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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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2019 CAASPP Testing Information

March 11, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Each year, students in grades three through eight and high school participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). Districts may measure student progress through the annual California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) assessments.

Pursuant to Education Code section 48980, and other state and federal laws, districts are required to provide annual notification of your child's participation in the CAASPP test administration. This year High Desert School's CAASPP testing window is set to begin **May 6, 2019 through May 24, 2019**. If you have any questions regarding your child's specific testing schedule, please contact the school site for additional information.

**This year, your child will take the following test(s), depending on their grade level:**

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts/literacy and mathematics in grades three through eight
- California Science Test (CAST) in grades five and eight

The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and the CAST are online tests that measure what your student knows and is able to do. The tests include many different types of questions that allow students to interact with the test questions. Results help identify gaps in knowledge or skills early on so your child can get the support needed to be successful in school.

You are an important part of your child's education. To help your child get ready for the test you can:

- Talk about the test with your child. Make sure they are not scared or anxious.
- Tell your child that you and their teacher have high expectations and are both there to help, every step of the way.
- Take a practice test with your child.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast before testing.

To learn more about the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments or the CAST, go to the California Department of Education Parent Guides to Understanding Web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp>.

You also can look at sample test questions on the practice tests, which can be found on the CAASPP Web Portal at <http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>.

In addition, pursuant to Education Code Section 60615, districts are required to notify you of your legal right to excuse your child from any part of the CAASPP. If you would like to excuse your child, you must submit your request in writing directly to the school as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding you or child's participation in the statewide assessments, please contact your school's test site coordinator at (661) 269-0310.

Sincerely,

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