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# Chapter 2. Interim Assessment Viewing System

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## 2019–2020 Interim Assessment User Guide

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### Resources Linked in This Section:

- California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) website—<http://www.caaspp.org/>

## What's New?

Feature	Change
Universal Tools added to Interim Assessment Viewing System	The following universal tools are available in the Interim Assessment Viewing System: Break / Pause, Digital Notepad, English Dictionary, English Glossary, Expandable Items / Passages, Global Notes, Highlighter, Keyboard Navigation, Line Reader, Mark for Review, Strikethrough, Thesaurus, Writing Tools / Spell Check / Word Processing Functions, and the Calculator. The calculator can be displayed for all items that would make a calculator available to students during the actual interim assessments.
American Sign Language (ASL) added to the Interim Assessment Viewing System	ASL is available in the Interim Assessment Viewing System. The option to deploy ASL will be available for all users in the context menu, which allows students to access on-screen tools. These tools can be accessed using a mouse or keyboard shortcuts.
Audio Transcript added to the Interim Assessment Viewing System	Audio Transcript for ELA, an embedded accommodation, is available in the Interim Assessment Viewing System.

The Interim Assessment Viewing System contains all of the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments. It is designed to allow teachers to review the interim assessments and understand the types of questions on the Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs) and the Interim Comprehensive Assessments (ICAs) as well as the scope of the content on an interim assessment. It allows teachers to better gauge when to administer a specific interim assessment. This tool is only available to users who have the Test Operations Management System (TOMS) credentials that allow administration of an interim assessment.

The Interim Assessment Viewing System provides read-only access to all interim assessments. Users must select answers and input text to items to progress through the assessment. Take the following steps to access the system:

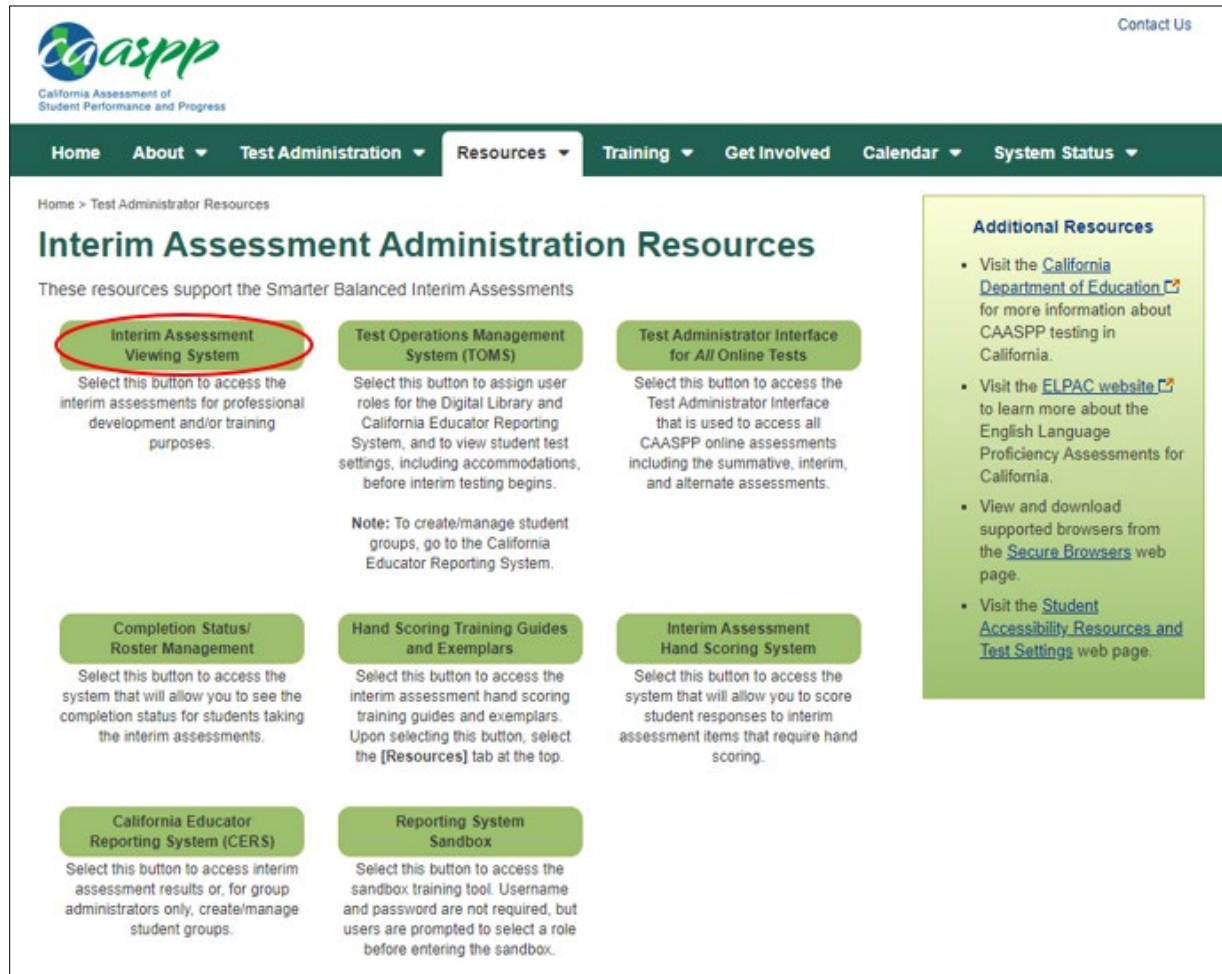
1. Go to the [CAASPP website](#).
2. Select the **[Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments]** button (Figure 3).



