

# A FAMILY'S GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING



# Today we will discuss:

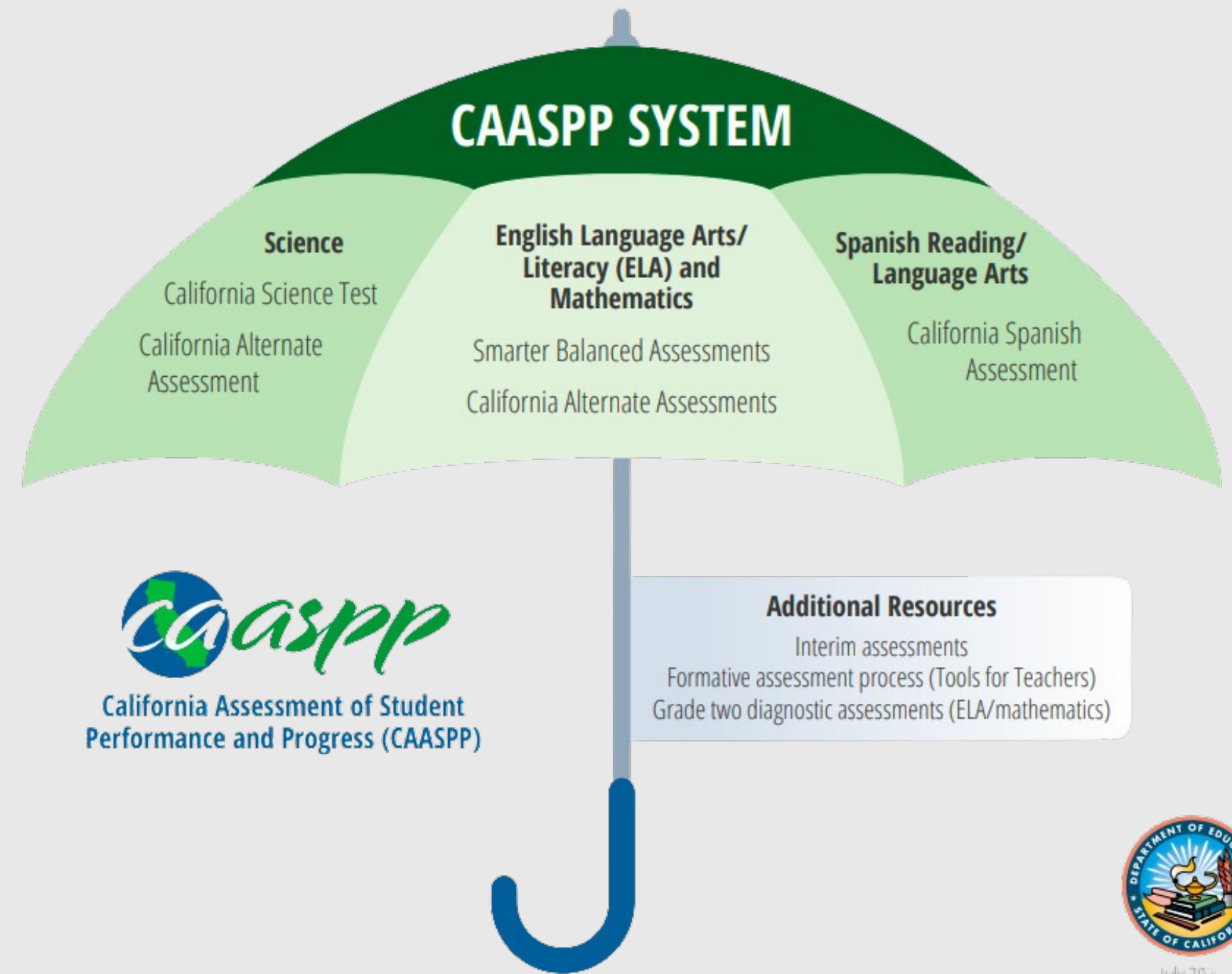
- *What is CAASPP?*
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- *Who takes the CAASPP?*
- *How can families help students prepare for CAASPP?*
- *When and how are test results reported?*
- *What resources are available for parents/families?*
- *Local Measures*
- *Title 1 Update*



# What is CAASPP?

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress


- CAASPP is our statewide assessment system, also known as summative assessments.
- The umbrella term we use to talk about the summative assessments students take is CAASPP which stands for the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress.



