

CSBA Sample

Administrative Regulation

State Academic Achievement Tests

AR 6162.51

Instruction

Note: The following administrative regulation reflects requirements of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) (Education Code 60600-60649) and should be revised to reflect the grade levels offered by the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall administer the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) to all district students at applicable grade levels, except those students exempted by law.

Note: The following paragraph may be revised to reflect programs offered by the district.

Note: 5 CCR 851 clarifies responsibility for the testing of charter school students who attend locally funded charter schools. Pursuant to Education Code 47651, a locally funded charter school is one that receives the state aid portion of its local control funding formula allocation through the district that either authorized the charter or was designated by the State Board of Education (SBE) as the oversight agency, rather than directly from the state.

Comment [WT1]: Updated regulation

The students of any charter school that receives its state funding allocation through the district shall be tested in coordination with the testing of district students. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall arrange for the testing of students in any alternative education program or program conducted off campus, including, but not limited to, non-classroom based programs, continuation schools, independent study, community day schools, county community schools, juvenile court schools, or nonpublic, nonsectarian schools. No test shall be administered in a home or hospital except by a test administrator or test examiner. (5 CCR 851)

(cf. 0420.4 - Charter School Authorization)

(cf. 0420.41 - Charter School Oversight)

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education)

(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)

(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

Note: The following paragraph is optional. Pursuant to 5 CCR 853, if the district identifies students who are unable to access the computer-based assessments, as required by 5 CCR 857, the district may use a paper and pencil version of the assessment, if available.

On or before July 1 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall identify any district school(s) with students who are unable to access the computer-based assessment of a CAASPP test and shall report the number of such students to the test contractor. If available, a paper and pencil version of the assessment may be administered to such students. (5 CCR 853, 857)

Note: 5 CCR 857, as amended by Register 2015, No. 48, establishes a deadline of July 1 of each year for designating a district test coordinator.

On or before July 1 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall designate a district coordinator who shall oversee all matters related to the testing program and serve as the district representative and liaison with the test contractor and the California Department of Education (CDE). The Superintendent or designee shall also designate a coordinator for each test site. The duties of the district and site test coordinators shall include those specified in 5 CCR 857-858. (5 CCR 857-858)

Comment [WT2]: Amended section; see Note above

Note: 5 CCR 850, as amended by Register 2015, No. 48, defines "test administrator" as an employee trained to administer the CAASPP achievement tests and "test examiner" as a certificated or licensed employee of a local educational agency trained to administer the California Alternate Assessments (CAA) for students with significant cognitive disabilities.

The Superintendent or designee also shall appoint trained test administrator(s) to administer the CAASPP achievement tests and test examiner(s) to administer the California Alternate Assessments. A test examiner shall be a certificated or licensed employee of the district or county office of education. (5 CCR 850)

Comment [WT3]: Amended section; see Note above

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)
(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

Note: Pursuant to 5 CCR 850, as amended by Register 2015, No. 48, a student's sibling is prohibited from serving as his/her translator or scribe during test administration.

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall assign a specially trained district employee to serve as a test proctor to assist the test examiner; a specially trained district employee, or other person supervised by a district employee, to serve as a translator to translate the test directions into a student's primary language; and a district employee to serve as a scribe to transcribe a student's responses to the format required by the test. A student's parent/guardian or sibling shall not be eligible to be that student's translator or scribe. (5 CCR 850)

All test administrators, test examiners, proctors, translators, scribes, district and site test coordinators, and other persons having access to any of the CAASPP achievement tests and corresponding test materials, assessment technology platform, or tests administered pursuant to Education Code 60640 shall acknowledge the limited purpose of their access to the achievement tests by signing a test security affidavit. In addition, all district and site test coordinators shall sign a test security agreement before receiving any CAASPP achievement tests and corresponding test

materials. The test security affidavit and test security agreement shall be those set forth in 5 CCR 859. (5 CCR 850, 859)

Tests Included in the State Assessment System

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 60640 and 5 CCR 851.5, as added by Register 2015, No. 48, the CAASPP consists of the required assessments listed in items #1-3 below and optional use of a primary language assessment.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 60640 and 99300-99301, the CAASPP also includes the Early Assessment Program (EAP) designed to assess the college readiness of students in grade 11 in English language arts and/or mathematics. The EAP is included within the summative assessments listed in item #1 below.

