

Assessment Fact Sheet

California Spanish Assessment



What is the CSA?

The California Spanish Assessment (CSA) is part of California's system of assessments called the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress. This optional test assesses students' skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking using the Common Core State Standards en Español.



Why is the CSA given?

The purpose of the CSA is to measure students' competency in Spanish reading/language arts in grades three through eight and high school to provide student-level data.



Who takes the CSA?

Any students in grades three through eight and high school seeking a measure to recognize their Spanish-specific reading, writing, listening, and speaking (high school only) skills may take this assessment.



How is the CSA given?

The CSA is a computer-based assessment that consists of technology-enhanced items. The estimated testing time for the CSA is approximately 2.5 to 4.5 hours, depending on the student's grade level.



When is the CSA given?

The CSA may be administered throughout the entire CAASPP testing window. It is not restricted to the school's testing window. Most schools will test between the second week of January and June.

