

North Monterey County Center for Independent Study (NMCCIS)  
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

There are many ways to measure your child’s learning. Your child’s teacher uses report card grades, classroom work, teacher observations, and end-of-year statewide test results to get a complete picture of your child’s learning. Each year, students participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). Your child will take the following tests, depending on their grade level or instructional program:

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English Language Arts and Math, required tests in grades 3–8 and 11
- California Science Test (CAST), a required test in grades 5 and 8 and once in high school

This year, NMCCIS will give the summative assessments *remotely*.

Your child will take the test at home. They will connect with a school staff member on the computer. Once you have helped your child enter the test session, please follow these guidelines during this test so your child can show what they can do on their own:

- Follow all instructions given by the school staff member.
- Do not talk about the questions on the test or any materials for the test with anyone before, during, or after the test.
- Do not record the test or take pictures of the test questions or of your child taking the test.
- Your child will be monitored through a web camera and microphone so the test administrator can provide support while taking the test. The test will not be recorded.

For more information on remote administration, visit [caaspp.org/resources/parent-resources/](https://caaspp.org/resources/parent-resources/). If your child cannot use the computer’s camera, microphone, speaker, or headphones during remote testing, you may contact your child’s teacher and we will find a way to meet your child’s needs.

The testing schedule is listed below:

	Monday, April 11	Tuesday, April 12	Wednesday, April 13	Thursday, April 14	Friday, April 15
Science grades 5, 8, 11, 12; ELA 3-8, 11	Science grades 5, 8, 11, 12	Science grades 5, 8, 11, 12	ELA 3-8, 11; Science Make-ups	ELA 3-8, 11; Science Make-ups	Make-ups: ELA 3-8, 11; Science
	Monday, April 18	Tuesday, April 19	Wednesday, April 20	Thursday, April 21	Friday, April 22
ELA 3-8, 11; Science Make-ups	<b>Floating Holiday</b>	ELA 3-8, 11	ELA 3-8, 11	Make-ups: ELA 3-8, 11; Science	Make-ups: ELA 3-8, 11; Science
	Monday, April 25	Tuesday, April 26	Wednesday, April 27	Thursday, April 28	Friday, April 29
Math 3-8, 11; ELA, Science Make-ups	Math 3-8, 11	Math 3-8, 11	Math 3-8, 11	Math 3-8, 11	Make-ups: All grade levels, all assessments

	Monday, May 2	Tuesday, May 3	Wednesday, May 4	Thursday, May 5	Friday, May 6
Make-ups: All grade levels, all assessments					

You are an important part of your child’s education. To make sure your child feels comfortable taking tests, you can:

- Explain to your child that these tests are tools to help them learn, and they should not be anxious or scared.
- Explore the practice tests with your child at [caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html](https://caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html) so they can become familiar with the platform and setup of the tests.
- Remind your child that you and their teacher want them to try their best.

You will receive your child’s results at or before the beginning of the next school year. The results will identify where your child is doing well or where they need more help. In this way, you can better support their learning at home and teachers can better support their learning in the classroom.

To learn more about these tests go to the Starting Smarter web page at [ca.startingsmarter.org/](https://ca.startingsmarter.org/), or review the Parent Guides to Understanding at [cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp](https://cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp).

If you have questions, please contact your child’s teacher for support.

Sincerely,

Aida Ramirez, Principal