August 15, 2023

Dear HomeTech Families,

In Spring 2023, HomeTech and schools across California administered the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). This statewide test helps us determine whether students have acquired the English Language Arts, Science, and Mathematics skills for specific grade levels. In addition, students who have been identified as English Learners upon enrollment take the English Language Proficiency Assessment of California (ELPAC) every year.

These state assessments are important because they provide information about the effectiveness of our public education system and programs. The more information we have about our system, the more proactive measures we can take to ensure it’s benefiting all families and equipping all students to succeed in reaching the standards that will close opportunity gaps.

- Your child takes the following statewide tests, depending on their grade level or instructional program:
  - Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments (SBAC) for English Language Arts and Math (required in grades 3–8 and 11)
  - California Science Test (CAST) (required in grades 5, 8, and once in high school)
  - California Alternate Assessments (CAA) in Math, ELA, and Science for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (required in the same corresponding grades above)
  - English Language Proficiency Assessment of California (ELPAC) and Alternate ELPAC for students in any grade whose primary language is a language other than English.

The purpose of today’s letter is to ensure you know how to access and understand your students’ scores on the above statewide assessments when it becomes available. Each report includes an overall score for each subject, and information about how well your child did in different skill areas. If your child took the assessment in past years, you will also see past scores showing their progress over time.

How to access your students’ scores:
  1. Log into the Aeries Family Portal (A link is also available on our website under “Parent Resources.”)
2. Click on “Test Scores” on the home page

3. Click on “State Test Score Reports” again on the next page

4. This brings up your child’s scores for this past spring.

You can find out more about your child’s ELA, Math, and Science results by visiting the parent web page, Starting Smarter web page. For more information about the ELPAC results, visit the ELPAC Starting Smarter page. Both sites include:

- resources to help understand results on the student score reports.
- access to sample test questions and practice tests.
- no-cost resources to support learning.
- a guide for parent-teacher conferences.

Please note that if your child was not enrolled in HomeTech Charter last year, the report may not be available in your HomeTech Aeries Parent Portal. We recommend you contact your child’s previous school for a copy of the CAASPP Score Report.

If you need assistance accessing the Aeries Family Portal or have questions about the score report, please contact our office at (530) 872.1171.

Sincerely,

Julie Crandall
Principal/Superintendent