

2022–23 California Assessment System

Legend: CR – Constructed response PA – Performance assessment SR – Selected response
 MC – Multiple choice PT – Performance task TE – Technology enhanced

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

Test	Content	Format	Type	Participants	Grades	Window
Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments	English language arts/literacy (ELA) and Mathematics	Computer Adaptive Test and PT	MC SR CR TE PT	All students at designated grade levels Exceptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible students participating in the California Alternate Assessments (CAAs) ELA only—English learners who are in their first 12 months of attending school in the United States 	3–8 and 11	Local educational agencies (LEAs) may select their own local testing window which must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a minimum window of 25 instructional days Fall within available statewide testing window: January 10 through July 17, 2023
California Science Test (CAST)	Science	Computer Based Test (CBT)	MC SR CR TE PT	All students in designated grade levels Exceptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible students participating in the CAA for Science 	5 and 8, and once in grade 10, 11, or 12	LEAs may select their own local testing window which must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a minimum window of 25 instructional days Fall within available statewide testing window: January 10 through July 17, 2023
California Spanish Assessment (CSA)	Reading and Language Arts in Spanish	CBT	MC SR TE	Students seeking a measure of their Spanish Reading/Language arts skills	3–8 and high school	LEAs may select their own local testing window which must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a minimum window of 25 instructional days Fall within available statewide testing window: January 10 through July 17, 2023
California Alternate Assessments (CAAs)	ELA and Mathematics	CBT	MC SR CR TE	Students with the most significant cognitive disabilities whose active individual educational program (IEP) designates the use of an alternate assessment	3–8 and 11	LEAs may select their own local testing window which must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a minimum window of 25 instructional days Fall within available statewide testing window: January 10 through July 17, 2023
California Alternate Assessment (CAA)	Science	CBT and Embedded PT	MC SR TE	Students with the most significant cognitive disabilities whose active IEP designates the use of an alternate assessment	5 and 8, and once in grade 10, 11, or 12	September 2022 through last day of instruction or July 17, 2023, whichever comes first.
Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments	ELA and Mathematics	CBT	MC SR CR TE PT	All students in California LEAs may participate	3–8 and high school	Optional tests available at any time throughout the year that may be used in conjunction with Tools for Teachers resources.

English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC)

Test	Content	Format	Type	Participants	Grades	Window
Initial ELPAC	Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing	CBT	MC CR PA	All students whose primary language is not English as indicated on the Home Language Survey (HLS)	K–12 ⁽¹⁾	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Must be administered within 30 calendar days of enrolling in a California public school for the first time.
Summative ELPAC	Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing	CBT with paper and pencil test for K–2 Writing	MC CR PA	Identified English learners until they are re-designated as fluent English proficient	K–12 ⁽¹⁾	February 1 through May 31, 2023
Initial Alternate ELPAC	Expressive (Speaking and Writing), Receptive (Listening and Reading)	CBT	MC CR	Students with the most significant cognitive disabilities whose active IEP designates the use of an alternate assessment and whose primary language is not English as indicated on the HLS	K–12 ⁽¹⁾	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Must be administered within 30 calendar days of enrolling in a California public school for the first time.
Summative Alternate ELPAC	Expressive (Speaking and Writing), Receptive (Listening and Reading)	CBT	MC CR	Identified English learners whose active IEP designates the use of an alternate assessment until they are re-designated as fluent English proficient	K–12 ⁽¹⁾	February 1 through May 31, 2023

⁽¹⁾ Kindergarten includes year one of a two-year kindergarten program, which is often referred to as “transitional kindergarten.”

Physical Fitness Test (PFT)

Content	Format	Type	Participants	Grades	Window
Aerobic Capacity, Abdominal Strength and Endurance, Trunk Extensor Strength and Flexibility, Upper Body Strength and Flexibility, and Flexibility	FITNESSGRAM® Performance Assessment. The FITNESSGRAM® is a registered trademark of The Cooper Institute.	PA	All students, regardless of whether they are enrolled in a physical education class or participate in a block schedule	5, 7, and 9	February 1 through May 31, 2023

California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE): For information visit the California Department of Education CHSPE web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sp/>.

High School Equivalency (HSE): California has approved the use of two high school equivalency tests GED® test and HiSET®. For more information on these two optional tests visit the California Department of Education HSE web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/gd/>.

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP): For information visit the California Department of Education NAEP web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/nr/>.