

# MARSTON UPDATE

April 27, 2025

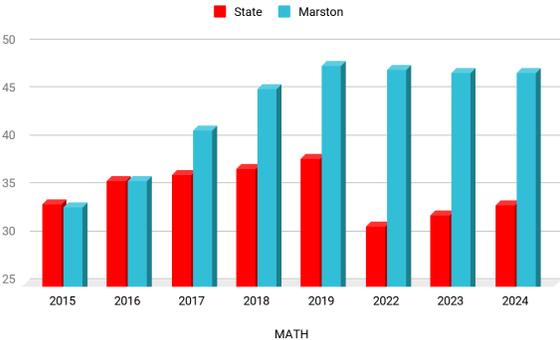
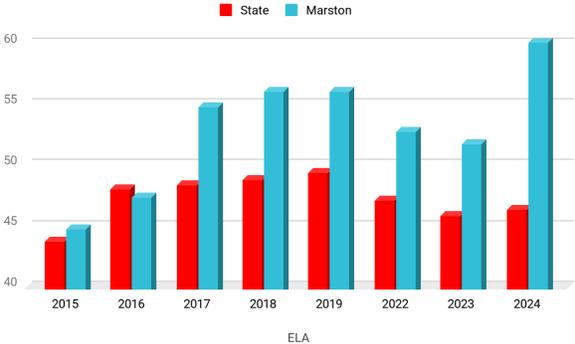


### CAASPP STATE TESTING CONTINUES THIS WEEK

As shown in the graphs below, Marston made significant progress on CAASPP exams over the past several years (Marston = blue, California = red). We want to show the District and State what Marston students know.

We ask all students give their very best on these tests. The California Department of Education applies a penalty to schools who do not meet the 95% participation rate. CDE assigns the lowest obtainable scale score for every student who should have tested. Last year, Marston’s participation rate was 94.13%; Marston’s scores were penalized. The CDE does not recognize parent/guardian exemptions as a valid reason for a student to skip the test (Marston still incurs the penalty). With this information in mind, please contact Assoc. Principal Alex Nguyen [anguyen@sandi.net](mailto:anguyen@sandi.net) with any CAASPP inquiries including potentially opting out. Students who do not participate in testing will be assigned alternate, similar academic work to be completed inside the classroom on test days.

Marston will have block scheduling on testing days, but Marston’s start time and dismissal time will not change. Click [here](#) for the Marston testing schedule. Students need to bring their district-issued Chromebooks daily as this is the only way to access the tests.



### MARSTON COLLEGE NIGHT - MAY 1

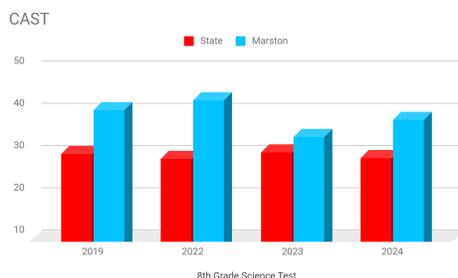
All Marston 6th, 7th and 8th graders are encouraged to attend this special one-hour event in the Marston Auditorium on May 1st at 5pm to learn about how to create a college-ready high school transcript. The highlight of this event will be former Marston students sharing their recent college acceptance letters and what they did to get accepted. We plan to stream the event on [this Google Meet link](#), but the experience will be much more impactful in-person.

### PRIMETIME APPLICATIONS - DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MAY 2

All families of students attending a school offering PrimeTime should have received an email and text with a student specific application on 4/14/25. Families should confirm with their child’s school that their primary email and cell phone number is up-to-date in PowerSchool. The application window closes on Friday, May 2, 2025 at 9:59 p.m. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **8TH GRADE SCIENCE TEST - MAY 6 and 8**

[The 8th Grade CAST Science Test](#) is now part of the CDE's evaluation of schools. Students' individual scores will be stored in Powerschool. The same participation rules mentioned above for the CAASPP ELA and Math tests apply for the CAST test. For these reasons, we ask all 8th graders to participate and to their best. Please contact Ms. Nguyen or your child's science teacher with questions.



## **CLAIREMONT H.S. ATHLETICS PRESENTATION FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS - MAY 9**

All 8th graders interested in high school sports are encouraged to attend a special presentation during advisory on May 9th in the Marston Auditorium. Students will report to first period on time and then ask their teacher for permission to attend.

## **COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL - MAY 16**

Marston parents are invited to join Principal Jon Gollias in person or online on Friday, May 16 from approx 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. In-person guests will sign-in in the Main Office will be directed from there. Here's the link for those who wish to join online: [meet.google.com/bgg-vfon-uai](https://meet.google.com/bgg-vfon-uai) At *Coffee with the Principal* meetings, the principal usually provides some updates and then opens it up for parent questions. If you plan on attending and have a specific topic you would like to discuss, please email Jon Gollias at [jgollias@sandi.net](mailto:jgollias@sandi.net) as soon as possible.