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# What is tested on CAASPP?

**SBAC**



**ELA**

*Grades 3-8 and 11*


**SBAC**



**MATH**

*Grades 3-8 and 11*

**CAST**



**SCIENCE**

*Grades 5, 8 and 11*



# Who takes the CAASPP?

- *Students in Grades 3-8 and high school take the CAASPP assessments for English Language Arts and Mathematics*
- *Students in Grades 5, 8, and high school take the CAST - California Science Test*
- *The only exception is for those students who take the California Alternate Assessments based on their Individualized Education Plan (IEP).*



# How is the CAASPP administered?



- The CAASPP assessments are all taken on a computer. The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments in ELA and mathematics are computer adaptive where the difficulty increases/decreases depending on how students respond.
- The CAST and ELA/Math Performance Tasks are not computer adaptive but are still taken on a computer.
- Students take the assessments in a standardized manner where specific rules and protocol are followed by teachers and school staff.

# How can families help students prepare for CAASPP?

## HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED:

- *Discuss the test with your child.*
- *Set expectations – do your best!*
- *Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast before testing.*
- *Write your child an encouraging note.*
- *We've Got This!*



# When and how are test results reported?



- Students who take the CAASPP tests will receive scores in late summer or early fall.
- When you receive your child's student score report, take a moment to review it with your child and understand what it shows.
- The score report will show your child's score for each assessment as well as one of four achievement levels:
  - Standard Not Met or Level 1
  - Standard Nearly Met or Level 2
  - Standard Met or Level 3 or
  - Standard Exceeded or Level 4



# What resources are available for families?

- Smarter Balanced's "Starting Smarter" is an online tool geared specifically for parents/families to deepen their understanding
- Parents/families can explore sample student score reports, test questions, and access additional resources.



The banner features the "Starting Smarter" logo in blue and green, the "caaspp" logo in green, and a blue button with the word "ESPAÑOL" in white. The main title "Starting Smarter" is in large blue and green font. Below it, the subtitle "Free Education Resources for Parents in California" is in dark blue. A paragraph of text describes the tool's benefits. To the right, there is an illustration of a family: a man in a yellow shirt and blue pants, a woman in a blue shirt and red skirt, a young girl in a pink shirt and green pants holding a tablet, and a man in a light blue shirt and tan pants. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

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## Starting Smarter

### Free Education Resources for Parents in California

No one knows your child or their needs more than you. With Starting Smarter, you now have access to information about your child's education that goes beyond just grades. You can use our test score reports to see the areas your child is excelling and where they can improve. All of this can begin a conversation with your child's teacher about offering better learning support at home and all year long.





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## Starting Smarter

Las colaboraciones entre las familias y las escuelas son la clave para el éxito de su hijo/a. Dadas las interrupciones en el aprendizaje durante el año pasado, es más importante que nunca que usted tenga una imagen completa del progreso académico de su hijo/a y cómo la pandemia impactó su aprendizaje. Además de las calificaciones en el boletín, los exámenes en las clases y sus propias observaciones sobre el aprendizaje de su hijo/a durante el año pasado, usted puede **usar los informes de puntuación para entender mejor las fortalezas y las áreas para mejorar de su hijo/a**. Entonces, usted puede colaborar con los maestros en el otoño para juntos crear metas de aprendizaje para el año escolar.





**CAASPP** California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress  
**CAASPP SCORE REPORT**  
 2022–23 | GRADE 5

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 Spring 2023  
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**Sophia's 2022–23 Smarter Balanced**

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**Statewide Assessments: Just One Measure of Sophia's Progress**  
 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) results in English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics give one measure of how well students are mastering California's challenging academic standards. The skills called for by these standards—the ability to write clearly, think critically, and solve problems—are essential for preparing students for college and a 21st-century career.

**Sophia's Overall ELA Level for 2022–23**  
 LEVEL 3 Standard Met

**Sophia's Overall Mathematics Level for 2022–23**  
 LEVEL 3 Standard Met

**What do my child's scores mean?**  
 There are four levels of scores for ELA and mathematics. "Standard Met" and "Standard Exceeded" are the state targets for all students.

