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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP is the state academic testing program. CAASPP is a system intended to provide information that can be used to monitor student progress on an annual basis and ensure that all students leave high school ready for college and/or career. CAASPP assessments include computer adaptive tests in English–language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics for students in grades 3 – 8 and 11 and a test in science for students in grades 5, 8, & 11.

Students will take the CAASPP assessments in spring. The testing window for students designated to take the California Alternative Science Assessment begins in fall. To learn about the types of questions on the computer-based test, you and your child can view the practice test online at the California Department of Education (CDE) Smarter Balanced Practice Test Web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp>

Following spring CAASPP testing, individual student score reports displaying CAASPP results will be available to parents through the BUSD Parent Portal. Student score reports will include an overall score and a description of the student's achievement level for ELA and mathematics. Early Assessment Program (EAP) results will be included on the score reports for students in grade 11, providing an early indication of readiness for college-level coursework.

With CAASPP, the purpose of statewide annual assessments shifted from producing annual accountability reports to assisting teachers, administrators, and pupils and their parents to improve teaching and learning throughout the school year. Results from the CAASPP assessments will be used, along with other available data, to determine the impact of selected curriculum/programs, and to make other instructional plans.

As parent or guardian, you have the option of excusing your child from any part of the CAASPP. If you would like to excuse your child from the test, please notify your child's principal in writing and the request will be reviewed and granted as per Education Code statute. Please let the school know as soon as possible so we can make alternative arrangements for your student.

If you have any questions regarding CAASPP, please contact your child's principal.

If you would like more information on CAASPP, please visit the Parent/Student tab of the California Department of Education (CDE) Web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/>.

Sincerely,

Dr. Deirdre Reyes
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