

PIEDMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Board of Education

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PRESENTERS: Stephanie Griffin, Director of Instructional Technology

DATE: November 9, 2022

RE: **PRESENTATION ON THE 2021-22 RESULTS OF THE CALIFORNIA ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS (CAASPP)**

PURPOSE:

Provide the board with the results and analysis of the 2022 CAASPP assessment.

BACKGROUND:

The CAASPP – the California Assessments of Student Performance and Progress – is a collection of computer-based assessments in English Language Arts/Literacy, Mathematics and now, Science. The CAASPP replaced the paper-based Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program beginning in 2014. Last spring, Piedmont students in grades 3–8 and 11 participated in the 2021-22 CAASPP for English Language Arts and Math. Students in grades 5, 8, and 12 participated in the Science test "CAST".

Individual student score reports are accessed by parents electronically on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Directions are available on the district website (<http://www.piedmont.k12.ca.us/blog/2019/10/18/student-caaspp-reports-available-electronically/>). Also available with the student score report are Lexile and Quantile reports. A Lexile measure indicates the difficulty of materials a child can read and understand. It is based on the child's ELA score. A Quantile measure shows what mathematical skills a student has mastered and which skills they need additional instruction in. It is based on the child's mathematics score. The individual score reports include a link to free tools and resources in reading and mathematics.

The school, district and state aggregate results were made public on October 24th, 2022 at <http://caaspp.cde.ca.gov>. To see Piedmont's results, search for Piedmont, or use this link <https://tinyurl.com/pusdcaaspp2022> for ELA and Math results, and <https://tinyurl.com/pusdcast2022> for Science. Piedmont students demonstrated

remarkable achievement on the CAASPP, and the district continues to be among the top three in the state for unified school districts.

Top 7 Results for Unified Districts	ELA
La Cañada Unified	87.9%
Piedmont Unified	87.1%
San Marino Unified	87.0
Palo Alto Unified	83.1%
Manhattan Beach Unified	82.0%
Oak Park Unified	81.2%
Dublin Unified	81.0%

Top 7 Results for Unified Districts	MATH
San Marino Unified	83.3%
La Cañada Unified	83.2%
Piedmont Unified	81.0%
Palo Alto Unified	78.9%
South Pasadena Unified	75.4%
Dublin Unified	74.2%
Pleasanton Unified	73.6%

Overall over 87% of Piedmont students met or exceeded state standards in English Language Arts. This is a gain from the 2021 administration and a return to the pre-pandemic score. In Mathematics 81% of students met or exceeded state standards, similar to last year. And though the Mathematics score has not rebounded to the high of nearly 87% in 2019, the percentage drop is less than the average math decline of 7% in the state and still place PUSD students in the top three school districts. Analysis of the average student score in relation to meeting standard shows growth.

In contrast, the State of California overall level of achievement after this extraordinary period was nearly 49% met or exceeded standards in English Language Arts (down two points percentage from 2019), 33% in Math (down seven percentage points), and nearly 29% in Science (down one point).

Like class assignments and report cards, the CAASPP assessments are one gauge of student progress, providing information to schools, teachers, and parents about how students perform relative to California’s goals for both learning and college and career readiness. These results will be used as one of several means to determine and meet student needs, and guide discussions among parents and teachers.

Resources for families:

- Info on the test, sample reports, and help for parents: [Test Score Guide website "Starting Smarter"](https://ca.startingsmarter.org) (https://ca.startingsmarter.org)

- You can view a complete sample report here: [Sample Individual Score Report](https://www.caaspp.org/administration/reporting/student-score-report.html) (https://www.caaspp.org/administration/reporting/student-score-report.html)
- You can also visit the following website for a detailed explanation of test results for each grade level and subject: <http://www.greatschools.org/gk/test-guide/>

RECOMMENDATION

Review and discuss results.

RELATED PAST BOARD ITEMS

[2021 CAASPP results presentation Slides 2022.02.09](https://www.caaspp.org/administration/reporting/student-score-report.html) <https://tinyurl.com/yckcwz5b>

[2019 CAASPP results presentation slides 2019.10.23](https://www.caaspp.org/administration/reporting/student-score-report.html) <https://tinyurl.com/y3zhzrr>