

2020–21 California Assessment System

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| CAASPP | ELA/ Mathematics | Smarter Balanced Format: CAT 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 CAAs for ELA and mathematics • ELA only – English learners who are in their first 12 months of attending a school in the United States | 3–8 and 11 | Available testing window begins when 66 percent of instructional year has been completed and continues through the LEAs last day of the selected testing window, the last day of instruction, or July 15, 2021, whichever comes first. LEAs may select their own testing window each year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum window of 25 instructional days • Must fall within available testing window |
| CAASPP | ELA/ Mathematics | CAAs Format: CBT | MC SR CR TE | Students with the most significant cognitive disabilities whose active IEP designates the use of an alternate assessment | 3–8 and 11 | Available testing window begins when 66 percent of instructional year has been completed and continues through the LEAs last day of the selected testing window, the last day of instruction, or July 15, 2021, whichever comes first. LEAs may select their own testing window each year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum window of 25 instructional days • Must fall within available testing window |
| CAASPP | ELA/ Mathematics | Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments | MC SR CR TE PT | All students in California LEAs | K–12 | Optional tests available at anytime throughout the year that may be used in conjunction with Tools for Teachers resources. |
| CAASPP | Science | CAST Format: 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 high school (i.e., grades 10, 11, 12) | Available testing window begins when 66 percent of instructional year has been completed and continues through the LEAs last day of the selected testing window, the last day of instruction, or July 15, 2021, whichever comes first. LEAs may select their own testing window each year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum window of 25 instructional days • Must fall within available testing window |
| CAASPP | Science | CAA Format: CBT 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 high school (i.e., grades 10, 11, 12) | September 2020 through last day of instruction or July 15, 2021, whichever comes first. |
| CAASPP | Reading/ Language Arts in Spanish | CSA Format: CBT | MC SR TE | Students seeking a measure of their Spanish Reading/ Language arts skills. | 3–8 and high school | An optional test available January 2021 through last day of the selected testing window, the last day of instruction, or July 15, 2021, whichever comes first. LEAs may select their own testing window each year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum window of 25 instructional days • Must fall within available testing window |

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| ELPAC | Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing | Initial ELPAC | MC CR PA | All students whose primary language is not English as indicated on the Home Language Survey | K–12 ⁽¹⁾ | July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021: The Initial ELPAC must be administered within 30 calendar days after enrolling in a California public school |
| ELPAC | Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing | Summative ELPAC | MC CR PA | Identified English learners until they are re-designated as fluent English proficient | K–12 ⁽¹⁾ | February 1 through May 31, 2021 |
| ELPAC | Expressive (Speaking and Writing) Receptive (Listening and Reading) | Alternate ELPAC (operational field test) | MC CR | Students with the most significant cognitive disabilities who are also identified as English learners and whose active IEP designates the use of an alternate assessment | K–12 ⁽¹⁾ | January 12 through February 16, 2021 |
| PFT | Aerobic Capacity Body Composition Abdominal Strength and Endurance Trunk Extensor Strength and Flexibility Upper Body Strength and Endurance Flexibility | FITNESSGRAM® Format: PA 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, 2021 |

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

CHSPE: For information on CHSPE visit the California Department of Education CHSPE web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sp/>.

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/>.

NAEP: For information on NAEP visit the California Department of Education NAEP web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/nr/>.

Legend:

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| CAAs – California Alternate Assessments | ELA – English language arts/literacy | PA – Performance assessment |
| CAST – California Science Test | ELPAC – English Language Proficiency Assessments for California | PFT – Physical Fitness Test |
| CAT – Computer adaptive test | HSE – High School Equivalency | P/P – Paper-pencil |
| CBT – Computer-based test | IEP – Individualized Education Program | PT – Performance task |
| CHSPE – California High School Proficiency Examination | LEA – Local educational agency | SR – Selected response |
| CR – Constructed response | MC – Multiple choice | TE – Technology enhanced |
| CSA – California Spanish Assessment | NAEP – National Assessment of Educational Progress | |