## A PARENT GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING

# **The California Spanish Assessment**

The California Spanish Assessment, or CSA, is an optional part of the state testing system called the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress or CAASPP.



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# WHAT

The CSA is an optional test that measures students' knowledge and skills in reading, writing mechanics, and listening in Spanish.

#### WHO

Any student in grades three through twelve are eligible to take the test.

#### WHEN

Each school selects its own testing window. Testing can begin as early as January and continue through July. You will receive additional information from your school about the specific dates and times of testing.

#### HOW

The CSA is a computer-based test that includes technologyenhanced items. It should take students about 2 hours to complete the test.

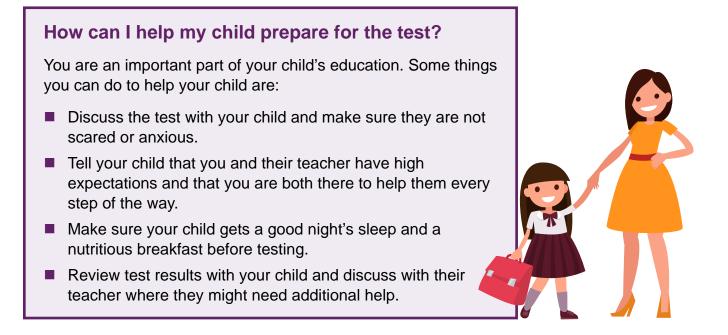
#### WHY

The purpose of the CSA is to measure how well students can read, write, and listen in Spanish. These measures help identify and address gaps in knowledge or skills students need to be on track for biliteracy as graduates.

#### What resources are available for students?

All students have access to various accessibility resources they might need when taking the test, like a Spanish glossary when taking the reading part of the test or a highlighter that they can use to highlight important parts of a long paragraph.

Students with disabilities have additional supports such as closed captioning or braille. All of the accessibility resources help students gain fair access to the test and do not affect the students' scores in any way.



The CSA is aligned to the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts en Español which can be found at <u>https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/er/sldstandards.asp</u>. To better understand the CSA, view the *What is the CSA?* informational video at <u>https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/whatisthecsa.asp</u>.

Sample questions, as well as links to practice tests and resources, are available on the Starting Smarter web page at <u>https://ca.startingsmarter.org</u>.

### **Additional Information**

More information about the tests can be found on the California Department of Education CSA web page at <u>https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/csa.asp</u>.

For more information about your child's scores, contact your child's teacher and/or the school office.



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