

June 13, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child took the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts/literacy and mathematics in the Spring of 2023. Students in grades 5 and 8 also took the California Science Test.

These tests can be combined with other measures like report card grades, classroom work, and teacher observations to give families and teachers a complete picture of each child's learning. You can use these results to identify where your child is doing well and where they might need more support. It is important to know that summative test results are not used to determine whether a student moves to the next grade.

## You can access your child's score report through the PowerSchool parent portal.

Your child's score report will inform you how well they meet the grade level expectations and where they are doing well or need more support in each subject. This is helpful information to discuss with your child's teacher to understand how they can be better supported in the classroom and how you can support learning at home.

**To learn more about your child's scores**, visit the Starting Smarter website at <u>https://www.ca.startingsmarter.org/</u>. You will find information about test results, sample test questions, free resources to support your child's learning, and a guide to preparing for parent-teacher conferences.

If you have questions or concerns, please call the Assessment and Educational Technology Department at 661-949-4661, Ext. 253.

Sincerely,

Lancaster School District Assessment and Educational Technology Department