

## The Open Magnet Charter School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Open School will be participating in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System from **May 2 - 19, 2017**.

CAASPP is an academic testing system that provides information that can be used to monitor student progress on an annual basis and ensure that all students leave high school ready for college and/or career. CAASPP assessments include English–language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics for students in grades 3 – 8 and 11. Students in grades 5, 8, and one grade in high school (10, 11 or 12) take a science pilot test. Eligible Spanish-speaking English learners enrolled in grades 2-11 also take the Standards-based Test in Spanish (STS). For Open School, student will be administered the following:

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| • <b>Grade 5 ELA &amp; Math</b> | <b>May 2 – 5; Grade 5</b> | <b>Science (Pilot test)</b> | <b>May 8<sup>th</sup></b> |
| • <b>Grade 4 ELA &amp; Math</b> | <b>May 9 – May 12</b>     |                             |                           |
| • <b>Grade 3 ELA &amp; Math</b> | <b>May 16 – May 19</b>    |                             |                           |

The tests have different kinds of questions, including traditional multiple-choice questions as well as ones that require students to explain their answers and show their work. To learn about the types of questions on the computer-based tests or for additional information about CAASPP tests, you and your child can visit the California Department of Education Website at this web address <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/> and select the Parent and Student tab.

Following spring 2017 CAASPP testing, individual student score reports displaying CAASPP results will be made available to parents. Student score reports will include an overall score and a description of the student's achievement level for ELA and mathematics. Score reports for students will not include results of the science pilot test. Early Assessment Program (EAP) results will be included on the score reports for students in grade 11. STS results are reported on a separate report.

But remember, the results from these tests aren't meant to tell the whole story. Your child's scores are intended to be one of several ways for you and your child's teacher to see how your child is progressing in school. Test scores, along with student report cards and teacher's observations of your child's performance in the classroom, are used together to form a complete picture of your child's achievement.

As the parent or guardian, you have the option of excusing your child(ren) from any part of the CAASPP. If you would like to excuse your child from any of the tests, you must submit your request in writing to the school [Education Code 60615.]. Please let the school know as soon as possible so we can make alternative arrangements for your child(ren).

At Open School, our goal is for all students to achieve their full potential. The CAASPP test results are one way we are able to better understand if we are meeting that goal. Thank you for all you do to partner with us in your child's education. If you have any questions regarding CAASPP, please contact Peggy Lew at [PSL4275@LAUSD.NET](mailto:PSL4275@LAUSD.NET).

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