**Students: Get Ready for Next-Generation Assessments!**

**WHAT:** What are these new assessments?
The Smarter Balanced Assessments are new assessments that will be given to test the knowledge of the Common Core State Standards in math and English language arts.

**WHO:** Which LAUSD students will be taking the test?
Students in Grades 3-8 and Grade 11.

**WHEN:** When will LAUSD schools participate in the assessments?
Students in grades 3-8 will be testing between March 4 - June 4, 2015, and students in grade 11 will be testing between April 15 and June 4.
*Schools will select their own testing dates during these windows, depending on the needs of their school.*

**WHY:** Why did LAUSD change to these new tests?
The Smarter Balanced Assessments give students, parents and teachers a more accurate measure of student achievement to help us make sure our students are on-track for college and career.

**HOW:** How will students take the new test?
Students will take the assessments on electronic devices, such as a tablet or computer. No more filling in bubbles with No. 2 pencils!

Check out the practice test at: caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html

**LAUSD is participating in the New Smarter Balanced Assessments Spring of 2015!**

**Common Core State Standards**
Our Instructional Foundation

**Instructional Technology Initiative**
Our Tools for Success

**Smarter Balanced Assessments**
Our Knowledge Check

**On-Track for College & Career**
Student Test-Taking Tips

Before the test:
✓ Mark the testing day(s) on your calendar.
✓ Get enough sleep the night before the test. Your brain and body need rest to perform at their best!
✓ Eat a healthy breakfast to ensure your brain is working at its best.
✓ Wake up early and get to school on time.
✓ When getting ready, wear comfortable clothing appropriate for the day’s weather.

During the test:
✓ Relax and do your best.
✓ Have a positive attitude – this goes a long way toward being successful.
✓ Read and pay careful attention to all directions.
✓ Read each passage and accompanying questions thoroughly.
✓ Keep your eyes focused on your own device.
✓ Don't change an answer unless absolutely necessary. Your first choice is usually correct.
✓ Don't get upset or frustrated if stuck on a question. Reread the question again, and then solve it as best you can. Take your best educated guess if need be.
✓ Use the process of elimination to help you choose the correct answer in multiple-choice questions.
✓ Don't worry if others finish before you. Instead, focus on the test in front of you.
✓ Go back and review your answers before completing the test. Make sure that you didn't make any careless mistakes.