



April 09, 2019

On Monday, April 22nd we will begin our testing window at DATA. Over the course of the following five weeks, all students will be taking the SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) test in both Math and Language Arts. Additionally all 8th grade students will complete the CAST (California Science Test) during the testing period.

The results from the SBAC will be used by the district to determine the strengths and weaknesses of our instructional programs and will be used by the state to measure our school's academic performance and ranking compared to other schools in the state. At DATA, the SBAC scores will be used along with teacher recommendations to determine your son/daughters placement in courses the following year.

The best preparation for testing is the rigorous instruction your child has received throughout the year in his/her classroom. We have worked diligently to develop a schedule that creates the opportunity for the students to test with their content teacher. Each student will be testing during their designated ELA and Math class time. **The schedule does not impact the school start or dismissal time.** At DATA our testing schedule will be as follows:

English Language Arts/Science Testing Schedule				
Monday 4/22/19	Tuesday 4/23/19	Wednesday 4/24/19	Thursday 4/25/19	Friday 4/26/19
Periods 1, 3, 5 Science 8th Grade	Periods 2, 4, 6 Lang. Arts All Grades	Periods 1, 3, 5 Lang. Arts All Grades	Periods 2, 4, 6 Science 8th Grade	Make-Ups
Monday 4/29/19	Tuesday 4/30/19	Wednesday 5/01/19	Thursday 5/02/19	Friday 5/03/19
Periods 1, 3, 5 Science 8th Grade	Periods 2, 4, 6 Lang. Arts All Grades	Periods 1, 3, 5 Lang. Arts All Grades	Periods 2, 4, 6 Science 8th Grade	Make-Ups
Math Schedule				
Monday 5/06/19	Tuesday 5/07/19	Wednesday 5/08/19	Thursday 5/09/19	Friday 5/10/19
Periods 1, 3, 5 Math 7th and 8th Grade	Periods 1, 3, 5 Math All Grades	Periods 2, 4, 6 Math All Grades	Periods 2, 4, 6 Math 7th and 8th Grade	Make-Ups
Monday 5/13/19	Tuesday 5/14/19	Wednesday 5/15/19	Thursday 5/16/19	Friday 5/17/19
Periods 1, 3, 5 Math 7th and 8th Grade	Periods 1, 3, 5 Math All Grades	Periods 2, 4, 6 Math All Grades	Periods 2, 4, 6 Math 7th and 8th Grade	Make-Ups

As in previous years, in order to maintain test security, students will not be able to access their phones and personal electronic devices during testing. Devices will be collected to maintain the integrity of the testing environment. Additionally, students will have access to their laptops while on campus but students will not be taking their laptops home during the testing weeks.

If you would like more information about Smarter Balanced Assessments, please visit the Smarter Balanced website at <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>. If you have any questions regarding the Common Core State Standards, or your child's participation in this year's state testing, please contact Assistant Principal, Natalie Spevak at (805) 641-5165.

Sincerely,

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Principal