



# Evergreen School District

*From strong roots grow bright futures*

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Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

We want to thank you for your continued patience as we adapt our regular school practices and procedures to accommodate the many challenges presented by the pandemic. Parents, students, and teachers have stepped up in heroic ways and we are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel.

As you may know, each year in the spring, our district provides the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) statewide assessments in English language arts and math to students in grades three to eight. Last week, the California State Board of Education gave districts the option of using the statewide assessments **or** district-selected assessments for the 2020-2021 school year. As we transition to in-person learning, Evergreen School District has made the decision to continue using the iReady English language arts (ELA) and math computer-based, diagnostic assessments to inform us of your child's learning progress and guide instruction mapped to student needs. It is aligned with the Common Core State Standards and one of the California Department of Education (CDE)-approved diagnostic assessments. This suite of assessments from iReady provides a complete analysis of student performance and growth across math and ELA. It includes diagnostic and standards mastery assessments that are used to monitor and support student progress. This scaled assessment shows how students are progressing along a continuum that extends across grade levels and can be used over multiple school years to inform instruction. Since Evergreen has already been using iReady assessments, we can examine student progress over time from prior years to the present and into the coming years.

Parents/guardians with students in grades three to eight will receive their child's spring assessment results in both English language arts and math. Reports include information about how to interpret both overall score and growth, with results connected to personalized learning pathways. Our testing window for the spring administration of iReady is May 10, 2021 through May 28, 2021.

We will focus on the administration of the iReady ELA and math assessments during the return to in-person learning model while some students remain in distance learning. Since our district only delivered instruction via distance learning over the last year, the administration of the California Science Test (CAST) will not be viable this year. The English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC), however, will continue to be given through the end of the school year.

There are many ways to measure student learning, and the spring test is only one of them. It is not meant to tell the whole story, but when combined with other factors, like report card grades and teacher input, it will give families a more complete picture of their child's performance so that they can partner with teachers to accelerate learning in the months ahead.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school principal.

Sincerely,

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