



Instructions for Using Online Braille Supplemental Materials for Smarter Balanced and the CAST

Students taking a braille online assessment may need additional resources. Braille resources are available for the Smarter Balanced for Mathematics assessment and the California Science Test (CAST). The [CAASPP and ELPAC Accessibility Guide \(Accessibility Guide\)](#) provides detailed guidance on planning for and administering braille assessments in the [Testing Students Requiring Braille](#) section.

Smarter Balanced

Students with visual impairment taking the braille hybrid adaptive test option for the Smarter Balanced for Mathematics assessment can have access to preprinted, embossed graphics. These materials are made available for students without access to an embossing printer that works with the Smarter Balanced assessment questions.

CAST

Students assigned the braille accommodation for the CAST have the option of receiving questions printed via an embosser or refreshable braille. Supplemental tactile graphics packages are available to minimize the amount of embossing needed during testing.

Procedure for Ordering

- Order the braille supplemental materials for the Smarter Balanced for Mathematics assessment or the CAST by completing the [CAASPP \(Mathematics and Science\) Request for Braille Graphics Packages](#) form at least 14 business days prior to the start of testing.
- When the local educational agency (LEA) makes its request, the LEA's Success Agent will confirm the grade level being assessed and the Statewide Student Identifier of the student for whom the package is being ordered. These materials are available **only for students testing with the braille online assessments, as referenced in the *Accessibility Guide*, who have this test setting assigned.**
- Once ordered, the preembossed graphics package will be sent to the LEA prior to testing at no additional charge.
- For security reasons, students are not permitted to share graphics packages.

Procedure after Testing

- All pages of the **graphics tactile packages must be securely destroyed** on-site by the LEA. This only applies to the graphics tactile package that is used as an accessory to the online assessment. All other braille materials need to be handled according to the Braille Materials Return Instructions.