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Dear Parent or Guardian:

This spring, all students in the state of California will participate in CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) testing. As part of the CAASPP testing system, students in grades 3-8 and grade 11 will take the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment in mathematics and English language arts (ELA).

You are receiving this letter because your student might be exempt from the requirement to take the ELA portions of the assessment. All students must participate in the mathematics portions of the test.

If your student meets all of the following criteria, they will not be assessed with the Smarter Balanced ELA test and will only be taking math portions of the Smarter Balanced Assessment:

- Your student is in grades 3-8 or 11
- Your student is currently classified as an English Learner (Limited English Proficient or LEP) by the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) and has an overall proficiency level of Beginning (1) or Early Intermediate (2). IUSD encourages students with an overall proficiency level of Intermediate (3) or higher on the CELDT to participate in all portions of the Smarter Balanced Assessment.
- Your student first enrolled in a US school on or after April 15, 2016

The purpose of this letter is to simply inform you of this rule. There is no action required on your part to honor this exemption if your student meets all the criteria. If you would like your student to participate in the ELA portions of the assessment or if you have further questions, please contact the EL Coordinator at your school site.

For translated versions of this letter: [http://iusd.org/education\\_services/language-minority-programs/state-and-federal-accountability.html](http://iusd.org/education_services/language-minority-programs/state-and-federal-accountability.html)

For more information: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ai/cefcaaspp.asp>

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