**Figure 3. CAASPP website**

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- From the Interim Assessment Administration Resources web page, select the [**Interim Assessment Viewing System**] button ([Figure 4](#)).



The screenshot shows the CAASPP website's 'Interim Assessment Administration Resources' page. The page features a navigation bar with links for Home, About, Test Administration, Resources, Training, Get Involved, Calendar, and System Status. The main content area is titled 'Interim Assessment Administration Resources' and lists several resources. The 'Interim Assessment Viewing System' button is highlighted with a red circle. Other resources include Test Operations Management System (TOMS), Test Administrator Interface for All Online Tests, Completion Status/Roster Management, Hand Scoring Training Guides and Exemplars, Interim Assessment Hand Scoring System, California Educator Reporting System (CERS), and Reporting System Sandbox. An 'Additional Resources' sidebar on the right provides links to the California Department of Education, ELPAC website, Secure Browsers, and Student Accessibility Resources and Test Settings.

**Figure 4. [Interim Assessment Viewing System] button**

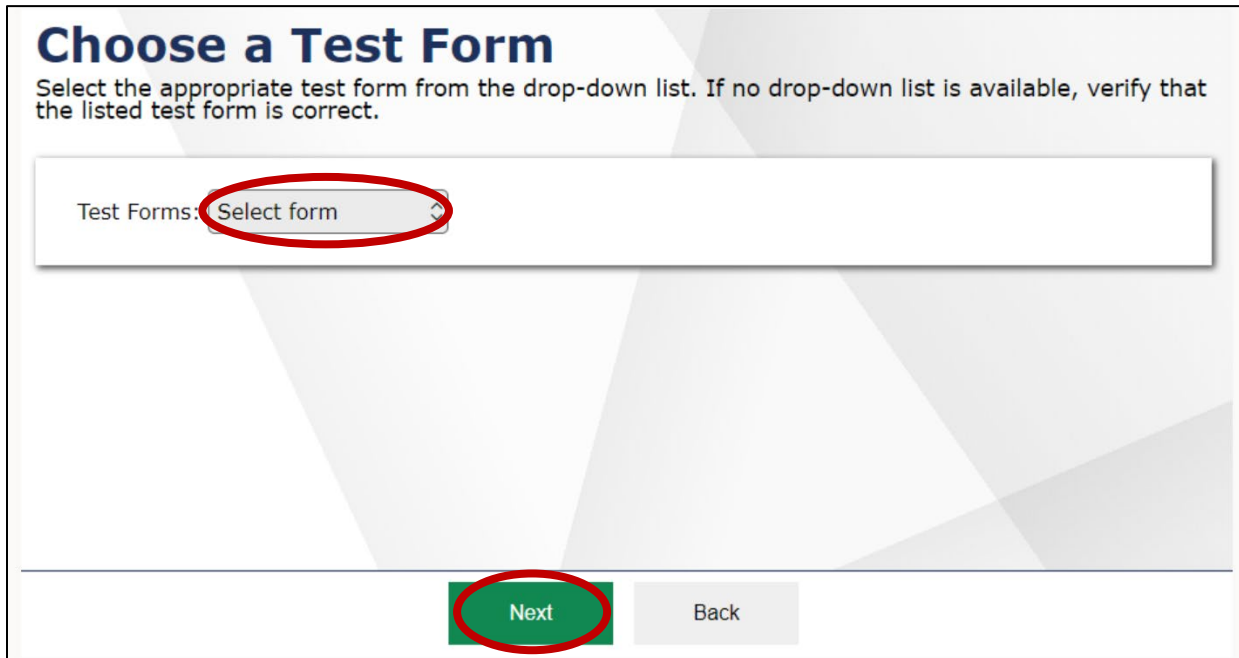
- A prompt to log on using TOMS credentials will appear. Once logged on to the viewing system, select a grade level from the drop-down menu on the *Choose a Test Grade* screen ([Figure 5](#)).

