



PLHS CAASPP POLICY

In an effort to genuinely reflect the high academic achievements of the students of Point Loma High School (PLHS) and to help ensure the high academic ranking of PLHS, all 11th grade students are expected to participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) each year. This includes the Smarter Balanced Assessment and California Alternate Assessments (Cal-Alt). These assessments are used to determine a school's API ranking. This ranking is important for college admissions.

While families have the right to “opt out”, there are procedures which will need to be followed:

- Any student who does not begin the school year with 2016 Smarter Balanced Assessment results is subject to be assigned an additional advisory period that school year (senior year).
- Any student who does not have 2016 Smarter Balanced Assessment results may not be able to enroll in impacted honors, AP or college classes.
- 2016 Smarter Balanced Assessment scores may be used to determine eligibility for and/or proper placement in advanced classes. Students earning Smarter Balanced achievement levels below 4 (Standard Exceeded) in Mathematics or English Language Arts/Literacy may have a changes to their intended schedule.
- Any family who wishes to “opt out” must make an appointment for an in-person meeting with a PLHS administrator to confidentially discuss the reasons for the “opt out” request.