



**Parent Notification Letter Template**  
**4/3/2018**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP is the state's annual academic testing program. CAASPP is a system intended to provide information that can be used to monitor student progress and ensure that all students leave high school ready for college and career. The 2018 CAASPP administration includes computer adaptive tests in English–language arts (ELA) and mathematics for grades 3 – 8 and 11. Students in grades 5, 8, and high school will also participate in the statewide online California Science Test. Following is the testing schedule for **Franklin High School**

Grade 6 students will take the ELA and Math tests **4/16-17& 4/23-24**

Grade 7 students will take the ELA and Math tests **4/16-17& 4/23-24**

Grade 8 students will take the ELA and Math tests **4/16-17& 4/23-24**

Grade 11 students will take the ELA and Math tests, **4/16-17& 4/23-24**

Grade 8<sup>th</sup> , 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> students will take California Science Test **4/10-11**

To learn about the types of questions on these computer-based tests, 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>.

Following the spring 2018 testing, student score reports will be sent home to parents that include the overall score and a description of the student's achievement level for ELA and math tests. Reports for students who participated in both the 2017 and 2018 CAASPP administrations will include a comparison of scores from both years to show student academic progress from one year to the next.

While the tryout of the new science test will not provide scores for your child, it is an important first step in developing an assessment that will fairly and accurately measure how students are achieving on the new science standards. For additional information about the new science tests and sample questions, please visit the CDE's CAASPP Science Assessment Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caasppscience.asp>. Per Education Code (EC) Section 60615, parents/guardians may request that a student be excused from any and all CAASPP tests. Requests for exemption from testing must be submitted to the school in writing prior to the start of testing for the current school year. If you have any questions regarding your child's participation, please contact **Monica Gayle** at [mgayle@stocktonusd.net](mailto:mgayle@stocktonusd.net).

Sincerely,

**Monica Gayle**  
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