



Roseville Joint Union High School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The state of California has a new state academic testing program. The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP, has replaced the Standardized Testing and Reporting, or STAR Program.

CAASPP is intended to provide information about student academic growth that can be used to monitor student progress and to ensure that every student graduates from high school college and career-ready. For spring 2015 testing, CAASPP includes computer-adaptive tests in English–language arts and mathematics (11th grade ONLY) as well as traditional paper-based testing for science (10th grade ONLY).

Following the spring 2015 testing, every student that tests will receive individual score reports. Student score reports will be sent home to parents and will include an overall score, a description of the student’s achievement level for English–language arts and mathematics, and other information. It is important to note that these scores cannot be compared to scores that your child previously received on the STAR Program tests because this test is based on the new Common Core State Standards, involves different types of test questions, and will not be reported using the STAR Program reporting categories.

In 2014, all RJUHSD 11th grade students participated in a computer-based field test. While this practice test provided no individual student scores, it allowed our students to experience computer-based testing and new types of questions that we are subsequently practicing all students' classes across the curriculum. In addition, this field test helped evaluate how well our districts' technology systems could meet the demands of computer-based tests, and determined what resources teachers and schools would need to better prepare students for future assessments.

Lessons that we learned from last year’s field test will help ensure a successful, full launch of the CAASPP system this school year. In moving forward, all 10th and 11th grade students will take tests this spring. To learn more about the types of questions on the computer-based test, you and your child can view the practice test online at the California Department of Education (CDE) Smarter Balanced Practice Test Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp>.

If you would like more information, please visit the Parent/Student tab of the CDE CAASPP Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/>. If you have any questions regarding your child’s participation, please contact John Montgomery at 916-782-6565 x1040.