

2019–20 California Assessment System

Area	Content	Test	Type	Participants	Grades	Window
CAASPP	ELA/ Mathematics	Smarter Balanced Format: CAT and PT	MC SR CR PT TE	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, 2020, 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, 2020, 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 PT TE	All students in California LEAs	K–12	Optional tests available at anytime throughout the year that may be used in conjunction with Digital Library 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, 2020, 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 2019 through last day of instruction or July 15, 2020, 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 2020 through last day of the selected testing window, the last day of instruction, or July 15, 2020, 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	ELPAC Initial Format: P/P	MC CR PA	All students whose primary language is not English as indicated on the Home Language Survey	K–12 ⁽¹⁾	July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020: The Initial ELPAC must be administered within 30 calendar days after enrolling in a California public school
ELPAC	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	ELPAC Summative Format: CBT	MC CR PA	Identified English learners until they are re-designated as fluent English proficient	K–12 ⁽¹⁾	February 1 through May 31, 2020
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, 2020

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 three high school equivalency tests (General Educational Development [GED®] test, High School Equivalency Test [HiSET], and Test Assessing Secondary Completion [TASC]). For more information on these three optional tests visit the California Department of Education HSET 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:

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	

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