

**California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress
California Spanish Assessment**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each spring, students in grades three through eight and high school participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP).

This year, your child will take the optional California Spanish Assessment (CSA).

This optional test assesses students' skills in reading, writing mechanics, and listening using the Common Core State Standards en Español. The purpose of the CSA is to give students information on their Spanish competency and help identify gaps in knowledge or skills to be on track to graduate biliterate. High school students can also use this assessment as one part of the criteria needed to earn the State Seal of Biliteracy.

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 training test with your child.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast before testing.

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

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

Sincerely,

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