

# How to Get Involved



## Assessment Development

### Mission Statement

California will provide a world-class education for all students, from early childhood to adulthood. The Department of Education serves our state by innovating and collaborating with educators, schools, parents, and community partners. Together, as a team, we prepare students to live, work, and thrive in a multicultural, multilingual, and highly connected world.

— California Department of Education  
Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

## California Alternate Assessments (CAAs)

The CAAs are based on alternate achievement standards aligned with the California Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for students with an individualized education plan (IEP) and with significant cognitive disabilities. The goals of the CAAs are to measure the academic performance of students with significant cognitive disabilities and to help ensure that their instruction and education goals help them achieve increasingly higher academic outcomes and leave high school ready for postsecondary options. The CAAs are part of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System.

### Who should get involved

The Assessment Development Office of the California Department of Education (CDE) is looking for content reviewers who are:

- California teachers working with students who may take the CAAs
- Local educational agency (LEA) administrators
- Content specialists



## California Spanish Assessment (CSA)

California is a state with great linguistic diversity. More than 40 percent of students in California speak a language other than English. Of these students, over 1.2 million speak Spanish. The student population in California includes students who are native speakers of Spanish and students who are learning Spanish as an additional language. California's educational system includes instruction in Spanish in various forms. The CSA, aligned to the CCSS for English Language Arts en Español, is being developed to measure a student's Spanish skills in reading, writing, and listening for students in grades three through eight and high school who are:

- Receiving instruction in Spanish in California; and/or
- Seeking a measure that recognizes their Spanish-specific reading, writing, and listening skills

### Who should get involved

The Assessment Development Office of the CDE is looking for content reviewers who are:

- California teachers who are bilingual and biliterate
- California teachers who work with English learners (ELs)
- California teachers who teach in Spanish instructional programs (i.e., dual immersion, two-way, etc.)

## California Next Generation Science Standards (CA NGSS) Assessments

In California, multiple efforts are under way as the state moves through its transitional phase of the implementation of the CA NGSS assessments (including CA NGSS alternate assessments) that are anticipated to become operational in the 2018–19 school year. Guided by its mission and commitment to providing a world-class education for all students and the legislative requirements for the development and implementation of CA NGSS assessments, the state has an opportunity to examine its current science assessment system and consider what should be included in the future science assessment system.

### Who should get involved

The Assessment Development Office of the CDE is looking for content reviewers who are:

- California science teachers
- California teachers working with students who may take the CA NGSS-Alternate (or CAAs)
- LEA administrators
- Content specialists

## Applications

### Content Reviewers

Reviewers will assist the CDE by providing professional educator support in the development, item review, data review, and form review for the CAAs, CA NGSS, and CSA.



<http://caaspp.org/reviewers.html>

### Hand Scoring

California educators are invited to express their interest in hand scoring the 2016–17 CAASPP Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for ELA (short text and essay responses) or mathematics.



<http://caaspp.org/handscoreing.html>

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