# SUSD Department of Educational Services

Report to PTAs Fall 2015



# Overview

- Strategic Plan & Local Control Accountability Plan
- CAASPP Assessment System
- Smarter Balanced Assessments
- Student SBAC Reports
- SUSD Curriculum & Assessments
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- Parent Education & Resources
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# SARATOGA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

# 2014 – 2017 Saratoga Union School District Strategic Plan

Create an innovative public school system that stimulates intellectual curiosity, providing academic rigor for each and every learner, and instills leadership, responsibility, and global citizenship in a safe and nurturing environment where learners THRIVE.





SUSD' Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP):

# Meeting the Needs of Saratoga Union School District's Students

Eight state priority areas for which SUSD has established goals and actions:

Conditions of Learning 1. Common Core State Standards 2. Basic Services 3. Course Access

Engagement 4. School Climate 5. Student Engagement 6. Parent Engagement 6. Parent Engagement 8. Other Student Outcomes Outcomes

### SUSD's LCAP Goals:

All SUSD students will reach high standards and will demonstrate upward movement in student achievement through CCSS- and NGSS- aligned instruction, assessment, and teacher professional development.

Our District and school sites will maintain effective communication, provide a process to include input from all stakeholders, and offer opportunities for family engagement.

Our students will be educated in a safe environment that integrates social emotional literacy and provides opportunities for engagement of students and stakeholders at all levels.

Our District will cultivate innovative and empowered learners through personalized learning, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Skills (creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking), and the infusion of technology.

# California State Testing Programs

Grades 5, 7 & 9 PE Testing Grades 3-8 & 11 & Grades 5, 8, 10 Science

**CAASPP** 

Replaces previous
Standardized
Testing and Reporting
(STAR) Program

CAHSEE

Grades 10, 11 &12 CELDT

English Learner Students

# California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

## Science

- California Standards Tests (CSTs)
- Grades 5, 8 & 10
- Aligned to old standards; will be replaced soon
- Paper-based
- Multiple-choice test questions

English-Language Arts & Math

- Smarter Balanced Tests Grades
   3-8 & 11
- Aligned to new standards
- Computer Adaptive Test (CAT)
- Wider range of test questions

## CCSS & SBAC

- Critical thinking, analytical writing, and real-world problem solving
- Require students to demonstrate a deeper understanding of key concepts.
- On-line tools, support, and accommodations available to give a fair and accurate estimate of each student's achievement.
- Part of a larger plan for ensuring highquality teaching and learning in every school.

## What About API?

- No API scores calculated from this year's tests.
- Parents will get score reports for their students, but not the larger API report that used to measure how schools and districts scored.
- CA Ed Code now requires the calculation of the API to be based on multiple measures and not only on annual assessments.

## **Test Scores**

- The new assessments are too fundamentally different from the old exams to make any reliable comparisons between old scores and new ones.
- Rather, this year's results will establish a baseline for the progress we expect students to make over time.
- Think of it as pushing the reset button on assessment results - getting a fresh start.
- The results are only **one source** of information we will be using regarding student progress.

# What's New about State Testing CAASPP & SBAC

# Computer Adaptive Testing (CAT): Philosophy

"Computer adaptive testing (CAT) holds the potential for more customized assessment with test questions that are tailored to the students' ability levels, and identification of students' skills and weaknesses using fewer questions and requiring less testing time."

Shorr, P. W. (2002, Spring). A look at tools for assessment and accountability. *Administrator Magazine*.

## **How Does a CAT Work?**

- Each student is administered a set of test questions that is appropriately challenging.
- The student's performance on the test questions determines if subsequent questions are harder or easier.
- The test adapts to the student item-by-item.
- Fewer test questions are needed as compared to a fixed form to obtain precise estimates of students' ability.

