

Principals,

This is the next 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>.

Several sites have indicated plans for teachers to utilize the SBAC Interim Assessments. Here are some reminders:

1. There are two types of Interim Assessments: Interim Assessment Blocks (IAB) which are broken into subjects, and the Interim Comprehensive Assessment (ICA) which mirrors the real "Summative" assessment that is taken toward the end of the year.
2. Students can take any Interim Assessment at their grade level, one year below their grade level, or one year above their grade level.
3. Students have two opportunities to take any Interim Assessment, including the Interim Comprehensive Assessment. This is currently NOT true of the Summative Assessment (i.e. *"the real one"*).
4. Recall that the assessment site is scheduled to be down between March 5th and March 10th as the state prepares for the opening of the Summative (*"real"*) test.
5. Sometime following March 10th, it is expected that both the Interim Assessment and the Summative Assessment will be available simultaneously. Please ensure staff **NOT TO SELECT THE SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT PREMATURELY**. There is potential that an individual will intend to set up a session for the Interim Comprehensive Assessment, but select the Summative Assessment by accident.
6. The Interim Assessments should NOT be used for general practice since performance scores will attach to a student record. If practice is desired, use the "Practice," or "Training" tests instead.

The following outlines the number of items contained in the Interim Assessments. More specific item counts can be seen on the associated PDF.

- The Interim Comprehensive Assessments mirror the Summative Assessment in terms of length and rigor. The number of ELA items range from 46 to 49 items, all with three non-Performance Task (PT) constructed responses, and two PT constructed responses, and one PT essay.
- The number of Mathematics items range from 36 to 39 with PT constructed responses that range from two to four. The High School test also provides one non-PT constructed response item.