

**California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress**  
**Summative Assessments**  
**Parent and Guardian Score Report Letter Template**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

At the end of last school year, students in grades three through eight and high school participated in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress.

**Last year, your child took the following test(s), depending on their grade level:**

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics in grades three through eight and grade eleven
- California Science Test (CAST) in grades five and eight and once in high school
- California Spanish Assessment (CSA) in grades three through eight and high school

*Student Score Reports can now be accessed electronically through the parent portal on our student information system, Aeries under the tab State Test Scores Report.*

This report shows scores for ELA and mathematics. It includes an overall score for each subject and information about how well your child did in different areas. Students in grades four through eight who took the test in previous years will also see past scores so you can see your child's progress over time.

You will also find an Early Assessment Program (EAP) status report. The EAP status shows your child's readiness for credit-bearing, college-level courses in ELA and mathematics. If further preparation is needed, your child may need to take specific courses as a senior to prepare for college. For more information, please see the CSU Success web page at <https://www.csustudentsuccess.org>.

To learn more about your child's scores, go to the new parent web page called *Starting Smarter*, available at <https://www.ca.startingsmarter.org/>.

This site includes:

- resources to help understand results on the student score reports
- access to sample test questions and practice tests
- no-cost resources to support learning
- a guide for parent-teacher conferences

In our district, the test results are just one way to look at how well our students are doing. We use the results to find areas where students are doing well and areas in which they need help. It is also important to know that the test results are not used to determine whether a student moves to the next grade.

**Note:** If your child took the CAST or the CSA, the results will be provided to you in the late fall.

If you have questions or concerns, please call the school office at 714-626-4400.

Sincerely,

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