

# The California Spanish Assessment

The California Spanish Assessment, or CSA, is an optional part of the state testing system called the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress or CAASPP.



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### WHAT

The CSA is an optional test that measures students' knowledge and skills in reading, writing mechanics, and listening in Spanish.

### WHO

Any student in grades three through twelve are eligible to take the test.

### WHEN

Each school selects its own testing window. Testing can begin as early as January and continue through July. You will receive additional information from your school about the specific dates and times of testing.

### HOW

The CSA is a computer-based test that includes technology-enhanced items. It should take students about 2 hours to complete the test.

### WHY

The purpose of the CSA is to measure how well students can read, write, and listen in Spanish. These measures help identify and address gaps in knowledge or skills students need to be on track for biliteracy as graduates.

## What resources are available for students?

All students have access to various accessibility resources they might need when taking the test, like a Spanish glossary when taking the reading part of the test or a highlighter that they can use to highlight important parts of a long paragraph.

Students with disabilities have additional supports such as closed captioning or braille. All of the accessibility resources help students gain fair access to the test and do not affect the students' scores in any way.

### How can I help my child prepare for the test?

You are an important part of your child's education. Some things you can do to help your child are:

- Discuss the test with your child. Make sure they are not scared or anxious.
- Tell your child that you and their teacher have high expectations and that you are both there to help them every step of the way.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast before testing.
- Review test results with your child and discuss with their teacher where they might need additional help.



The CSA is aligned with the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts en Español which can be found at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/er/sldstandards.asp>. To better understand the CSA, view the *What is the CSA?* informational video at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/whatisthecsa.asp>.

Sample questions, as well as links to practice tests and resources, are available on the Starting Smarter web page at <https://ca.startingsmarter.org>.

## Additional Information

More information about the tests can be found on the California Department of Education CSA web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/csa.asp>.

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

