The New California Assessments and What They Mean for College Course Placement

California students in 11th grade participate in the statewide administration of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) that is aligned to the new California standards and used as part of the Early Assessment Program (EAP). The assessments measure students' math and English skills at the end of their junior year to let them know in advance if they are ready for college-level course work upon enrolling at a California State University (CSU) campus or participating California Community College (CCC).

During the fall, students and their families will receive their individual CAASPP Student Score Report by mail, which includes their overall scores for English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics. These overall scores will provide one early indicator of a student's readiness to take credit-bearing college-level English and math courses when they begin college. There are other indicators of readiness for college courses that will exempt students from developmental (i.e., remedial) coursework. These indicators may be found in the table "Which California Colleges Use EAP Results."

Meeting or exceeding the standards can help the student avoid additional testing, and non-credit bearing developmental (i.e., remedial) courses and the associated costs, upon entering a CSU or CCC. Based on their EAP status, students may need to use their senior year or the summer before college to take the appropriate classes in order to move directly to credit bearing college-level courses when they enter a CSU or participating CCC. Students should contact their school's guidance counselor for more information about their options.

What Your Individual Score Report Results Mean Depends on the College							
Public Higher Education System	Standard Exceeded	Standard Met	Standard Nearly Met	Standard Not Met	Additional Information		
California Community Colleges (CCC)	Exempt from English and/or math assessment and eligible for placement into transfer- level courses at participating community colleges.	Policies vary at participating colleges. Please contact the individual college's assessment center for policy information. Some campuses exempt students who pass an approved senior year English and/or math course.	Not exempt.	Not exempt.	Policy applies at 78 out of 113 community colleges at this time. Policy applies only to students who enroll directly from high school.		

Below are the possible results:







What Your Individual Score Report Results Mean Depends on the College (CONT.)							
California State University (CSU)	Ready for English and/or mathematics college-level courses. Students may enroll directly into credit bearing English and/or math courses. Exempt from taking required CSU English and/or math placement tests (EPT/ELM) and from participating in the CSU Early Start Program.	Conditionally Ready for English and/or mathematics college-level coursework. Students must take an approved senior year-long English and/or math course and pass with a grade of "C" or better in both semesters. Exempt from taking required CSU EPT/ELM and may be exempt from participating in the CSU Early Start Program.	Not yet demonstrating readiness for English and/ or mathematics college-level coursework. Students must take the required CSU EPT/ELM. May be required to participate in the CSU Early Start Program unless requirement is met through other Early Start Program exemptions.	Not demonstrating readiness for English and/ or mathematics college-level coursework. Students must take the required CSU EPT/ELM. May be required to participate in the CSU Early Start Program unless requirement is met through other Early Start Program exemptions.	Policy applies only to students who enroll directly from high school.		

CAASPP EAP results are for placement purposes only. A "Standard Nearly Met" or "Standard Not Met" status does not mean the student is not eligible to apply to the CSU. If students complete the CSU admission requirements, they may apply to a CSU regardless of the EAP status. No public higher education system in California uses the EAP results for admission purposes.

Which California Colleges Use EAP Results						
Public Higher Education System	Accepting EAP Results	Other Early Indicators of College-Readiness				
California Community Colleges (CCC)	Visit: http://extranet.cccco.edu/ Divisions/StudentServices/EAP/ AcceptingEAP.aspx for the complete list of California community colleges who accept EAP results for course placement	 SAT score ACT score AP score Varies by college. Please contact the individual college's testing or assessment center for more information 				
California State University (CSU)	 Uses CAASPP EAP results for course placement To learn more, visit www.csusuccess.org 	 SAT score ACT score AP score IB score For English exemption scores, visit: http://www.csuenglishsuccess.org/ ept_requirement For Mathematics exemption scores, visit: https://www.csumathsuccess. org/elm_requirement 				
University of California	 Does not use EAP results for course placement Please contact the individual campus' admissions office for more information 					

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