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Interim assessments are one component of the California assessment system. Beginning in the 2023–24 school year, the California Science Test (CAST) and English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) Interim Assessments will join the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments for English Language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics as state-provided interim assessments.

This document lists all state-provided interim assessments available during the 2023–24 school year for the following assessment programs:

- Smarter Balanced ELA
- Smarter Balanced mathematics
- CAST
- ELPAC

Available to California local educational agencies (LEAs) year-round, these interim assessments are optional tests that provide meaningful information to guide instruction and support student learning. Designed to be versatile, they can be administered to students in either a standardized (e.g., benchmark) or nonstandardized (e.g., formative) manner, or used by school and district staff for professional development. In addition, LEAs have the flexibility to administer any interim assessment to any student regardless of the student's enrolled grade level.



### **Smarter Balanced ELA**

There are three types of Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments:

- Interim Comprehensive Assessments (ICAs) assess the full range of targets.
- Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs) assess up to eight targets.
- Focused IABs assess one to three targets.

The tables below list the interim assessments available by grade level for ELA.



#### **ICAs**

Assessment Name									Grade Eleven
ELA ICA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes



#### **IABs**

Assessment Name	Grade Three	Grade Four	Grade Five	Grade Six	Grade Seven	Grade Eight	High School
Read Literary Texts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Read Informational Texts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brief Writes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Revision	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Edit/Revise	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Research	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Performance Task	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes

<sup>\*</sup> Assessment includes a new Performance Task for 2023–24 administration.



# **Focused IABs**

Assessment Name	Grade Three	Grade Four	Grade Five	Grade Six	Grade Seven	Grade Eight	High School
Language and Vocabulary Use	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Editing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Listen/Interpret	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Research: Use Evidence	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Write and Revise Narratives	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Write and Revise Informational Texts	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Write and Revise Opinion Texts	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Research: Interpret and Integrate	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Research: Analyze Information	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Research: Analyze and Integrate Information	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Research: Evaluate Information and Sources	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Write and Revise Explanatory Texts	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Write and Revise Argumentative Texts	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

## **Smarter Balanced Mathematics**

There are three types of Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments:

- Interim Comprehensive Assessments (ICAs) assess the full range of targets.
- Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs) assess up to eight targets.
- Focused IABs assess one to three targets.

The tables below list the interim assessments available by grade level for mathematics.



#### **ICAs**

Assessment Name									Grade Eleven
Mathematics ICA	Yes								



#### **IABs**

Assessment Name	Grade Three	Grade Four	Grade Five	Grade Six	Grade Seven	Grade Eight	High School
Operations and Algebraic Thinking	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Measurement and Data	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Number and Operations—Fractions	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Number and Operations in Base Ten	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
The Number System	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Expressions and Equations	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Geometry	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Algebra and Functions I—Linear Functions, Equations, and Inequalities	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Algebra and Functions II—Quadratic Functions, Equations, and Inequalities	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Geometry Congruence	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Geometry Measurement and Modeling	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Performance Task	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



## **Focused IABs**

Assessment Name	Grade Three	Grade Four	Grade Five	Grade Six	Grade Seven	Grade Eight	High School
Multiplication and Division: Interpret, Represent, and Solve	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Properties of Multiplication & Division	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Multiply and Divide within 100	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Number and Operations in Base Ten	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Number and Operations—Fractions	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Geometry	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Four Operations: Interpret, Represent, and Solve	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Time, Volume, and Mass	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Linear and Area Measurement	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Factors and Multiples	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Generate and Analyze Patterns	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Fraction Equivalence and Ordering	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Fractions and Decimal Notation	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Place Value and Multidigit Whole Numbers	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Multidigit Arithmetic: Place Value and Operations	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Build Fractions from Unit Fractions	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Numerical Expressions	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Operations with Whole Numbers and Decimals	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No

Assessment Name	Grade Three	Grade Four	Grade Five	Grade Six	Grade Seven	Grade Eight	High School
Add & Subtract with Equivalent Fractions	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Place Value System	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Convert Measurements	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Volume Concepts	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Divide Fractions by Fractions	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
One-Variable Expressions & Equations	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Dependent & Independent Variables	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Multidigit Numbers, Factors, and Multiples	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Rational Number System II	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Algebraic Expressions	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Angles, Areas, and Volume	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
Ratios & Proportional Relationships	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Statistics and Probability	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Equivalent Expressions	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
Algebraic Expressions & Equations	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
Geometric Figures	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
Volume of Cylinders, Cones, and Spheres	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
The Number System	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Proportional Relationships, Lines, and Linear Equations	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Analyze and Solve Linear Equations	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No

Assessment Name	Grade Three	Grade Four	Grade Five	Grade Six	Grade Seven	Grade Eight	High School
Expressions & Equations II	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Functions	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Congruence and Similarity	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Number and Quantity	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Seeing Structure in Expressions/ Polynomial Expressions	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Equations and Reasoning	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Solve Equations & Inequalities: Linear and Exponential	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Solve Equations & Inequalities: Quadratic	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Interpreting Functions	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Geometry & Right Triangle Trigonometry	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Create Equations: Linear and Exponential	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Create Equations: Quadratic	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes

## **CAST**

During the 2023–24 school year, there will be 9 CAST Interim Assessment (CAST IA) forms available, each assessing one or more science domains. The CAST IAs assess three-dimensional Performance Expectations. The Grade 3 CAST IA—I, Grade 4 CAST IA—I, and Grade 5 CAST IA—I assessments will include content in Earth and Space Sciences, Life Sciences, and Physical Sciences. The table below lists the available CAST IAs by grade level or grade span.



#### **CASTIAs**

Assessment Name	Grade Three	Grade Four	Grade Five	Middle School (Grades Six Through Eight)	High School (Grades Nine Through Twelve)
Grade 3 CAST IA—I	Yes	No	No	No	No
Grade 4 CAST IA—I	No	Yes	No	No	No
Grade 5 CAST IA—I	No	No	Yes	No	No
Middle School CAST IA— Earth and Space Sciences I	No	No	No	Yes	No
Middle School CAST IA— Life Sciences I	No	No	No	Yes	No
Middle School CAST IA— Physical Sciences I	No	No	No	Yes	No
High School CAST IA— Earth and Space Sciences I	No	No	No	No	Yes
High School CAST IA— Life Sciences I	No	No	No	No	Yes
High School CAST IA— Physical Sciences I	No	No	No	No	Yes

## **ELPAC**

During the 2023–24 school year, there will be 28 ELPAC Interim Assessment forms available, each assessing a specific domain. The ELPAC Interim Assessments assess four language domains. During or after administration of Speaking I, all student scores should be entered into the Data Entry Interface (DEI). After administration of Writing I to students in kindergarten through grade two, student scores should be entered into the DEI. For students in grades three through twelve, student scores for Writing I should be entered into the Teacher Hand Scoring System. The table below lists the available ELPAC Interim Assessments by grade level or grade span.



## **ELPAC Interim Assessments**

Assessment	Kindergarten	Grade One	Grade Two	Grades Three Through Five	Grades Six Through Eight	Grades Nine and Ten	Grades Eleven and Twelve
Listening I	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reading I	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Writing I	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Speaking I	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes