

# 2021–22 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"> <li>Eligible students participating in the CAAs</li> <li>ELA only—English learners who are in their first 12 months of attending school in the United States</li> </ul>	3–8 and 11	Local educational agencies (LEAs) may select their own local testing window which must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a minimum window of 25 instructional days</li> <li>Fall within available statewide testing window: January 11 through July 15, 2022</li> </ul>
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"> <li>Eligible students participating in the CAA for Science</li> </ul>	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"> <li>Have a minimum window of 25 instructional days</li> <li>Fall within available statewide testing window: January 11 through July 15, 2022</li> </ul>
California Spanish Assessment (CSA)	Reading/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"> <li>Have a minimum window of 25 instructional days</li> <li>Fall within available statewide testing window: January 11 through July 15, 2022</li> </ul>
California Alternate Assessments (CAAs)	ELA/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"> <li>Have a minimum window of 25 instructional days</li> <li>Fall within available statewide testing window: January 11 through July 15, 2022</li> </ul>
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 2021 through last day of instruction or July 15, 2022, whichever comes first.
Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments	ELA/Mathematics	CBT	MC SR CR TE PT	All students in California LEAs may participate	3–8 and high school	Optional tests available at anytime throughout the year that may be used in conjunction with Tools for Teachers resources.

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## 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	K–12 <sup>(1)</sup>	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Must be administered within 30 calendar days after enrolling in a California public school.
Summative ELPAC	Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing	CBT with Paper/pencil K–2 Writing	MC CR PA	Identified English learners until they are re-designated as fluent English proficient	K–12 <sup>(1)</sup>	February 1 through May 31, 2022
Alternate ELPAC (operational field test)	Expressive (Speaking and Writing) Receptive (Listening and Reading)	CBT	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 <sup>(1)</sup>	November 1, 2021 through February 15, 2022

<sup>(1)</sup> 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 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, 2022

**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/>.