



Summative Assessment Update

April 14, 2021

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

The California Department of Education (CDE) recently provided information waiving certain accountability, school identification, and related reporting requirements for the 2020-2021 school year. School districts may now use the most viable option for assessment in their local context, including the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and California Alternate Assessments for English language arts and mathematics, or other diagnostic, benchmark, or interim assessments that:

- Are aligned with California Common Core State Standards for ELA and mathematics.
- Are available to assess students in grades three through eight and grade eleven.
- Are uniformly administered across a grade span, school, or district.

Walnut Valley Unified School District will be administering local summative assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics to students in 3rd-8th grade. 11th grade students have already taken the CAASPP and the CAST Assessments. The local diagnostic assessments are assessments that students are familiar with, and are aligned with California Standards. They provide results that can be reported to parents/guardians and the public and are the same assessments that your child has taken throughout the school year. This data will help us continue to focus on providing support to students in assessing and addressing their learning needs.

For additional information, please visit

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/covid19assessmentfaq.asp>.

If you have any questions, please email me at rbyrne@wvusd.org. We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

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