

Pacifica SD

Administrative Regulation

State Academic Achievement Tests

AR 6162.51

Instruction

The district shall administer the following assessments in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP): (Education Code 60640)

1. The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium summative assessments for English language arts and mathematics, aligned with Common Core State Standards, in grades 3-8 and 11

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

All students at the applicable grade levels shall be administered these tests, except that:

- a. 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

- b. Students with disabilities may be provided an alternate test in accordance with 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)

2. California Standards Tests in science at grades 5, 8, and 10

(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)

3. For students with disabilities who are unable to take the tests specified in items #1-2 above even with appropriate accommodations, the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) in English language arts and mathematics for students in grades 2-11 and either the CAPA or California Modified Assessment in science for students in grades 5, 8, and 10, in accordance with the student's IEP

Testing Period

The state achievement tests shall be administered within the testing period established by the

State Board of Education (SBE) pursuant to Education Code 60640. Students who are absent during testing shall be provided an opportunity to take the tests during the period of time established by the SBE for make-up testing.

Exemptions

A parent/guardian may submit to the school a written request to excuse his/her child from any or all parts of any test. However, district employees shall not solicit or encourage any written exemption on behalf of any student or group of students. (5 CCR 852)

Testing Variations

Assessments shall be administered in accordance with the manuals or other instructions provided by the test contractor and California Department of Education (CDE), except that students may be provided a tool, support, or accommodation that is specifically allowed pursuant to 5 CCR 853.5.

Accommodations provided to students with disabilities shall be those specified in their IEP or Section 504 plan. (5 CCR 850, 853.5)

Staff Responsibilities

On or before September 30 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 CDE. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall designate a coordinator for each test site. The duties of the district and school site test coordinators shall include those specified in 5 CRR 857-858. (5 CCR 857-858)

The Superintendent or designee also shall appoint test examiner(s) to administer the state assessments. A test examiner shall be an employee or contractor of the district or, for the CAPA, shall be a certificated or licensed employee of the school, district, or county office of education. (5 CCR 850)

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

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 shall not be eligible to be that student's translator or scribe. (5 CCR 850)

Test coordinators, examiners, proctors, translators, and scribes shall sign a test security

agreement or affidavit. (5 CCR 850, 857-859)

Report of Test Results

For any state assessments that produce valid individual student results, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a written report of the student's results to his/her parents/guardians which includes 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)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

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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