The district shall administer the following CAASPP assessments: (Education Code 60640; 5 CCR 851.5)

1. The CAASPP achievement tests for English language arts and mathematics in grades 3-8 and 11, except that:

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

a. Recently arrived English learners, defined pursuant to Education Code 60603 as English learners who are in their first 12 months of attending a school in the United States, shall be exempted from taking the English language arts assessment to the extent allowed by federal law. A recently arrived English learner may be administered the test upon request by his/her parent/guardian.

Comment [WT4]: Added language

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

b. Students with disabilities who are unable to participate in the English language arts and mathematics assessments, even with the resources described in the section "Testing Variations" below, shall be provided an alternate test when designated in their individualized education program (IEP), as provided in item #3 below.

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

Note: Education Code 60640 provides that the California Standards Tests will be administered in science at grades 5, 8, and 10. When available, the SBE shall adopt an assessment that is aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards, which were adopted by the SBE in September 2013.

2. Science assessments at grades 5, 8, and 10

However, students with disabilities who are unable to participate in the science assessments, even with the resources described in the "Testing Variations" section below, shall be provided an alternate test when designated in their IEP, as provided in item #3 below.

Comment [WT5]: Added section

(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)

Note: Pursuant to 20 USC 1412 and Education Code 60640, students with disabilities must be included in the CAASPP program with accommodations where necessary (see section on "Testing Variations" below), unless they are exempted by their parents/guardians or are eligible to take an alternate assessment.

Note: For the English language arts and mathematics assessments, students with significant cognitive disabilities may be administered the CAA. For the science assessment, students with disabilities may take the CAPA or the California Modified Assessment, in accordance with their individualized education program (IEP).

3. For students with disabilities who are unable to take the tests specified in items #1-2 above, even with appropriate accommodations or other testing resources, and who have an IEP that designates the use of alternate tests at the applicable grade levels:

a. California Alternate Assessment in English language arts and mathematics for students with significant cognitive disabilities

b. For the science assessment, either the California Modified Assessment or, for students with significant cognitive disabilities, the California Alternate Performance Assessment

Note: The following paragraph is optional. In addition to administering the CAASPP achievement tests described in items #1-3 above to English learners, Education Code 60640 authorizes the district to administer a primary language assessment to English learners in grades 2-11. Education Code 60640 provides that districts may use the Standards-Based Test in Spanish (STS) for this purpose until a test is available that is aligned with the Common Core State Standards in English language arts. The SBE is required to adopt such an assessment to be used no later than the 2016-17 school year. Pursuant to 5 CCR 851.5, as amended by Register 2015, No. 48, the successor primary language assessment will be available for students in grade 3-8 and 11.

Comment [WT6]: PSD does not provide primary language assessments

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Note: Pursuant to Education Code 60640, the district will receive a per pupil apportionment from the state for administration of the primary language assessment to English learners.

Note: The following paragraph is optional. Pursuant to Education Code 60640, the district may, at its own expense, administer the STS or successor state assessment to students in a dual immersion program who are not limited English proficient or who are redesignated fluent English proficient. If the district chooses to use the primary language assessment for this purpose, it must enter into an agreement with the state testing contractor, subject to the approval of the CDE.

Comment [WT7]: PSD does not have a dual immersion program

Deleted: In addition, the Superintendent or designee may administer a primary language assessment to English learners. Administration of this test shall not replace the administration of the above tests, administered in English, to English learners. (Education Code 60640)¶

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Exemptions

Note: In addition to the exemption of recently arrived English learners from the English language arts assessment (see item #1a in the section "Tests Included in the State Assessment System" above), Education Code 60615 allows students to be exempted from the CAASPP upon written request from their parents/guardians. 5 CCR 852 requires the district to notify parents/guardians regarding this exemption and provides that any exemption will be granted only for the current school year.