**Figure 5. Choose a Test Grade screen**

- A page that lists all the available tests for the grade level selected will appear. Select the test of interest ([Figure 6](#)).

**Figure 6. Available Tests screen**

6. After selecting the test of interest, the *Choose a Test Form* screen will appear. From the *Test Forms* drop-down list, select the test form. Currently, there is only one form per interim assessment. Then select **[Next]** ([Figure 7](#)).




**Choose a Test Form**

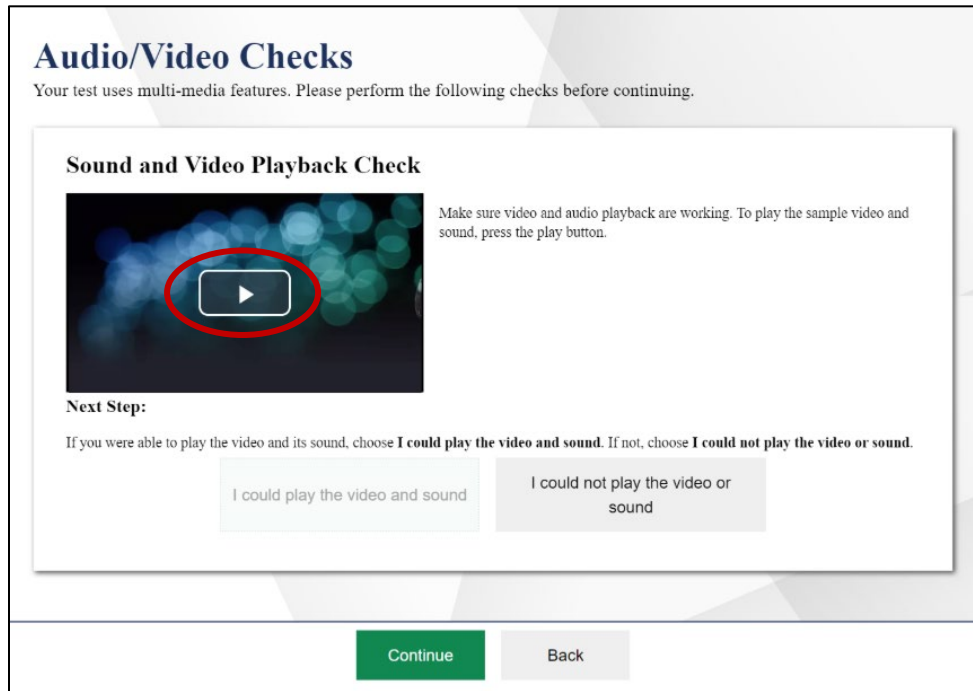
Select the appropriate test form from the drop-down list. If no drop-down list is available, verify that the listed test form is correct.

Test Forms: Select form

Next Back

**Figure 7. Choose a Test Form screen**

7. The *Audio/Video Checks* screen allows users to verify the functioning of any audio and video feature that any of the test items may include. Unmute device speakers to hear the sound, if necessary. Select the [Play] icon () ([Figure 8](#)).



**Figure 8. *Audio/Video Checks* screen**

8. Select [**I could play the video and sound**] to move to the first page of the test. It is not necessary for audio to be present for educators to view the test.

The Interim Assessment Viewing System is available to all educators with roles that allow access to interim assessments. The Interim Assessment Viewing System can be used for professional development and training purposes. It is intended to allow educators to understand the types of questions on the IABs and ICAs, as well as to familiarize students with test format and content. In addition, the viewing system may help inform decisions about the selection and assignment of accessibility resources for students.

For more information on how to use the newly added functionalities for the IA Viewing System, refer to the following subsections in Chapter 3: Interim Assessment Administration:

- [Universal Tools for all CAASPP Assessments](#)
- [ASL Video Tool](#)

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