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## Research Study Information

**Project Title:** Parent/Guardian Survey on the Use of College Readiness Information

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### Introduction

As part of a comprehensive effort to understand the educational pathways of California students, researchers at the University of California Davis School of Education are conducting a survey to understand how parents/guardians and high school students use standardized assessment information in their educational decisions. An important goal of this is to inform state-level efforts to provide students and parents with relevant and timely information about students' college and career readiness.

This study comes in response to recent changes to California's assessment and accountability systems, most notably the expansion of the Early Assessment Program (EAP), an indicator of college readiness embedded within the statewide California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) (also known as the Smarter Balanced (SBAC) assessments). Score reports provided to all 11<sup>th</sup> graders in particular now contain information on students' readiness for college, specifically stating whether a student is *ready*, *conditionally ready*, or *not ready* for college-level coursework.

To implement this survey, we are collaborating with your public school district and student information system vendor, *Aeries*. Results from this study will be critical and may have important significance for educational policy, particularly in terms of how college readiness information is published, presented, and promoted.

### What Will Happen In This Study?

If you decide to take part in this study and complete the survey, we will ask you 6 questions (3 minutes) about the following:

- whether you receive and review assessment score reports;
- how well the assessment information aligns with your own perceptions of your child's readiness for college and career;
- whether and how you talk with your child about the assessment results; and
- how you use the information provided to inform decisions about 12<sup>th</sup> grade courses, college and career preparation activities, and post-secondary pathways.

Additionally, at the close of the survey, your responses will be linked with your child's SBAC score results, other information collected by the California Department of Education (such as gender, courses your child has enrolled in, etc.) and future college enrollment information to better understand how this information may guide your child in his/her educational decision-making.

If you decide to cease participation in the survey at any time, you can log out of *Aeries*, close the browser window, or exit the app with no penalty; researchers will not know if you began to take the survey and will not have access to any answer previously provided. Your responses will not be recorded in any way unless you complete the survey in its entirety.

### **Confidentiality**

Results, including survey responses, may be shared with district and school leaders, but these will remain anonymous and at an aggregated level; no individual responses will be made available at any time. Only a small team of researchers will have access to identifying information, which will be held on secure servers at the University and will never be distributed.

### **What If I Have Questions Or Concerns?**

If you have questions about the study, please feel free to contact the Project Coordinator or the research team at [slreed@ucdavis.edu](mailto:slreed@ucdavis.edu) or (530) 752-8030.

If you have any questions about your rights as a participant in this study, or want to report any problems or complaints, you can contact the University of California Davis Institutional Review Board at [HS-IRBEducation@ucdavis.edu](mailto:HS-IRBEducation@ucdavis.edu) or (916) 703-9158.

### **How Do I Agree To Be In The Study?**

If you would like to take part in this study, please click the “Next” button and begin answering the questions. If you change your mind and decide not to participate, you can log out, close your web browser, or exit the app.

*Thank you for considering to take part in this research study.*