## **MARSTON SPRING SPORTS**

Our teams are playing well and we look forward to playoffs in early May. Visit the following links for more information on spring sports [MSA Website](#) [Parent FAQs](#) [Football Schedule/Results](#) [Wrestling Schedule/Results](#)

## **STARBUCKS AND DEL TACO AREA AFTER SCHOOL**

Concerning safety-related incidents were recently reported near the intersection of Balboa and Clairemont Dr. The individuals who were engaging in dangerous behavior are not believed to be Marston students. Regardless, it is not advisable for middle school students to hang out unsupervised in this area. If your child cannot be picked up shortly after dismissal, please consider our [Primetime program](#) or [library](#) as they are safe, supervised options. We are not discouraging anyone from supporting these local businesses, but we do suggest these visits be accompanied by a parent.

## **SCHOOLMESSENGER TEXT OPTION**

Just a reminder that parents have the option of opting into text messages for SchoolMessenger messages (Marston Update, Safety emails from Principal, etc.) [Click here](#) for more information.

## **CLAIREMONT H.S. MASCOT CHANGE**

To comply with [Assembly Bill 3074](#), CHS will soon begin the process of changing the Chieftain mascot to another mascot. The Clairemont High School name and the orange and blue colors will not change. Please review [this letter](#) for more information.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD BUS FOR 2025-2026**

Marston plans to again offer a FREE neighborhood bus with 3 stops. Marston and SDUSD determine the 3 stops based on where prospective riders reside. To express interest in the free neighborhood bus for 2025-2026, [complete this form](#) as soon as possible. If capacity is an issue, priority will be given to families who use the bus daily, both morning and afternoon. Riders who do not use the bus regularly, may lose their bus pass to create room to riders who need the bus daily.

### **LETTER TO 8TH GRADE FAMILIES REGARDING END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES AND ELIGIBILITY**

Please read [this letter](#) that has important information about the end of the year activities for 8th grade students as well as the eligibility requirements. Please periodically revisit this letter as some changes are likely.

### **2025 SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION**

SDUSD Summer programs have been reduced due to multiple factors including reduced funding, grant requirements, student attendance trends and facility availability. The grade levels mentioned in the summer school documents refer to the grade level just completed (not the grade level the student will be in the fall). Here are some helpful links:

[SDUSD Jan 2025 Letter to Parents](#)   [Extended Learning Opportunities Site](#)   [Parent FAQs](#)

### **CLAIREMONT CHAMPIONS SUMMER CAMP - REGISTER NOW FOR DISCOUNTED PRICING**

Champion Kids Camp is a unified sports and adventure summer camp offering the perfect blend of adrenaline pumping activities, team-building activities, and sports that is inclusive for all abilities. Every moment is packed with fun and excitement. Join for an unforgettable adventure where friendships are forged and memories are made. [Champions Kids Camp Flyer](#)   [Champions Kids Camp Registration](#)

### **SOCIAL MEDIA USE - FAMILY RESOURCES**

The SDUSD Board of Education approved a resolution to address the dangers of social media. The district is informing and engaging families, students, and educators on responsible social media use, digital literacy, and reducing excessive screen time. Please access these important links for more information and resources. [Email from Superintendent](#)   [Family Engagement Presentation](#)   [Family Resources](#)

### **CHROMEBOOK CARE**

Coloring or decorating SDUSD Chromebooks with paint, marker, stickers, and jewels is prohibited. Chromebooks are district property and should only be personalized with the student's name on painter's tape. Please safely remove any graffiti or decorations from your Chromebooks. [Click here](#) for Chromebook care information.

### **MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES**

[Click here](#) for a concise directory of mental health resources in our community. [Click here](#) for information on free mental health seminars for parents. Additionally, Marston's mental health partner, [Wellness Together](#), now offers free online resources for parents and students at the [Wellness Education Lab](#).

### **THE MARSTON CALENDAR**

Want to know about additional upcoming dates and events like music concerts, spring break, field trips and the promotion ceremony? Access the Marston calendar on the right side of the Marston website. [Click here](#) to access directly.

### **THE MARINER REPORT aka "TMR"**

This is a reminder that Marston has an amazing weekly news show, *The Mariner Report*. Click [here](#) to see archived episodes of TMR, led by the TMR students and Mr. Paulson. The latest episodes are also posted in the news section of the Marston website (at the bottom).

### **MARSTON GEAR**

Marston offers 2 options for Marston gear:

1. Marston ASB Store - inexpensive gear, limited selection. Cash only sales during lunch. Click [here](#) for items and prices.
2. [BSN Online Store](#) - large selection, higher-priced, customizable gear. Must buy online and ship to home. Click on items and then click "Other Designs Available" to select your preferred text, logo and colors.

### **MARSTON MAIN OFFICE**

Normal office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Please bookmark [this important directory](#) which informs parents who to contact for each type of inquiry. We have an awesome, supportive staff at Marston and we look forward to assisting you.