California Spanish Assessment

WHAT IS THE CALIFORNIA SPANISH ASSESSMENT?

The California Spanish Assessment (CSA) is part of California's state testing program called the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). This optional test assesses students' skills in reading, writing mechanics, and listening using the Common Core State Standards en Español. Currently under development, the CSA will be field-tested in fall 2018 and administered operationally in spring 2019.

WHY IS THE CSA GIVEN?

The purpose of the CSA is to measure a student's competency in Spanish language arts in grades three through eight and high school in order to provide student-level data in Spanish competency and to provide high school students with a measure suitable to be used, in part, for the State Seal of Biliteracy. These measures help identify and address gaps in knowledge or skills to be on track to graduate biliterate.

WHO TAKES THE CSA?

Any students in grades three through eight and high school seeking a measure to recognize their Spanish-specific reading, writing mechanics, and listening skills, regardless of their current enrollment in Spanish instruction.

HOW IS THE CSA GIVEN?

The CSA is a computer-based assessment that consists of stand-alone items. The estimated testing time for the CSA is 1.5 to 2 hours, depending on the student's grade level.

WHEN IS THE CSA GIVEN?

2018

FIELD TEST
September – October

2019

OPERATIONAL
Spring*

*Specific dates for operational testing are to be determined.

For additional information, contact your local educational agency CAASPP coordinator or visit the CAASPP Web page at https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/.

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