# Computer-Adaptive Items

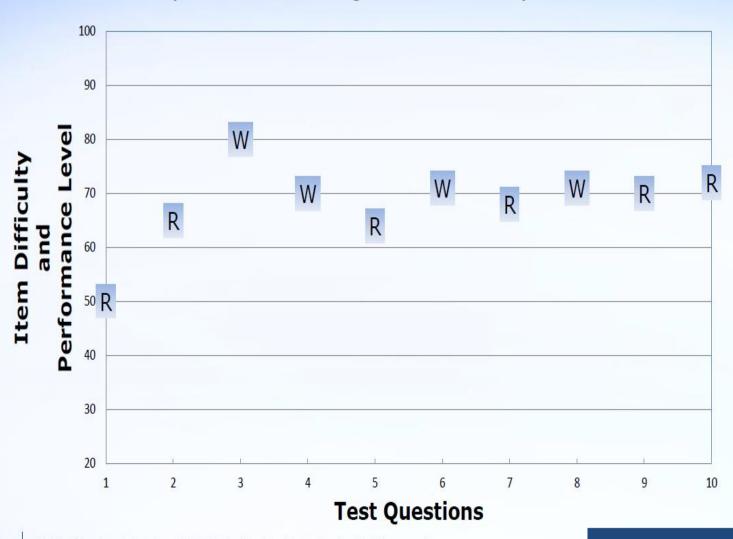
Testing system selects questions that are appropriately challenging for students based on student answers to previous questions.

- When a student gets an answer correct, the next question is more difficult. When a student get an answer wrong, the next question is slightly easier.
- · Tailored or customized to the student's ability level
  - » No two students will receive the same test whereas under the STAR system, most students all received the same questions. This helps with test security too.
- Helps keep students more engaged

Often takes fewer questions and less time to identify student skills

# **How Does a CAT Work?**

Example of a Ten Question Adaptive Test



# **ELA and Math Performance Tasks (PTs)**

- In Smarter Balanced, a PT and classroom activity on a given topic are administered as well as the CAT.
- PTs are administered at the classroom/group level so they are not targeted to students' specific ability level.
- The items associated with the PTs may be scored by machine or by human raters.

# More About the Smarter Balanced Tests

## Each subject area has two parts:

- Computer-adaptive items
  - » English-Language Arts (40-45 items)
  - » Math (30-35 items)
- Performance Task
  - » Designed to show how students can integrate knowledge and skills across multiple areas
  - » English-Language Arts (3 questions)
  - » Math (6 questions)

# **Final Scoring**

- For each student, the responses from the PT and CAT portions are merged for final scaled score.
- Resulting ability estimates are based on the specific test questions that a student answered, **not** the total number of items answered correctly.
- Higher ability estimates are associated with test takers who correctly answer difficult and more discriminating items.
- Lower ability estimates are associated with test takers who correctly answer easier and less discriminating items.
- This type of scoring is called "Item Pattern Scoring."

## **Assesses Desired Skills**

- Problem Solving Perseverance
- Application of Knowledge
- Listening
- Reading Complex Texts
- Research
- Real-world math tasks

# **New Problem Types:**

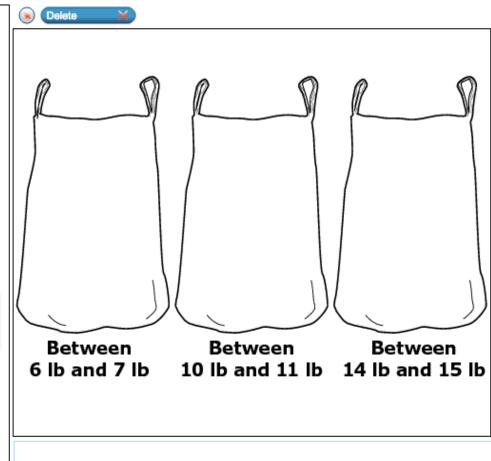
More Engaging - 4th Grade Math

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Jared is testing how much weight a bag can hold. He plans to put juice bottles into three bags. He wants each bag to have a total weight within the given range.

- Drag juice bottles into each bag so that the weight is within the given range.
- Leave the bag empty if the given range is not possible using juice bottles.

Click and Drag animation



# **New Problem Types:** Challenging Tasks - 5th Grade Math









#### **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Your class is going to plant vegetables in a section of the local community garden. The garden manager has provided an area to plant the vegetables as follows:

The total area for the class to plant vegetables will be a rectangle 40 feet long and 30 feet wide.

