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Dear Parents and Guardians:

California students take several mandated statewide tests. These tests provide parents/guardians, teachers, and educators with information about how well students are learning and becoming college and career ready. The test results may be used for local, state, and federal accountability purposes. Please review the assessments that will be administered this semester. Exact dates and times for the mandated testing vary. Please contact your school counseling office to learn more about the testing windows.

### **California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress**

- **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium Assessments**  
English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics tests are administered in grade eleven to measure whether students are on track for college and career readiness.
- **California Science Test (CAST)**  
The computer-based exam measures student acquisition of the California Next Generation Science Standards. It is administered once in high school.
- **California Alternate Assessments (CAA)**  
The computer-based CAA for ELA and for mathematics are administered to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities in grade eleven. Test items are aligned with the standards and are based on the Core Content Connectors. The instructionally embedded CAA for Science is administered once in high school.

Pursuant to California *Education Code* Section 606.15, parents/guardians may annually submit to the school a written request to excuse their child from any or all of the CAASPP assessments. Written requests should be sent to the school principal.

### **English Language Proficiency Assessments for California**

The English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) is the required state test for English language proficiency that must be given to students whose primary language is a language other than English. Students are tested annually until they meet proficiency requirements.

### **Physical Fitness Test**

The physical fitness test (PFT) for students in California schools is the FitnessGram®. The main goal of the test is to help students start lifelong habits of regular physical activity. Students in grade nine take the fitness test.

The El Dorado Union High School District strives to prepare college and career ready students to successfully meet entrance and performance requirements of postsecondary institutions. Results from state assessments are used to help monitor the success of actions and services provided to students. To view historical academic achievement data for the District or school, please visit the Educational Services Department links posted on the District website.

District faculty and staff are proud of the students' efforts and outcomes. Please encourage your children to put forth their best effort on the upcoming assessments.

Sincerely,

Christopher A. Moore  
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