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**California Alternate Assessments (CAA)  
California Science Test**

**Dear Parents/Guardians of 10th Grade Students:**

California's academic standards—the things we want students to know and be able to do—are designed so students graduate ready for college and a career. One way we measure their progress is through the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) assessments. Students across California in grades 3–8 and high school take these assessments each spring. These tests were created specifically to gauge each student's performance in English language arts/literacy (ELA), mathematics, and science. Students with the most significant cognitive disabilities, as designated in their individualized education program (IEP), are eligible to take alternate assessments, as detailed below.

This year, your child will take the following tests:

- **CAA for Science - Pilot Test**

California's new state standards for science call for students to think and work like scientists and engineers—asking questions and learning through hands-on investigation and discovery. Working with science teachers, California is developing a new assessment that emphasizes scientific thinking and reasoning. Students with the most significant cognitive disabilities, as designated in their IEP, are eligible to take the CAA for Science.

This year your child will participate in the tryout of test items for the CAA for Science. While this tryout will not provide scores for your child, it is an important first step in developing an assessment that will fairly and accurately measure how students are achieving on the new science standards. For additional information about the new science tests, please visit the CDE's CAASPP Science Assessment Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caasppscience.asp>.

If you would like more information or resources about alternate assessments, please visit the CDE's CAASPP Alternate Assessments Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/altassessment.asp>.

If you have any questions regarding your child's participation in statewide assessments, please contact Assistant Principal, **Reno Medina** at [reno.medina@sduhsd.net](mailto:reno.medina@sduhsd.net).

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