The class has decided to plant four rectangular sections of the class garden with vegetables according to this plan:

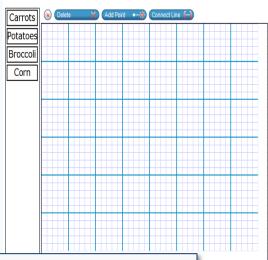
- 1/4 of the garden will be planted with carrots.
- 1/6 of the garden will be planted with potatoes.
- 1/8 of the garden will be planted with broccoli.
- 1/12 of the garden will be planted with corn.

In this task, you will analyze the class plan and determine an alternate plan that will help make the most use of the available area.

"Analyze the class plan and determine an alternative that will help make the most of the available area "

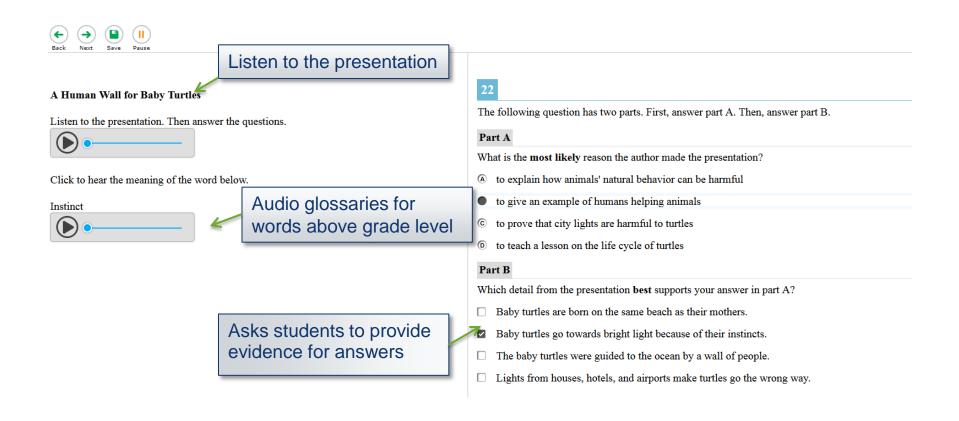
Using the connect line tool, draw rectangles on this model of the garden to represent the four rectangular sections for planting vegetables according to the class plan. The garden model is divided into 5 feet by 5 feet sections.

- Use whole number side lengths.
- Each square on the model represents 1 square foot.
- Drag the correct label that shows the vegetable for each section.



- Drawn from real life
- Requires multiple steps
- No one right answer

# New Problem Types: Listening Questions – 7th Grade ELA



# Meaning in Context - 11th Grade ELA

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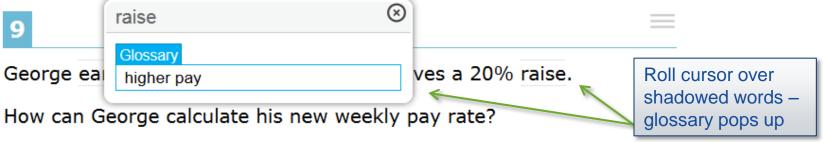
A student is writing a critical review for the high school newspaper about an upcoming music revue. Read the draft of the review and complete the task that follows.

The high school music revue is always one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the school year. With more than fifteen acts taking part in the proceedings, this year's event was of a very high caliber. Particularly impressive was when the high school orchestra closed the event with a series of ragtime classics. Performing their closing number for a second time, the orchestra returned to the stage at the end of the night for what would be a richly received segment.

The student wants to make sure that his word choices are appropriate to inform his audience about the upcoming music revue. Choose the **best two** words to replace the underlined word.

interlude	
sequel	Choose the best two
encore	words to replace the underlined word
overture	More than one answer
reprise	
prelude	

# Unique Accessibility Features: Example - Pop Up Glossary



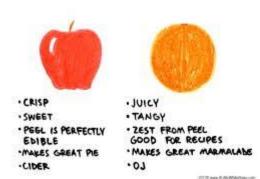
Select all calculations that will result in George's new weekly pay rate.

- □ divide \$455 by 0.20
- divide \$455 by 1.20
- multiply \$455 by 0.20
- multiply \$455 by 1.20
- solve for *x*:  $\frac{x}{455} = \frac{120}{100}$
- solve for *x*:  $\frac{455}{x} = \frac{20}{100}$

# Student SBAC Results

## Results: Last Year's vs. This Year's

- It's Like Apples and Oranges <u>you can't</u> <u>compare</u>
- The previous test measured different skills, in a different way



HOW DO THEY COMPARE?

