



California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) is designed to give information to teachers, students, and their families about what students know and are able to do and whether they are on track to be ready for success in college or a career when they graduate from high school.

EACH SPRING, STUDENTS TAKE THE FOLLOWING ASSESSMENTS:

GRADES 3-8, AND GRADE 11

Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments in English language arts/literacy and mathematics
OR
California Alternate Assessments (CAA)*

GRADES 5, 8, AND ONCE IN HIGH SCHOOL

California Science Test
OR
CAA for Science*

*Available for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities if the CAA is designated in their active individualized education program.

UNDERSTAND THE ASSESSMENTS

The Parent Guides to Understanding provide answers to key questions such as who takes the assessments and why, and when and how they are administered.

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp>

UNDERSTAND YOUR CHILD'S SCORE REPORT

Two-page summaries and videos are available online in English and Spanish to help you better understand the information on your child's Student Score Report, including their overall score and their individual scores in each subject area.

Summaries:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caasppssreports.asp>

Video Guide:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/av/mm/caasppreport201617.asp>



LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT YOUR CHILD'S SCORE MEANS

Using the Test Score Guide Web page, you can select your child's grade and their score in English language arts/literacy or mathematics and see sample test questions. You can also find more information about what your child should know and be able to do in different grade levels at <http://testscoreguide.org/ca>.

A series of parent guides are available in English and Spanish to help interpret the CAASPP Student Score Report and the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/sbacparentguides.asp>.

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD?

Practice tests are available for parents and students. Practice tests are a great way to preview the test, view sample questions, and practice with the tools and resources (e.g., highlighter, calculator).

Need help with the practice test? Reference Guides are available to assist with the login process and can be accessed at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caasppqrg.asp>.



For additional information, call your local educational agency CAASPP coordinator or visit the California Department of Education CAASPP Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/>.