Note: Districts should be aware of the need to maintain a high student participation level on state assessments. Pursuant to 20 USC 6311, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95), states must annually measure the achievement of not less than 95 percent of all students. The state legislature will need to determine how to factor the participation requirement into the state's school accountability system.

Each year the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of their child's participation in the CAASPP and of the provisions of Education Code 60615 related to exemptions from testing. (5 CCR 852)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

A parent/guardian may annually submit to the school a written request to excuse his/her child from any or all parts of the CAASPP assessments for the school year, and such a request shall be granted by the Superintendent or designee. However, district employees shall not solicit or encourage any exemption request on behalf of any student or group of students. (Education Code 60615; 5 CCR 852)

If a parent/guardian submits an exemption request after testing has begun, any test(s) completed before the request is submitted will be scored and the results reported to the parent/guardian and included in the student's records. (5 CCR 852)

Testing Period

Note: Education Code 60640 requires the SBE to establish a testing window that allows all schools to administer the CAASPP tests at approximately the same time during the instructional year and takes into account the need to provide make-up days for students who were absent during testing. 5 CCR 855, as amended by Register 2015, No. 48, establishes the testing windows specified below beginning in the 2015-16 school year. Within these testing windows, the district may establish its own testing dates.

Note: The following section should be revised to reflect grade levels offered by the district. In addition, districts that do not maintain any schools on a year-round schedule may revise the following section to delete references to schedules based on tracks.

Deleted: The primary language assessment also may be used to assess students in a dual language immersion program who are not limited English proficient or who are redesignated fluent English proficient, subject to approval by the California Department of Education (CDE) of an agreement between the district and the state testing contractor. (Education Code 60640)¶

The Superintendent or designee shall establish testing days for district students within the following available testing windows: (5 CCR 855)

1. Assessments in English language arts and mathematics shall be administered between the date on which at least 66 percent of the school's or track's annual instructional days for grades 3-8, or at least 80 percent of the annual instructional days for grade 11, have been completed and the last day of instruction for the regular annual calendar of the school or track.

2. All science assessments, including CAPA and CMA, shall be administered during an available testing window of 25 instructional days that includes 12 instructional days before and after completion of 85 percent of the school's or track's annual instructional days.

***Note: Item #3 below reflects the available testing window for the CAA effective beginning in the 2016-17 school year, pursuant to 5 CCR 855, as amended by Register 2015, No. 48. ***

3. Beginning in the 2016-17 school year, the CAA shall be administered during the available testing windows specified in item #1.

Comment [WT8]: Added item; see note above

Note: Optional item 4 below is for use by districts that have chosen to administer the primary language assessment to English learners as authorized by Education Code 60640; see section "Tests Included in the State Assessment System" above.

Note: Within the available testing windows specified above, the district may designate specific testing dates that will be used within the district. 5 CCR 855, as amended by Register 2015, No. 48, allows the district to designate one selected testing period for each school or track subject to the conditions specified below. If the district does not designate a selected testing period for a school or track, then the available testing windows specified in item #1 below shall be the selected testing period for that school or track.

Comment [WT9]: PSD does not administer primary language assessments

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Within the above testing windows, the Superintendent or designee may designate one testing period for each school or track or, if a school has multiple tracks, a selected testing period for each track. The district shall not exceed six selected testing periods within the available testing window. The testing period shall be no fewer than 25 consecutive instructional days and may be extended up to an additional 10 consecutive instructional days if still within the available testing window set forth in items #1-4 above. (5 CCR 855)

Students who are absent during testing shall be provided an opportunity to take the tests within the testing window.

