



*Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's World*

## **HANFORD JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each spring, students participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). There are many ways to measure your student's learning. Your student's teacher uses report card grades, classroom work, teacher observations and end-of-year statewide test results to get a complete picture of your student's learning. Your student will take the following tests, depending on their grade level or instructional program.

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts and math, required tests in grades 3–8 and 11
- California Science Test (CAST), a required test in grades 5 and 8 and once in high school

This year, Hanford Joint Union High School District will give the summative assessments in person during the weeks of March 28, - April 1, 2022 and April 6, 2022.

You are an important part of your student's education. To make sure your student feels comfortable taking tests, you can:

- Explain to your student that these tests are tools to help them learn, and they should not be anxious or scared.
- Explore the practice tests with your student at [caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html](https://caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html) so they can become familiar with the platform and setup of the tests.
- Remind your student that you and their teacher want them to try their best and are there to help, every step of the way.

Parents to learn more about these tests go to the Starting Smarter web page at [ca.startingsmarter.org/](https://ca.startingsmarter.org/), or review the Parent Guides to Understanding at [cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp](https://cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp).

Pursuant to Education Code section 60615, any written request to excuse your student from participating in any or all parts of the CAASPP and CAST assessment will be granted. Pursuant to Title 5, section 852 of the California Code of Regulations, you may annually submit a written request to excuse your student from participation in any or all parts of any test provided pursuant to Education Code section 60640 for the school year. Education Code 60615 requests must be received prior to Wednesday, March 23, 2022.

If you have questions, please contact your school's Testing Secretary: Christine Lee (Hanford West), 583-5903, ext. 3128, Kristen Rodrigues (Hanford High), 583-5902, ext. 3122 or Sharon Prichard (Sierra Pacific), 583-5912, ext. 2006.

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