

COLLEGE PLACE HIGH SCHOOL

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Robert Aguilar, Principal Ambra Bryant, Assistant Principal

Dear Family/Guardian:

This fall, 11th grade students will take the 10th grade Smarter Balanced or Washington Access to Instruction and Measurement (WA-AIM) tests in math and/or English language arts. Students in 12th grade will take the 11th grade Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS) or the WA-AIM science test. Ninth grade students will take the 8th grade Smarter Balanced or WA-AIM tests in math and English language arts and the 8th grade WCAS or WA-AIM science test.

Students had limited in-person time in the classroom and likely experienced fewer opportunities to learn last school year. Last spring's Smarter Balanced and WCAS testing were postponed to fall as we prioritized critical in-person instruction time for the benefit of students, families, and district staff. The WA-AIM spring 2021 window was extended into fall to allow flexibility for teachers and students, based on student need.

Smarter Balanced and WCAS tests were shortened this fall to ensure that students and teachers would have as much time as possible at the start of school year 2021–22 to establish relationships, routines, and activities.

The results from the 10th grade Smarter Balanced and WA-AIM math and/or English language arts tests provide a picture of whether students across the state are on track to be ready for career or college and can be used as a graduation pathway.

Knowing your student's achievement level (1 through 4) will provide an important piece of information as the school year progresses. Your student's teacher will be able to provide more information about your student's skills in ELA, math, and science. Our school will have access to the Smarter Balanced and WCAS test scores a few days after students complete the online tests. WA-AIM scores will be available in late January.

Our school is scheduled to take the tests October 25-28.

For more information about the <u>Smarter Balanced and WCAS</u> tests, visit: https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/testing/state-testing-overview, and click on the name of the test.

To try out an online <u>Smarter Balanced practice test or WCAS training test</u>, visit: https://wa.portal.cambiumast.com/.



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For more information about the WA-AIM tests, visit: https://www.k12.wa.us/studentsuccess/testing/state-testing-overview/assessment-students-cognitive-disabilities-wa-aim.

Please call or email Ambra Bryant, 509.522.3312; abryant@cpps.org if you have questions about state testing.

Thank you for continuing to work with us to make sure your student is successful. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to better support them. We want your student to leave us with a solid foundation of skills and a future full of opportunities.

Sincerely,

Ambra Bryant, Assistant Principal & Assessment Coordinator