

Dear Parent/Guardian:

There are many ways to measure your child's learning. Your child's teacher uses report card grades, classroom work, teacher observations, and end-of-year statewide test results to get a complete picture of your child's learning. Each year, students participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). Your child 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 8 and 11
- California Science Test (CAST), a required test in grades 8 and once in high school

This year, Learning Works Charter will give the summative assessments in person.

The testing schedule is listed below:

April 26th – 9th Grade – Physical Fitness (9th grade)

April 27th & 28th - 8th Grade - English, Math & Science

May 2nd, 6th, 9th and 13th - ELPAC

May 3rd-4th - 11th grade - Math

May 10th-11th - 11th grade – English

May 5th & May 12th - 11th grade & Graduates - Science

If you do not want your child to participate in testing, you may submit a written waiver to opt out.

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

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

You will receive your child's results at or before the beginning of the next school year. The results will identify where your child is doing well or needs more help, so you can better support their learning at home and teachers can better support their learning in the classroom.

Your child's teacher or chaser will contact you to discuss which testing option you are choosing and can provide further information.

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