

For School/District Newsletter

Consider including a message about score reporting in your next school or district newsletter. Here's a guide for what information you might include:

Dear [Name/School or District] Parents,

We want to thank you and your students for your efforts towards a successful SBAC testing experience. We now look forward to receiving results so we can gear up for next year.

Parents can expect to receive individual student score reports as part of the new California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) no later than 20 days after the first day of school. These reports will include information about your child's performance in English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics.

Your child will receive a score for each subject, which will range from 2,000 to 3,000. In addition the scores will be reported as meeting one of four levels, Standard... Exceeded; Nearly Met; Met or Not Met.

The report will also highlight how well your child demonstrated his or her strengths in specific skills. Parents will see information about your child's level of mastery in reading, writing, listening, and research in the ELA results as well as mathematical problem solving, using concepts and procedures, and mathematical reasoning.

We ask that families avoid drawing comparisons between this year's CAASPP results and STAR test results from previous years. The CAASPP tests are too fundamentally different from the old exams to make any reliable comparisons. The assessments are new, and this year's scores should be considered a starting point for measuring future growth.

Keep in mind that your child's score will not determine whether or not he or she goes on to the next grade. Instead, these results will help us understand how our students learn best and how instruction can be adjusted to meet student needs.