

CA Assessment Updates October, 2016

Development of New Assessments

2016-17 Available Testing Window

- Begins when 66 percent of instructional year has been completed and continues through last day of instruction
 - Applies to all grade levels, including Grade 11
- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments will be available on Monday, January 9, 2017

CA Assessments Under Development

- California Science Test (CAST)
- California Alternate Assessments (CAA)
 - ELA
 - Math
 - Science
- California Spanish Assessment (CAS)
- English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC)

Pam's Table of New Test Timelines

Assessment Phase	CAST	CAA ELA & Math	CAA Science	CAS	ELPAC
Blueprints Released				March 2017	November 2015
Pilot Test	Census Begins on 03/20/2017	2015-2016	03/20/2017 to 07/17/2017	Spring 2017	June 2016
Field Test	Spring 2018			Spring 2018	03/06/2017 to 04/14/2017
Operational Test	Spring 2019	3/20/17 to 7/17/17		Spring 2019	Spring 2018

California Science Test (CAST)

- CAST Pilot Test in 2016-2017
 - pilot testing for census purposes only (begins in March 20)
 - CST, CMA and CAPA in science will **NOT** be given
 - **No scores** will be assigned to or reported for any student
 - Given to **ALL** students in Grades 5 and 8
 - For the pilot test **ONLY**
 - each high school will be assigned to give the test to **one grade** from grades 10, 11 or 12.
 - CDE will develop a sample in which 67% of test takers are in 10th Grade and the remaining 33% will be equally divided between 11th and 12th grades
 - Each high school is to test all students in the assigned grade with CAST.

California Science Test (CAST)

- Format of the CAST Pilot Test
 - Four components: test items, student survey, teacher survey, and accessibility components.
 - Two forms of the CAST at each grade level
 - Each Form will have 10-20 items and a performance task
 - Accessibility supports to be used will be determined by existing IEPs

A training test will be available on-line by 1/9/17

CA and Obama Administration Dual

- ED has rejected CA's bid to phase in new science tests in lieu of the CSTs
- CA did not demonstrate how the waiver would advance student achievement or improve transparency in reporting achievement to parents and the public
- CA has 60 days (from 9/30/16) to resubmit the waiver under conditions outlined
- This is the same interaction that ED had with CA around the CCSS tests – where CA successfully fought ED and didn't have to pay fines

California Alternate Assessments (CAA)



- Are to be given to students with the *most* significant cognitive disability
- LEAs must get a waiver from CDE if they exceed the 1% testing limit
- ALL assessments are given to the grade of enrollment not what's listed in the IEP

CAA (Cal Alt) in ELA and Math

- In 2016,
 - 30,000 CA students took CAA in either math or ELA
 - CAPA was given for the last time (in science)
 - Pilot test data produced threshold scores (adopted by SBE in September 2016)
- Changes to the operational tests
 - Instead of having three stop points the transitions will be smoother and students won't experience starting and stopping as frequently
 - Last year's pilot took some students 5 hours to complete; CDE is working to make the testing time shorter

CAA for Science Implementation Timeline



Spring 2017

Pilot Test
(census)



Spring 2018

Pilot Test
(census)



Spring 2019

Field Test
(census)



Spring 2020

Operational
Administration

2017 CAA for Science Pilot Test Design

- Assessment based on student performance on a collection of instructionally-embedded performance tasks/assignments
- CAA pilot tests will be state-developed classroom tasks/assignments
- Tasks will be administered by the student's primary teacher
- Student responses scored according to state-defined criteria and protocols

Purpose of the CAA for Science Pilot

1. Introduce teachers and students to embedded performance tasks.
2. Support teachers in becoming familiar with the Connectors, which are aligned to CA NGSS PEs.
3. Introduce teachers to the process of routinely embedding performance tasks into instructional activities.
4. Provide students exposure to Connector-aligned embedded performance tasks.
5. Introduce teachers to scoring student responses based on externally developed scoring criteria.

California Alternate Assessment (CAA) in Science – Pilot Test

- A training test available in January 2017 at the pre-test workshops
- Training will also be provided on how to administer the CAA science test

California Spanish Assessment (CSA)

- Replaces the Standards Test in Spanish (STS) and is aligned to the Common Core
- Measures student's competency in Spanish language arts and provides student level data
- Provides a high school measure to be used in the state's bi-literacy program
- Will be
 - computer based
 - optional
 - administered to grades 3-8 and high school
 - accessible to students with disabilities
- Will not
 - measure speaking
 - involve hand scoring

California Spanish Assessment

High-Level Proposed Timeline



September 2016	SBE Approved the Proposed High-Level Test Design for the CSA
March 2017	SBE action on the Proposed Test Blueprints and General Performance Level Descriptors
Fall 2017	Administration of the pilot test
Fall 2018	Administration of the field test
Spring 2019	Operational test

English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC)

- **Already Conducted**
 - The 27 new tasks types were piloted
 - In June 2016 the domain and grade span performance level descriptors were approved
 - In August 2016 all 2,000 items underwent bias and sensitivity reviews
- **ELPAC Content and Format**
 - There will be four performance levels
 - **Listening Items:**
 - In Grades K-2 will be delivered by the examiner.
 - For Grades 3-12 these items will be pre-recorded.
 - Recommended testing window from Feb 1st to May 31st – has not yet been determined

ELPAC

- Field test Administration of ELPAC
 - Between March 6th and April 14th, 2017
 - Only a sampling of schools & students will take the field test
 - participation is by invitation only
 - no scores will be reported on this field test
 - Operational **summative** test available in Spring 2018
 - **Initial** ELPAC will be operational on July 1, 2018
- California English Language Development Test (CELDT)
 - Will continue to be administered in 2016-2017
 - Only CELDT **initial** will be administered in the year after this

Transition from the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) to the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC)



	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18		2018–19
ELPAC Pilot Testing	December 2015				
Field Test Administrations (No scores reported)		ELPAC Summative (Spring 2017)	ELPAC Initial (Fall 2017)		
Operational Administrations (Scores reported)	CELDT	CELDT	CELDT Initial only	ELPAC Summative (Spring 2018)	ELPAC Initial (July 1, 2018) Summative (Spring 2019 and beyond)

The Digital Library

- New Interim Comprehensive Assessment (ICAs)
- New Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs)
 - A complete listing of the 2016–17 IABs is available on the CDE Interim Assessments Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/sbacinterimassess.asp>
- New formative assessment trainings
- Resources for teachers

Technology and System Updates

- Technology Changes
- Test Operations Management System
- Test Administrator Interface
- Test Delivery Enhancements