- Standard Exceeded (Level 4)
- Standard Met (Level 3)
- Standard Nearly Met (Level 2)
- Standard Not Met (Level 1)

Score ranges for each level are different for each grade, and the standards for the next grade are higher than for the previous grade. As a result, students may need a higher score to stay in the same level as the previous year.

**CAASPP** California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress  
**CAASPP SCORE REPORT**  
 2022–23 | GRADE 5

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**Matthew's 2022–23 California Alternate Assessments (CAAs)**

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**Statewide Assessments: Just One Measure of Matthew's Progress**  
 California Alternate Assessments (CAAs) are online tests for eligible students with individualized education programs (IEPs) that designate the use of an alternate assessment to measure student progress using alternate achievement standards.

**Matthew's Overall CAA for English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) Level for 2022–23**  
 LEVEL 3 Understanding

**Matthew's Overall CAA for Mathematics Level for 2022–23**  
 LEVEL 3 Understanding

**What are the California Alternate Assessments?**  
 The CAAs give students the opportunity to demonstrate their learning by taking a test aligned with alternate achievement standards for their grade level. Working with a teacher, Matthew was encouraged to complete questions as independently as possible. Matthew had an opportunity to answer questions representing different levels of complexity, which helps to demonstrate what Matthew knows and can do. Like other California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) tests, the CAAs offer accessibility resources according to the needs of each student as described in the student's IEP.

**What does my child's score mean?**  
 There are three levels of scores for the CAA for ELA and CAA for Mathematics:

- Understanding (Level 3—Alternate)
- Foundational Understanding (Level 2—Alternate)
- Limited Understanding (Level 1—Alternate)

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**CAASPP SCORE REPORT**  
 2022–23 | GRADE 5

**Sophia's 2022–23 California Science Test (CAST)**

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**Statewide Assessments: Just One Measure of Sophia's Progress**  
 This year, students in grade five took the California Science Test (CAST). This test measures students' understanding of the California Next Generation Science Standards (CA NGSS), which cover the core ideas, concepts, and practices in science and engineering. The CAST is one measure of your child's academic performance. Your child's results should be viewed with other available information—such as classroom tests, assignments, and grades.

**Sophia's Overall Science Level for 2022–23**  
 LEVEL 3 Standard Met

**What do my child's scores mean?**  
 There are four levels of scores for science. "Standard Met" and "Standard Exceeded" are the state targets for all students.

- Standard Exceeded (Level 4)
- Standard Met (Level 3)
- Standard Nearly Met (Level 2)
- Standard Not Met (Level 1)

**About the CAST for Grade Five**  
 The CAST is a science test that measures how well your child understands the scientific core ideas, concepts, and practices in the CA NGSS. The CAST assesses skills such as critical thinking and problem solving. The CAST contains stand-alone questions and performance tasks. The stand-alone questions include multiple choice, matching, fill-in, graphing, and short written responses. The performance tasks ask students to make sense of scientific phenomena in simulated experiments or real-world situations. The knowledge and skills assessed on the CAST are critical for students to be prepared for success in college or a career.

### Select the Sample Score Report You're Looking For:

- ELA & MATH
- LEXILE & QUANTILE
- ALTERNATE ELA & MATH
- SCIENCE
- ALTERNATE SCIENCE
- SPANISH

### Seleccione el Informe de puntuación de muestra que está buscando:

- LENGUA Y LITERATURA INGLESA (ELA) Y MATEMÁTICAS
- LEXILE Y QUANTILE
- EXAMEN ALTERNATIVO PARA ELA Y MATEMÁTICAS
- CIENCIAS
- CIENCIAS ALTERNATIVAS
- ESPAÑOL

