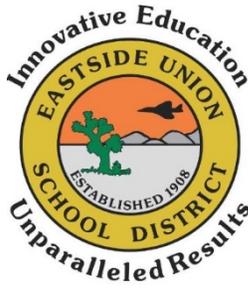


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Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

### ***EUSD UPDATED STATEWIDE TESTING NOTIFICATION***

The Smarter Balanced Testing window for EUSD will be from April through May, 2021. Your child's school will contact you with your student's testing schedule.

For the 2021 spring administration of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) for English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics, and California Science Tests (CAST) students will be able to take their assigned tests remotely. The Physical Fitness Test has been waived for this year. **Because our priority is to keep our students and educators safe** by following state, county, and local health and safety requirements associated with the current pandemic, Eastside Union School District will be administering all tests remotely.

You may have heard that the California State Board of Education has submitted requests to the U.S. Department of Education that include a waiver of the California Science Test. This has not yet been approved so we will move forward with all CAASPP SBAC testing. There are no other blanket waivers under consideration. Any changes in testing will be communicated to parents by the district or your school site administration. The CAA (California Alternate Assessments), if indicated in a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP), are designed to be administered in person. If this applies to your student, you will receive further communication with the details of these assessments.

As a reminder, students will take the test from the safety of their homes. The test administrator or examiner will connect with each child by computer. To make sure that each student receives the most accurate score, we are providing the following guidelines for student testing:

1. You may assist your child with setting up the technology used to enter the test session. Their district-distributed Chromebook has the necessary secure browser already installed.
2. To keep the test fair for all students, we ask that you do not talk about the questions on the test or any materials for the test with anyone before, during, or after the test.
3. No one may record the test or use a camera or another device to take pictures of the test questions or of your child taking the test. This helps to keep the questions confidential.
4. We need to know that the test is being completed by your child without any help. To verify compliance, a web camera and microphone will be used to observe your child while taking the test. The camera is only used to observe your child and the surroundings during the test and will not record the session.

5. Please follow all instructions given by the test administrator or examiner – the teacher - to place the camera where your child and the child’s immediate surroundings can be observed.
6. Your student will need their SSID to log in to the secure testing site from their Chromebook and has been provided by your site in a previous mailing.

If your child cannot use the computer’s camera, microphone, and speaker or headphone during remote testing, please inform the test examiner.

A link to a website with more information for California parents/guardians from the California Department of Education is below:

<https://ca-toms-help.ets.org/spring-21-parents-guardians/>

As the parent or guardian, you have the option of excusing your student from any part of the CAASPP. If you would like to excuse your child from the test, you must submit your request in writing to the school (California Education Code Section 60615) and we will grant your request.

If you have further questions or concerns, please reach out your school administrator for more information.

Thank you for making sure your child is ready to test. With your help, we can ensure that your child, as well as all students in California, are provided with the best opportunity to succeed and show what they know.

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

**Dr. Donna Smith**

**Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services**