



Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

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Dear GJUESD Families,

The 2022 state's standardized test scores, Smarter Balanced, were released this week. Students in grades 3-8 take the Smarter Balanced assessments in English language arts and math each spring. Due to the pandemic and school closures, students were not required to take these assessments since spring 2019. The state and many educational leaders are comparing the 2019 scores to scores in 2022. *"The results of the different tests cannot be compared, but point to the same conclusion: COVID severely set back progress nationally and in California, indicating it will take extra resources and attention, and probably several years, to recover from the impact."* (EdSource)

Links to test results: [Smarter Balanced Test Results](#) and [State Testing Website](#)

How did students in GJUESD perform on these state tests? Our students did as well as the state in English language arts and outperformed the state in math. The tables below show the change in percentage of students meeting or exceeding state standards. Given the teaching and learning conditions for students and staff during the pandemic; we are optimistic about these test scores. We attribute these results to the dedicated, caring teachers and support staff across our district.

How are we supporting student learning loss? We still have a lot of work to get students performing higher than pre-pandemic levels. Some of our actions to meet our growth goals include:

- Social and emotional support for students.
- Expanding learning opportunities after school.
- Targeted small group instruction for acceleration and intervention.
- Data analysis of local and common assessments that support planning and instruction.
- Strengthening teacher collaboration and support through Professional Learning Communities.
- Professional learning opportunities for teachers and support staff.
- Attracting and retaining high quality staff.

Parent/teacher conferences are the week of November 28th. It is very important for parents/guardians to attend these conferences. Students make growth when families and schools work together as a team. Our [November Newsletter](#) suggests tips for parents before, during, and after conferences.

English Language Arts: Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standards

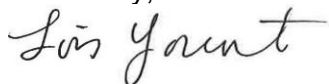
State/District/School	English: Standard Met or Exceeded 2019	English: Standard Met or Exceeded 2022	English: Percentage Change
State of California	50.87%	47.06%	-3.81%
Galt Joint Union Elementary School	50.13%	46.99%	-3.14%
McCaffrey Middle	49.05%	51.41%	+2.36%
Marengo Ranch Elementary	55.25%	53.7%	-1.55%
River Oaks Elementary	57.14%	48.21%	-8.93%
Lake Canyon Elementary	56.23%	48.85%	-7.38%
Valley Oaks Elementary	36.94%	31.06%	-5.88%
Greer Elementary	49.23%	41.11%	-8.12%

Math: Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standards

State/District/School	Math: Standard Met or Exceeded 2019	Math: Standard Met or Exceeded 2022	Math: Percentage Change
State of California	39.73%	33.38%	-6.35%
Galt Joint Union Elementary School	40.95%	35.49%	-5.46%
McCaffrey Middle	37.26%	31.92%	-5.34%
Marengo Ranch Elementary	38.85%	42.63%	+3.78%
River Oaks Elementary	54.37%	42.48%	-11.89%
Lake Canyon Elementary	47.94%	39.67%	-8.27%
Valley Oaks Elementary	30.65%	24.67%	-5.98%
Greer Elementary	44.4%	35.97%	-8.43%

I thank you for your continued support and I am confident our students will continue to excel and thrive in Galt! Have a safe weekend as we approach the holiday season!

Genuinely,



Lois Yount
Superintendent