

Pinedale Elementary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This Spring, your child will be participating in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) testing program. CAASPP is comprised of the tests identified in the chart below, at the grade levels indicated. Additional information regarding CAASPP is available at www.caaspp.org.

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP, is the state 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. This year, CAASPP includes computer adaptive tests in English–language arts and mathematics as well as paper-based tests for science.

Tests	Grade Level							
	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	11
CAASPP								
English Language Arts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Mathematics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Science			✓			✓	✓	
California Alternative Assessment	Administered to special education students who are unable to access the above tests as specified in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Subjects include English Language Arts and Mathematics in grade 3-8, and 11 and a science test in grades 5,8, and 10.							

At **Pinedale Elementary** students will take the test in **grades 3-6** from **April 17-June 4, 2016**. To learn 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>.

Following the spring 2016 testing, students 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 expected, that all students in the above grade levels will participate in the state testing program. However, in accordance with California Code (CCR Title 5 Sec 852b), a parent or guardian may request that his or her child not participate in the test. Please contact the principal of your child's school if you desire further information about these state tests.

Sincerely,

Principal
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