Smarter Balanced Assessments

A Measure of Student Achievement

Ocean View School District

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California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

CSU Placement

Grade 11 results serve as college placement measure in the California State University system

California State Standard Aligned

Measures student progress toward grade-level expectations

Higher-Order Thinking

Critical thinking, problem solving, evidence-based written responses

Grades Tested

3rd – 8th
+ 11th

Performance Levels

4

Standard Exceeded
Standard Met
Standard Nearly Met
Standard Not Met

Spring 2026 SBA Testing

Opens

April 20

Preparation Pillars

✓ Operational
✓ Instructional
✓ Attendance

- All sites finalized testing schedules and device readiness
- Coordinated effort between site leadership, technology teams, and classroom teachers
- Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs) and practice tests are embedded in instruction to familiarize students with the format and expectations
- Attendance messaging to families tied to the testing window is combined with an attendance challenge

Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs)

Standards-Aligned

Aligned to California State Standards, each IAB targets specific clusters of standards at each grade level

Bridge to SBA

IABs serve as formative checkpoints between daily instruction and the summative SBA, building student familiarity

Real-World Rigor

Emphasis on reasoning and real-world application, students learn to analyze, justify, and communicate their thinking, mirroring SBA expectations

Beginning in Grade 3,
IABs ensure students are prepared for the rigor of SBAs

Interactive Board Component

Grade 4 Math	Grade 6 ELA	Grade 8 Math
Multi-step problem solving Students unpack the problem, select a strategy, and provide a written explanation of their mathematical reasoning.	**Research + Evidence** Students read multiple sources, analyze information, and write a structured response supporting claims with evidence.	**Real World Algebraic Reasoning** Students solve real-world problems, translating them into equations, and providing written justification for each step.

Board members will use laptops to engage in the SBA Practice Tests

How SBAs are Used

- English Learner Reclassification: Combined with English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) and other measures
- Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) identification
- Participation in middle school Honors classes

What Families Can Do

- Achievement is aligned to attendance, ensure students are in school every day
- Take practice tests with your student and discuss responses
- Encourage students to stay confident, manage their nerves, and do their best
- Get a good night’s rest

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Thank You