



Chino Valley Unified School District students outperform state in second year of new test

Chino Valley Unified School District students overall outperformed the state in every grade level tested on the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium last spring.

The test, known by the acronym SBAC, was taken by third through eighth graders and 11th graders. This is the second year for the standardized test, which replaced the former paper-based test for the same subjects. It falls under the umbrella of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) that encompasses all student testing including science and physical education.

Individual Student Score Reports were mailed to parents and guardians and should be arriving shortly.

The new exam is part of California's comprehensive plan to support high-quality learning at every school. It is based on California's new, more challenging academic standards, which are designed to help students think critically, and graduate prepared for college and careers.

The scores on these tests are just one factor to be reflected on the State's new accountability system that will measure student, school, and district progress in a variety of areas rather than just focusing on test scores.

Students could score at one of four levels on the SBAC: Standard Exceeded (Level 4), Standard Met (Level 3), Standard Nearly Met (Level 2), and Standard Not Met (level 1).

In the CVUSD, 14,786 students took the English language arts/literacy portion of the test, and 14,831 took the math portion.

In addition to scoring better overall than the state on both the English language arts/literacy and math portions of the test, CVUSD's third through eighth graders who tested last spring scored better than their counterparts in the spring 2015 test. Sixty-three percent of the 11th graders taking the English language art/literacy test this spring scored in the top two tiers of the test. In 2015, 64% of 11th graders taking that portion of the SBAC met or exceeded the set standards.

English language arts/literacy

In English language arts/literacy, 52% of CVUSD third graders tested met or exceeded the standards set. In comparison, 43% of third graders statewide scored at those same levels. In spring 2015, 46% of the CVUSD third graders met or exceeded the standards.

Fifty-five percent of CVUSD fourth graders scored in the top two tiers, while 44% of fourth graders statewide did the same. In 2015, 50% of CVUSD fourth graders met or exceeded the standards.

Fifty-nine percent of CVUSD fifth graders scored in the top two tiers, while 49% of fifth graders statewide scored in those tiers. In 2015, 56% of CVUSD fifth graders met or exceeded the standards.

Sixty-one percent of CVUSD sixth graders met or exceeded the standards, while 48% of sixth graders statewide did the same. In 2015, 59% of CVUSD sixth graders scored in those top two tiers.

Fifty-seven percent of CVUSD seventh graders scored in the top two tiers, while 48% of seventh graders statewide did the same. In 2015, 54% of CVUSD seventh graders met or exceeded the standards.

Sixty-one percent of CVUSD eighth graders met or exceeded the set standards, while 48% of eighth graders statewide did the same. In 2015, 57% of CVUSD eighth graders met or exceeded the standards.

Sixty-three percent of CVUSD 11th graders scored in the top two tiers, while 59% of students in that same grade statewide did the same. In 2015, 64% of CVUSD 11th graders also met or exceeded the standards.

Mathematics

In mathematics, 60% of CVUSD third graders tested met or exceeded the standards set. In comparison, 46% of third graders statewide scored at those same levels. In spring 2015, 56% of CVUSD third graders met or exceeded the standards.

Forty-nine percent of CVUSD fourth graders scored in the top two tiers, while 38% of fourth graders statewide did the same. In 2015, 46% of CVUSD fourth graders met or exceeded the standards.

Forty-one percent of CVUSD fifth graders scored in the top two tiers, while 33% of fifth graders statewide scored in those tiers. In 2015, 37% of CVUSD fifth graders met or exceeded the standards.

Forty-eight percent of CVUSD sixth graders met or exceeded the standards, while 35% of sixth graders statewide did the same. In 2015, 42% of CVUSD sixth graders scored in those top two tiers.

Forty-four percent of CVUSD seventh graders scored in the top two tiers, while 36% of seventh graders statewide did the same. In 2015, 41% of CVUSD seventh graders met or exceeded the standards.

Forty-four percent of CVUSD eighth graders met or exceeded the set standards, while 36% of eighth graders statewide did the same. In 2015, 43% of CVUSD eighth graders met or exceeded the standards.

Thirty-eight percent of CVUSD 11th graders scored in the top two tiers, while 37% of students in that same grade statewide met or exceeded standards. In 2015, 34% of CVUSD 11th graders also met or exceeded the standards.

“One of the benefits of the ‘scaled’ scores we and parents are receiving is that it allows us to gauge individual student progress more accurately and over time,” said Julian Rodriguez, Director of Assessment and Instructional Technology.

Parents of last school year’s fourth through ninth graders who took the test will receive a score report with two years of data, comparing how their student performed at the end of the last two years of school.

CVUSD fifth, sixth, seventh and ninth grade students who tested this spring in English language arts/ literacy improved their percentages in meeting or exceeding the standards when compared with their

scores from the previous year. The percentage of eighth graders meeting or exceeding the standards dropped when their scores from seventh grade were considered.

CVUSD seventh, eighth, and ninth graders who tested this spring in math improved their percentages in meeting or exceeding the standards when compared with their performance in the previous year. The percentage of fifth and sixth graders meeting or exceeding the standards dropped when their scores from the previous year were considered.

To better understand the CAASPP Student Score Report, follow the links below to watch the short video from the California Department of Education.

Link to video on Understanding the CAASPP Student Score Report (English):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQi4qIOCrmk&feature=youtu.be>

Link to video on Understanding the CAASPP Student Score Report (Espanol):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ZPqZeHXs6k&list=PLgIRGe0-q7SZtZI9b50s4TLpy1_LPf9tP&index=2

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