

# ASSESSMENTS: QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S SCORE REPORTS

California's student-assessment program – called the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) – represents the next step in our state's major education remodeling project.



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## SCORE REPORTS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The new scores look different - that's OK!
- Now is a great time to ask questions.
- The scores help improve learning for your child.
- Like progress on a growth chart, the tests, scores and expectations change with your child's age and grade. Scores are expected to increase from year to year, so achievement levels get higher as your child grows.
- Although you can see growth from year to year, the score ranges and standards for the next grade are higher than for the previous grade.
- The scores are just one measure of how your child is doing. Stay engaged in talking with your child and your child's teacher throughout the year.

## QUESTIONS TO ASK

### Ask Your **Child**:

“What areas do you think you should focus on, based on your test scores? What do you see as your strengths to build on?”

### Ask Your **Teacher**:

“How will these test scores be used to guide instruction? How can I help my child be successful?”

### Ask Your **Principal**:

“Are the scores being used for school decision-making? What did you learn from the overall results?”

### Ask Your **Superintendent**:

“Are the district assessment scores helping guide professional development? What is the district doing to implement the new state standards?”

For more on assessments, scores and how you can help your child succeed, visit

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