

Reporting Results of California's New Assessment System

The administration of the 2014 Smarter Balanced Field Test marks the state's transition to a new state testing system, now called the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). As schools statewide participate in the 2014 CAASPP assessments, one question is frequently asked. "What results will be reported from this trial run?"

Will results be reported for the 2014 Smarter Balanced Field Test?

No results will be reported from this spring's administration of the Smarter Balanced Field Test. The purpose of this field test is to make sure the questions are fair for all students and that the school and testing system are working correctly. The field test also gives teachers and students the chance to learn more about the computer-based questions and tasks and the computer skills students need to succeed.

What about the Standardize Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program tests?

School districts will continue to receive individual, school, and district results for the California Standards Tests (CST), the California Modified Assessment (CMA), and the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) for science, which is given in grades five, eight, and ten. In addition, they will continue to receive results for the CAPA for English-language arts and mathematics, given in grades two through eleven. Districts that gave the Standards-based Tests in Spanish (STS) for reading/language arts also will receive those results.

School districts must send results for these tests to parents or guardians within 20 working days after they are received from the testing contractor. Individual students results are confidential and only are to be shared with the parents and guardians and their child's teacher(s).

What about the Early Assessment Program (EAP) tests at grade eleven?

EAP is a joint project of the California Department of Education and the California State University system. Students who took the CSTs for ELA and mathematics, used for the grade eleven EAP, will go to the EAP Web site at <http://www.collegeeap.org/> for instructions on how to obtain their EAP results.

What about the CAASPP assessments for 2014-15?

The Smarter Balanced assessments for English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics will become operational in grades three through eight, and eleven, and school districts will receive individual, school, and district results for these tests.

The CST, CMA, and the CAPA for science in grades five, eight, and ten will be given until science tests, aligned with new science standards adopted by the State Board of Education in 2013, are implemented. The CAPA for ELA and mathematics will be given in grades two through eleven, and STS will be given to English learners until a

new test is implemented. Starting in 2014-15, Smarter Balanced assessments in grade eleven also will be used for California State University's EAP Program.

Can CAASPP results be compared with STAR Program Results?

No. Assembly Bill 484 prohibits the comparison of CAASPP assessments, which measure what students know and can do according the California Common Core Standards, with the STAR tests, which measure proficiency according to standards adopted in 1997.

Additional information can be found on the CDE CAASPP Web page at:

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