

**California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress  
California Alternate Assessments**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each year, students in grades three through eight and high school participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). Students who have the most significant cognitive disabilities are eligible to take the California Alternate Assessments (CAAs), as designated in their active individualized education program. The CAAs measure what students know and can do.

**This year, your child will take the following test(s), depending on their grade level:**

- CAAs for English language arts/literacy and mathematics in grades three through eight and grade eleven
- CAA for Science in grades five and eight and once in high school

You are an important part of your child's education. To help your child get ready for the test, you can:

- Talk about the test with your child. Make sure they are not scared or anxious.
- Tell your child that you and their teacher have high expectations and are both there to help, every step of the way.
- Take a practice test with your child.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast before testing.

To learn more about the CAAs, go to the California Department of Education Parent Guides to Understanding Web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp>.

You also can look at sample test questions on the practice tests, which can be found on the CAASPP Web Portal at <http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>.

In addition, sample performance tasks for the CAA for Science are available on the CAASPP Web page at <http://www.caaspp.org/administration/about/caa/index.html#task>.

If you have questions, please contact Linda Verde at (661) 942-0431

Sincerely,

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