



Dear Parent/Guardian:

From April 2 through April 27, all juniors will participate in the Smarter Balanced or CAASPP assessment for math, English language arts and literature, and science. These tests will provide information to you, the student, your parents, and teachers about your progress and readiness for college and career.

The CAASPP online tests are based on the new California Content Standards, also known as the Common Core State Standards, for mathematics and English language arts. All CSUs and over 90 participating California community colleges accept student results from the CAASPP to determine a student's college readiness status in English and mathematics. Please take the CAASPP seriously. In addition, districts are required to have a 90% participation rate. Your results will give the English, math, and science departments and the SFUSD valuable information about student performance and needs.

What this means for Galileo High School graduates:

1. About 60 percent of current Galileo High School graduating seniors report that they will attend a CSU or Community College each fall.
2. If you are not able to demonstrate ready or conditionally ready for college level math or English through the CAASPP or some other means, you may have to start college in remedial classes that you must pay for and that do not earn you college credit.

The CAASPP results for Gal juniors in the spring of 2017:

ELA

31% ready
43% conditionally ready
15% not yet ready
11% not ready

Math

26% ready
36% conditionally ready
19% not yet ready
19% not ready



How to interpret the results:

- Students who score at the highest performance level (“Standard Exceeded”) are considered ready for college-level coursework in English and/or mathematics and are exempt from taking the CSU English Placement Test (EPT) and/or Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) exam.
- Students who score at the “Standard Met” performance level are considered conditionally ready for college-level coursework in English and/or mathematics and are exempt from taking the CSU English Placement Test (EPT) and/or Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) exam. However, they must take an approved English and/or mathematics course in twelfth grade and receive a grade of “C” or better to be considered ready. At AHS these courses are AP Literature for English and pre-calculus, AP Calculus AB or BC, AP Physics, or AP Statistics. Students that do not meet the conditional requirement their senior year will need to participate in the CSU’s Early Start Program, unless exemption was met through another pathway.
- Students who score at the “Standard Nearly Met” performance level are considered not yet ready for college-level coursework in English and/or mathematics and will need additional preparation in the twelfth grade. They will also be required to take the CSU English Placement Test (EPT) and/or Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) exam and participate in the CSU Early Start Program unless they meet the exemption criteria through another pathway.
- Students who score at the “Standard Not Met” performance level are considered not ready for college-level work in English and/or mathematics. They will need substantial improvement to demonstrate knowledge and skills needed for success in entry-level credit-bearing college coursework after high school. They will also be required to take the CSU English Placement Test (EPT) and/or Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) exam and participate in the CSU Early Start Program unless they meet the exemption criteria through another pathway

To learn about the types of questions on the computer-based test, you and your child can view the practice test online at the California Department of Education (CDE) Smarter Balanced Practice Test Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp>.

Following the spring 2018 testing, students will receive individual score reports. Student score reports will be mailed to parents in the beginning of school year 2018-19. The detailed reports include an overall score, a description of the student’s achievement level for English language arts and mathematics, science (if a participating grade) and other information. If you would like more



information, please visit the Parent/Student tab of the CDE CAASPP Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/>.

Parents/Guardians have the right to request an exemption from all or part of CAASPP testing. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's participation, please contact John Burke (burkej1@sfusd.edu) at the SFUSD Achievement Assessments Office at (415) 241-6400.

Galileo Academy of Science and Technology Spring 2018 SBAC Testing Schedule

Monday, April 2nd - Friday, April 6th- All 11th graders take the English Language Arts portion of SBAC

Monday, April 9th - Friday, April 13th- All 11th graders take the math portion of SBAC

Wednesday, April 18th/ Thursday, April 19th- All 11th and 12th graders take CAST in science classes

Monday, April 23rd - Friday, April 27th- 11th grade SPED and ELD students take CAASPP

Sincerely,

Ms. Holly Rocha
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