## **LOCAL MEASURES**

**ALL STUDENTS K-6<sup>th</sup>**

**K-1: Smarty Ants, iReady Math**

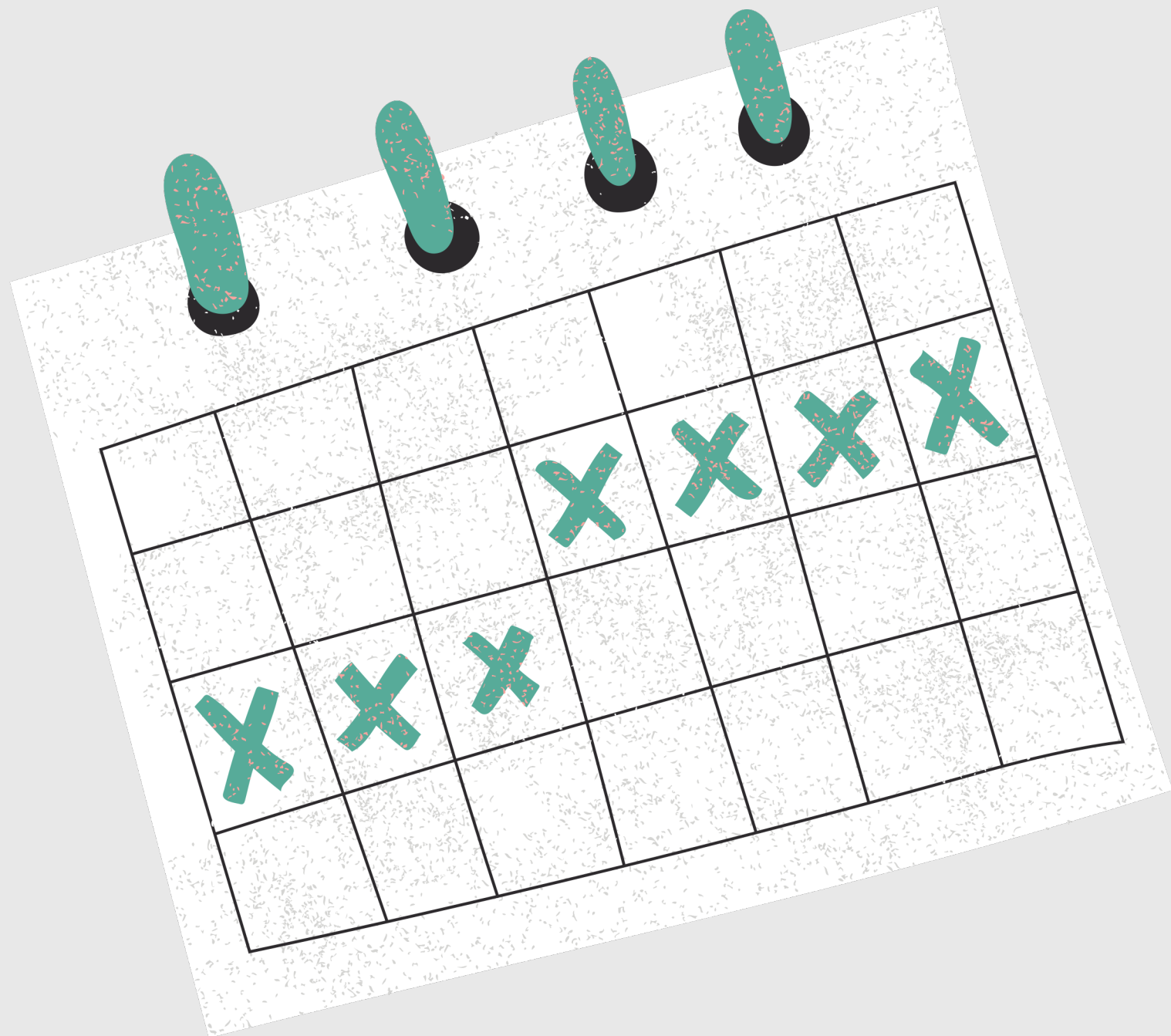
**Grades 2-6: Level Set, iReady Math**

**DI Students: Math in Spanish, Level Set in  
English and Spanish**





# OUR SCHOOL SITE WILL BE TESTING ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:



**CAASPP ELA (3-6) May 6-8<sup>th</sup>**

**CAASPP Math (3-6) May 9-10<sup>th</sup>**

**CAST Science (5) May 13-14<sup>th</sup>**

**iReady SPANISH (3-4) May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Smarty Ants English (K-1) May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Smarty Ants Spanish (K-1) May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Full Calendar will be published in Weekly Message**



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**THANK YOU!**

*We welcome any questions you may have.*

