

# A PARENT GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING The California Spanish Assessment (CSA)

There are many ways to measure your child's learning. Your child's teacher uses report card grades, classroom work, teacher observations, and end-of-year statewide test results to get a complete picture of your child's learning.

## Who takes this test?

All students in grades 3 through 12 are eligible to take the CSA.



## Why do students take this test?

The CSA is an additional way to know about your child's skills in reading, writing mechanics, and listening in Spanish. The purpose of the CSA is to give students information on their Spanish language arts skills in writing mechanics, listening, and reading.

## When do students take this test?

Each school decides when it will test in the spring. You will receive additional information from your school about the specific dates and times of testing.

## How do students take this test?

This untimed test is taken on a computer which allows your child to interact with questions in a variety of ways. For example, your child might be asked to drag and drop answers or select an image from a group of images.

## What resources are available?

Your child will have access to resources they need when taking the test, like a zoom in/out feature or a highlighter. These resources help students access the test and do not affect the students' scores in any way. You can talk to your child's teacher about other available resources that may help your child.

## How can I help my child?

- Remind your child that you and their teacher want them to try their best and that you are there to help them every step of the way.
- Visit the Starting Smarter website at <https://ca.startingsmarter.org> to better understand Student Score Reports, review sample questions, and access resources to support your child's learning.
- Take a practice test with your child at <https://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>.

For more information about your child's scores, contact your child's teacher and/or the school office.