Testing Variations

***Note: The following section describes allowable testing resources that may be used during test administration pursuant to 5 CCR 853.5-853.8, as amended by Register 2015, No. 48. For further information, see the CDE's matrix of allowable testing variations, available on its web

Comment [WT10]: Updated section; More detailed

site.***

CAASPP achievement tests and the primary language test shall be administered in accordance with the manuals or other instructions provided by the test contractor or CDE except that, as appropriate, the following testing variations may be used: (5 CCR 850, 853-853.8)

1. Universal tools specified in 5 CCR 853.5 may be used with any student.
2. Designated supports specified in 5 CCR 853.5 and, if an English learner, in 5 CCR 853.7, may be used with a student for whom the need has been indicated by an educator or team of educators, with parent/guardian and student input as appropriate, or for whom the need is specified in the student's IEP or Section 504 plan.
3. Accommodations specified in 5 CCR 853.5 may be used with a student with disabilities when included in the student's IEP or Section 504 plan as resources that are regularly used in the classroom for the student's instruction and/or assessment(s). Such accommodations shall be either utilized in the assessment environment or consist of changes in procedures or materials that increase equitable access during the assessment.

Note: 5 CCR 853.8, as added by Register 2015, No. 48, authorizes the use of "unlisted resources" (i.e., resources that have not been identified as a universal tool, designated support, or accommodation) with students with disabilities, provided that the resource is designated in the student's IEP or Section 504 plan and the CDE has approved the use of the resource. Pursuant to 5 CCR 853.8, the district must electronically submit a request to the CDE at least 10 business days prior to the first day of CAASPP testing, and the district will receive a response from the CDE within four business days of submitting the request. The CDE will not approve the use of an unlisted resource that threatens the security of the test or changes the construct being measured, including, but not limited to, those resources specified in 5 CCR 853.8. The district may nevertheless use a disapproved unlisted resource that changes the construct being measured, but the student will not be counted in the participation rate for state and federal accountability measures.

4. An unlisted resource that has not been specifically identified as an approved universal tool, designated support, or accommodation may be used with a student who has an IEP or Section 504 plan provided that the resource is one that is regularly used in the classroom for instruction and/or assessment and the CDE has approved its use. At least 10 business days prior to the student's first day of CAASPP testing, the district or school site test coordinator may electronically submit a request to the CDE for approval to use that unlisted resource during that year. If the CDE determines that the unlisted resource changes the construct being measured, the unlisted resource may nevertheless be used with the student in order to generate an individual score report even though the student shall not be counted in the participation rate for accountability measures. (5 CCR 853.8)

***Note: 5 CCR 853.8, as amended by Register 2015, No. 48, authorizes the use of "instructional supports" (i.e., all supports that may be used in daily instruction or assessment, including language

and physical supports) during administration of the CAA, as described in the following paragraph.***

In the administration of the CAA to a student with significant cognitive disabilities, the student may have all instructional supports that may be used in daily instruction or assessment, including language and physical supports, with the exception of any inappropriate test practices listed in test administration manuals. (5 CCR 850, 853.6)

Report of Test Results

Note: Education Code 60641 requires that valid test results for individual students, when available, be reported to the student's parents/guardians, school, and teacher(s). Pursuant to Education Code 60641, it is the Legislature's intent that districts are not precluded from using electronic media formats to provide this report, provided that the format secures the confidentiality of the student and the student's results. In addition, district personnel are not required to prepare individualized explanations of each student's test scores as part of the report described in the following paragraph.

For any state assessments that produce valid individual student results, the Superintendent or designee shall forward or transmit the student's test results to his/her parents/guardians within 20 working days from receipt of the results from the test contractor or, if the district receives the results from the contractor after the last day of instruction for the school year, then within the first 20 working days of the next school year. The report shall include a clear explanation of the purpose of the test, the student's score, and its intended use by the district. An individual student's scores shall also be reported to his/her school and teacher(s) and shall be included in his/her student record. (Education Code 60641; 5 CCR 863)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

With parent/guardian consent, the Superintendent or designee may release a student's test results to a postsecondary educational institution for the purposes of credit, placement, determination of readiness for college-level coursework, or admission. (Education Code 60641)

The Superintendent or designee shall present districtwide, school-level, and grade-level results to the Governing Board at a regularly scheduled meeting. The Board shall not receive individual students' scores or the relative position of any individual student. (Education Code 49076, 60641)

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