



# Rio School District

## 2018-2019 Statewide Testing Notification For Parents and Guardians

April 23, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Students across California in grades 3–8 take one or more of the following assessments each spring. These tests were created specifically to gauge each student’s performance in English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA), Mathematics, Spanish, and/or Science. Our CAASPP testing window is from May 1, 2019 – May 31, 2019.

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### ***California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP):***

#### **\* Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium Assessments**

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) computer adaptive and performance task assessments are aligned with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). English Language Arts/literacy (ELA) and Mathematics tests are administered in grades three through eight and grade eleven to measure whether students are on track to college and career readiness.

#### **\* California Science Tests (CAST)**

The new, computer-based CAST measures student acquisition of the California Next Generation Science Standards. It is administered in grades five and eight, and once in high school. The new computer-based CAST replaces the California Standards Tests (CST) for Science.

#### **\* California Alternate Assessments (CAA)**

The computer-based CAA for ELA and CAA for mathematics is administered to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities in grades three through eight. Test items are aligned with the CCSS and are based on the Core Content Connectors. The instructionally embedded CAA for Science is administered in grades five and eight.

**\* California Spanish Assessment (CSA)** is a new assessment currently being developed for the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System. This assessment, presented in Spanish, will be available to serve the more than 1.2 million students who speak Spanish as their primary language, as well as those who are learning Spanish as an additional language. CSA will measure a student’s competency in Spanish language arts and provide student-level data in Spanish competency.

#### **\* 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 in starting lifelong habits of regular physical activity. Students in grades five and seven take the fitness test. We will administer this test during February 1, 2019 – May 31, 2019.

If you have any questions regarding your child’s participation in statewide assessments, please contact your child’s school teacher, principal or Educational Services Department at (805) 485-3111.

Sincerely,

Oscar Hernandez,  
Assistant Superintendent Educational Services