

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM IUSD

Dear Parent or Guardian:

At the end of the last school year, your child participated in a computer-based test as part of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). This year-end test is part of the California assessment system and is aligned with California's academic standards, which are the things we want students to know and be able to do. These tests assist educators in assessing student performance in writing, critical thinking, and problem solving, which are some of the skills that are needed to succeed in college and a 21st century career.

IUSD views these assessments as an academic checkup. Like class assignments and report cards, they are one gauge of student learning – one way to provide parents and teachers with information about student progress toward college and career readiness. IUSD will use these scores as one of many measures when looking at individual student learning strengths and needs, and will also use scores as part of our efforts to continuously improve high quality instruction. It is important to note that IUSD will **NOT** use these scores to determine if a student will advance to the next grade. Additionally, these scores will **NOT** be used as the sole piece of information when making an academic decision about your child.

If your child was in grades 3 – 8 or 11, he or she participated in the Smarter Balanced English language arts/literacy and mathematics assessments. Enclosed you will find your child's CAASPP score report, which includes an overall score for each subject and information about how well your child did in different skill areas. If your child took a test in prior years, you will see his or her past scores so you can view progress over time. Student scores are also available electronically within Parent Portal.

If your child was in grades 5, 8, or 12, he or she was given a field test of the new California Science Test based on California's Next Generation Science Standards. Most students in grade 11 also participated in this field test. If your child participated, preliminary indicators of his or her performance will be available electronically in Parent Portal later this fall.

As always, your child's teacher is your best resource for information regarding your child's academic progress.

Sincerely,

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“Remember, test scores and measures of achievement tell you where a student is, but they don't tell you where a student could end up.”

Carol S. Dweck, Ph.D.
Mindset, The New Psychology of Success

Resources for Additional Information



IUSD Statewide Testing Website

www.iusd.org/statewide-testing



California Department of Education Website

www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caasppssrinfo.asp



Test Score Guide Website

www.testscoreguide.org/ca