# Overall Scores – 2 Content Areas, 4 Levels

## **English Language Arts and Mathematics**



# **Smarter Balanced Scaled Score Ranges by Grade Level**

Grade	Subject	Min	Max	Subject	Min	Max
3	ELA	2114	2623	Mathematics	2189	2621
4	ELA	2131	2663	Mathematics	2204	2659
5	ELA	2201	2701	Mathematics	2219	2700
6	ELA	2210	2724	Mathematics	2235	2748
7	ELA	2258	2745	Mathematics	2250	2778
8	ELA	2288	2769	Mathematics	2265	2802
11	ELA	2299	2795	Mathematics	2280	2862

# **Smarter Balanced Scale Score Ranges for ELA/Literacy Levels**

Grade	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
3	2114-2366	2367-2431	2432-2489	2490-2623
4	2131-2415	2416-2472	2473-2532	2533-2663
5	2201-2441	2442-2501	2502-2581	2582-2701
6	2210-2456	2457-2530	2531-2617	2618-2724
7	2258-2478	2479-2551	2552-2648	2649-2745
8	2288-2486	2487-2566	2567-2667	2668-2769
11	2299-2492	2493-2582	2583-2681	2682-2795

# **Smarter Balanced Scale Score Ranges for Mathematics Levels**

Grade	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
3	2189-2380	2381-2435	2436-2500	2501-2621
4	2204-2410	2411-2484	2485-2548	2549-2659
5	2219-2454	2455-2527	2528-2578	2579-2700
6	2235-2472	2473-2551	2552-2609	2610-2748
7	2250-2483	2484-2566	2567-2634	2635-2778
8	2265-2503	2504-2585	2586-2652	2653-2802
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# Additional Scores – Areas (CLAIMS)

Above Standard

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At/Near Standard

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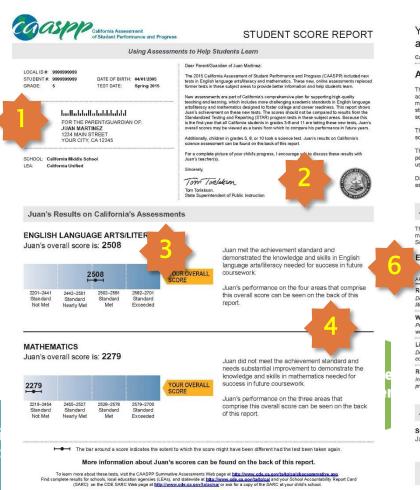
Below Standard

**Below Standard** 

- **English Language Arts**
- 1.Reading
- 2. Writing
- 3. Speaking & Listening
- 4.Research/Inquiry

- Mathematics
- 1.Concepts & Procedures
- 2.Problem Solving
- 3. Communicating Reasoning
- 4. Modeling & Data Analysis

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Your Guide to Juan's California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Score Report

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#### A New Kind of Test for Juan; a New Kind of Report for You

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Writing Producing clear and purposeful writing	At or Near Standard
Listening Demonstrating effective communication skills	At or Near Standard
Research/Inquiry Investigating, analyzing and presenting information	Below Standard

#### MATHEMATICS

van's overall score is: 2279

AREA	PERFORMANCE
Problem Solving & Modeling/Data Analysis	Above Standard
Using appropriate tools and strategies to solve real world and mathematical problems	

Concepts & Procedures Below Standard
Applying mathematical concepts
and procedures

Communicating Reasoning Below Standard

Demonstrating ability to support
mathematical conclusions

Juan's Results on California Standards Test

#### SCIENCE

Juan's score is 267 - Far Below Basic

2	67 <b>1</b>			
Far Below Basic (150-267)	Below Basic (268–299)	Basic (300-349)	Proficient (350-409)	Advanced (410–600)
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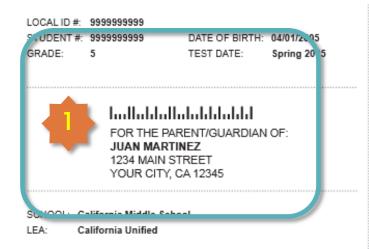


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#### STUDENT SCORE REPORT

#### Using Assessments to Help Students Learn



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Sincerely.

