



San José  
Unified  
School District

January 15, 2021

## CAASPP ASSESSMENTS AND OPT OUT PROCESS

Preparing today's students to be the thinkers, leaders, and creators of tomorrow.

Dear San José Unified Parents and Guardians,

Each spring, schools across the state participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress program, also known as CAASPP. This year, your student will participate in the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts and mathematics (SBAC), the California Alternate Assessments (CAA), and, depending on their grade level, the California Science Tests (CAST).

These assessments help school districts and the state monitor student progress under the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), which support more rigorous instruction and increased expectations for students.

If you have any questions about your student's participation in CAASPP or would like to request that your student be exempted from one or more CAASPP assessments, **please submit a written request to your student's school specifying which assessments**. Please note you need to submit this request annually. Requests from previous years do not carry over.

Please keep in mind that performance on these assessments is not the only source of information about your student's progress in school. You should also review classroom work, grades, teacher evaluations, and other test results in order to get a more complete picture.

Feel free to contact your school principal with any questions about requesting an exemption.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emalie McGinnis'.

Emalie McGinnis  
Director of Technology & Data Services

sjusd.org  
408-535-6000  
855 Lenzen Avenue  
San José, CA 95126

*As part of the California Code of Regulations that relate to the CAASPP program, school districts are required to notify families of their student's participation in the CAASPP tests and inform you of your right to exempt your student from taking the CAASPP tests.*