

## CAASPP Testing for Grades 3-7

Beginning April 6, 2015, iLEAD Lancaster joins thousands of schools across California in administration of a more modern state assessment system designed to help shape facilitating and learning in the classroom. The California Assessment of Learner Performance and Progress, or CAASPP, which has replaced the Standardized Testing and Reporting, or STAR Program, is the new state academic testing program. CAASPP will provide information that can be used to monitor learner progress and ensure that all learners leave high school ready for college and career. This year, CAASPP includes computer adaptive tests in English–language arts and mathematics as well as paper-based tests for science.

Last year, most learners participated in a computer-based field test. Though no scores were provided, this practice run of the test allowed learners to experience computer-based testing and new types of questions. In addition, the field test also helped evaluate how well districts' technology systems could meet the demands of computer-based tests and determine what resources teachers and schools would need to better prepare learners for future assessments.

All iLEAD Lancaster learners in 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades will be taking the test within the window of April 6 through May 14. Your facilitator should have sent you the more specific dates when your learner will be taking the test. Please ensure that on your learner's specific testing dates she has a healthy breakfast and arrives at school well rested and on time.

To learn about the types of questions on the computer-based test, you and your child can view the practice test online at the California Department of Education (CDE) Smarter Balanced Practice Test Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp>.

Following the spring 2015 testing, learners will receive individual score reports. Learner score reports will be sent home to parents/caregivers and will include an overall score, a description of the learner's achievement level for English–language arts and mathematics, and other information. It is important to note that these scores cannot be compared to scores that your child previously received on the STAR Program tests, because this test is based on the new Common Core State Standards, involves different types of test questions, and will not be reported using the STAR Program reporting categories.

If you would like more information, please visit the Parent/Student tab of the CDE CAASPP Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/>. If you

have any questions regarding your child's participation, please contact your facilitator or iLEAD Lancaster CAASPP Coordinator, Deena Fontana Moraes at [deena.moraes@ileadschools.org](mailto:deena.moraes@ileadschools.org).