Tom Torlakson,

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Juan's Results on California's Assessments

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY** 

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LOCAL ID #: 9999999999

STUDENT #: 9999999999 GRADE: 5 DATE OF BIRTH: 04/01/2005 TEST DATE: Spring 2015

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2502-2581

Standard

Met

2582-2701

Standard

Exceeded

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2442-2501

Standard

Nearly Met

YOUR DVERALL 2508 SCOR

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#### MATHEMATICS

2201-2441

Standard

Not Met

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Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard
Not Met	Nearly Met	Met	Exceeded

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Problem Solving & Above Standard

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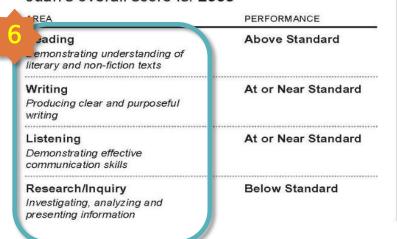
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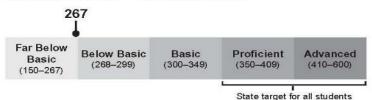
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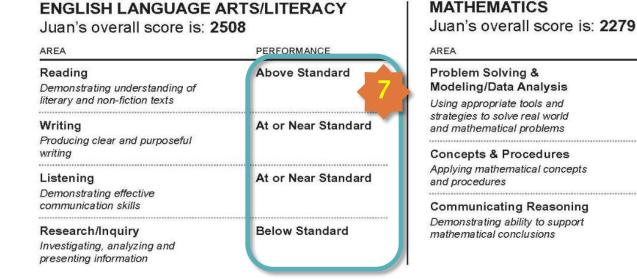
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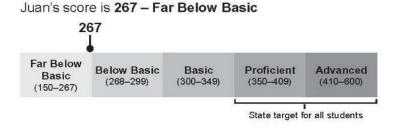
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# Elements of the Student Score Report: Science Grades 5, 8, & 10 only

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#### **MATHEMATICS**

mathematical conclusions

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http://www.saratogausd.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=178

California Department of Education's CAASPP Web page http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/

Frequently Asked Questions about CAASPP <a href="http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/sbcommonga.asp">http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/sbcommonga.asp</a>

Parent Fact Sheet from Smarter Balanced

http://www.smarterbalanced.org/wordpress/wpcontent/uploads/2012/03/Smarter-Balanced-Parents-Factsheet.pdf

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium Web Site <a href="http://www.smarterbalanced.org">http://www.smarterbalanced.org</a>

Understanding Your Child's CAASPP Score Report video:

https://youtu.be/FQi4qlOCrmk.

# What else is happening in SUSD's Educational Services?

- Lucy Calkins WritersWorkshop (TK 5)
- Eureka/Engage NY Math (TK 5)
- ▶ Big Ideas Math (6–8)
- Dreambox & Khan Academy
- Hands-on Science
- ▶ STEM
- Project Lead the Way: Flight
   & Space (6<sup>th</sup>)
- Physical Education
- Art & Music
- Educational Technology

- Formative Assessments
- Developmental Reading Assessment (TK - 5)
- Writing Assessments
- Math Performance Assessments
- Math Placement (5, 6)
- ELA & Math Interim Assessments (SBAC)
- ELA & Math Summative Assessments (SBAC)
- Physical Fitness (5, 7)
- Science (5, 8)
- CELDT (English Learners)

#### Curriculum

#### Assessments

# **Educational Services Projects**

- Progress Updates (report cards) TK 5
- Instructional Materials (this year: ELA)
- Professional Development for teachers and administrators
- Local Control Accountability Plan
- Wellness & Emergency Plans and Committees
- > DELAC
- English Learner Support
- Academic Summer School
- > 504 Plan Coordinator
- State and Federal Compliance Mandates
- Communication

## Parent Education & Resources

- Educational Services Newsletters
- > Series of Math Curriculum Workshops for Parents
- Writing Workshops for Parents
- Parent Education Seminars & Workshops
- > PTA, SSC meetings
- > Follow me on Twitter @ZareaRoberta
- SUSD Educational Services website (under construction)

# ANY QUESTIONS