The California Spanish Assessment (CSA) is part of California’s system of assessments called the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). This optional test assesses students’ skills in reading, writing mechanics, and listening using the Common Core State Standards en Español.

The purpose of the CSA is to measure a student’s competency in Spanish language arts in grades 3–8 and high school in order to provide student-level data in Spanish competency.

Any students in grades 3–8 and high school seeking a measure to recognize their Spanish-specific reading, writing mechanics, and listening skills may take this assessment.

The CSA is a computer-based assessment that consists of technology enhanced items. The estimated testing time for the CSA is approximately two hours, depending on the student’s grade level.

The CSA is administered between January and the last day of the local educational agency’s selected testing window.

For additional information, visit the California Department of Education CAASPP web page at https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/.