



Medea Creek Middle School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each spring, students in grades 3 through 8 and 11 participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments are online tests that measure what your child knows and is able to do, according to the California State Standards. The tests include many different types of questions that allow students to interact with the test questions. Results help identify gaps in knowledge or skills early on so your child can get the support he or she needs to be successful in school.

This year, your child will take the following test(s):

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment in English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)
- California Science Test (CAST) (grades 5, 8, and once in high school)
- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment in Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)

Our school will conduct CAASPP testing on the following dates:

Week of 4/17/23: 7/8th Grade Math

- (4/17 to 4/20)
- Makeup - Friday 4/21

Week of 4/24/23: 7/8th Grade ELA/Literacy

- (4/25 to 4/27)
- Makeup - Friday 4/28

Week of 5/1/23: 8th Grade Science, 6th Grade Math, 6th Grade ELA /Literacy

- (5/1 to 5/4) - 8th Grade Science
- (5/1 to 5/2) - 6th Grade Math
- (5/3 to 5/4) - 6th Grade ELA
- Makeup - Friday 5/5

Makeups will be each Friday (4/21, 4/28, 5/6), as well as during the week if more time is needed.

Your child's teacher will provide more detailed information on the schedule for testing in the classroom.

To learn more about either the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments, 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 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>.

Sincerely,

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Dean of Students, Medea Creek Middle School

How can I help my child get ready for the CAASPP?

You are an important part of your child's education. Some things you can do to help your child are:

- Talk about the test with your child. Make sure they are not scared or anxious.
- Tell your child that you and his or her teacher have high expectations and that you 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.