Statewide Assessments: Just One Measure of Sophia’s Progress

California Alternate Assessments (CAAs) are online tests for eligible students with individualized education programs (IEPs) that designate the use of an alternate assessment to measure student progress on alternate achievement standards.

What are the California Alternate Assessments?

The CAAs give students the opportunity to demonstrate their learning by taking a test aligned for their grade level. Working with a teacher, Sophia was encouraged to complete items as independently as possible. Sophia had an opportunity to answer questions representing different levels of complexity, which helps to demonstrate what Sophia knows and can do. Like other California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) tests, the CAAs offer accessibility resources according to the needs of each student as described in their IEP.

What does my child’s score mean?

There are three levels of scores for CAA ELA and CAA mathematics:

- **Understanding** (Level 3—Alternate)
- **Foundational Understanding** (Level 2—Alternate)
- **Limited Understanding** (Level 1—Alternate)
Sophia showed foundational understanding of core concepts in English language arts/literacy, such as identifying the topic of a text.

We encourage you to review the results of this assessment with your child’s teacher and other members of your child’s individualized education program team.

CAA ELA Score History

Grade 3
Your child's score:

LEVEL 2
352 Foundational Understanding

State Average: 341

Grade 4
Your child's score:

LEVEL 2
456 Foundational Understanding

State Average: 439
Sophia showed understanding of core concepts in mathematics, such as using fractions and working with geometric shapes.

We encourage you to review the results of this assessment with your child’s teacher and other members of your child’s individualized education program team.

CAA Mathematics Score History

Grade 3
Your child’s score:
LEVEL 1 344 Limited Understanding
State Average: 335

Grade 4
Your child’s score:
LEVEL 3 480 Understanding
State Average: 433
Visit the Starting Smarter website at https://ca.startingsmarter.org/ to:
• Understand your child’s score report
• Review sample test questions
• Find free resources to support your child’s learning

Complete results for schools, districts, and the state are available on the CAASPP Results website at https://caaspp-elpac.cde.ca.gov/.