

A PARENT CHAT

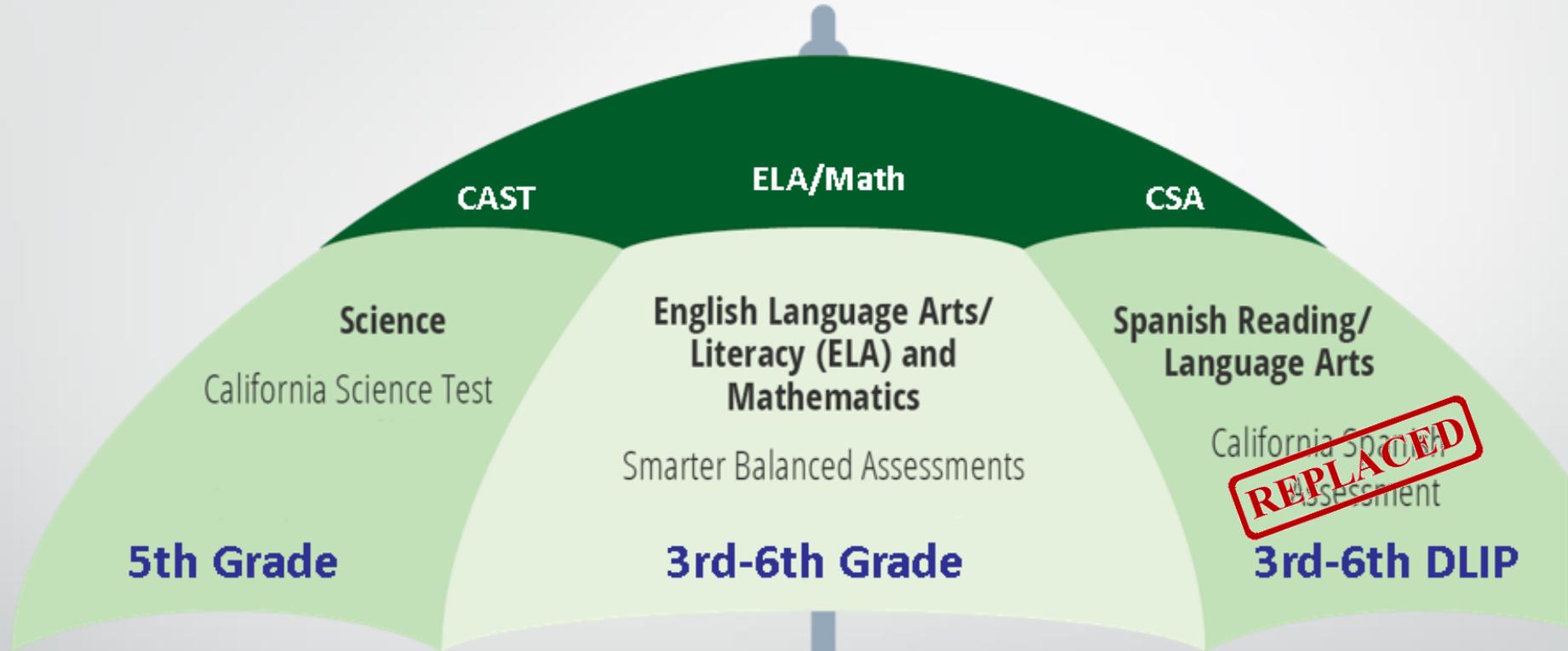
About the
California Assessment of Student
Performance and Progress
(CAASPP)



INFORMATIVE WEBSITES FOR PARENTS ABOUT STATE TESTS

- Parent Guide to Understanding the Summative Assessments
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/pgtu-summative.pdf>
- Parent Guide to Understanding the CAST
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/pgtu-cast.pdf>

CAASPP SYSTEM



CSA has been replaced with iReady's Assessment of Spanish Reading in CVESD in 2024.
iRASR will be delivered as a Local Measure Assessment.

WHO TAKES THE CAASPP TESTS?

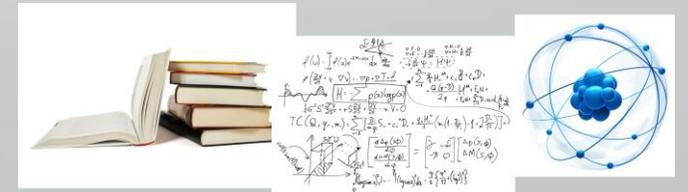
ELA & Math: Grades 3-6

Science (CAST): Grade 5



WHAT TESTS ARE BEING TAKEN?

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments in English language arts/literacy (ELA) and Mathematics (Math)
 - Designed to measure or check what students know and can do – in other words the knowledge and skills they gained during the school year
- California Science Test (CAST)
 - Designed to test the students' ability to think critically and solve problems in more than one scientific area at a time, such as in life science, earth and space science, and physical science



Where are the tests being taken?



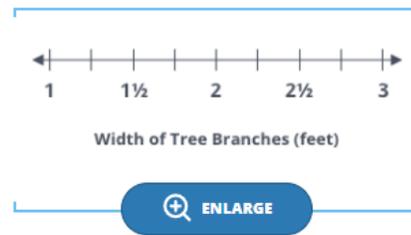
- On computers (laptops/desktops)
- In student classrooms
 - *Summative tests are not be taken at home*
 - *Teacher and staff proctored*

HOW ARE THE TESTS BEING TAKEN?

A scientist measures the width of ten different tree branches, **in inches**.

The results, in inches, are 18, 24, 27, 30, 21, 18, 24, 30, 30, and 24.

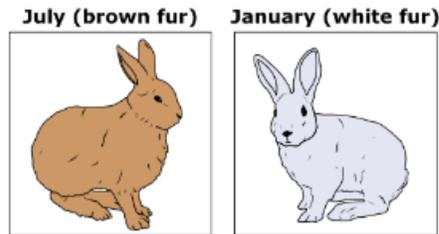
Complete the line plot to represent all of the results, **in feet**, by clicking above each tick mark to make an X appear.



Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- A You will be happy to learn Ms. Smith, that you have won the contest.
- B You will be happy to learn, Ms. Smith that you have won the contest.
- C You, will be happy to learn Ms. Smith, that you have won the contest.
- D You will be happy to learn, Ms. Smith, that you have won the contest.

Arctic hares live in the northernmost parts of North America where the ground is covered in snow during the coldest months. Arctic hares change fur color by molting and growing new fur twice a year. The diagram shows a hare in July and a hare in January.



Explain how the change from a brown fur coat to a white fur coat helps arctic hares to survive in the winter.

Enter your answer in the box provided.

Student response here

- Adjusts difficulty as progresses (*ELA/Math only*)
- Varied question types
 - Multiple choice
 - Read and respond
 - Drag and drop
 - Constructed response
 - Performance Task

WHY ARE THE TESTS BEING GIVEN?



To provide CVESD, Heritage admin, teachers, students and parents with information about how students are doing in school in order to evaluate and improve educational programs.

WHEN ARE THE TESTS BEING GIVEN?

2023-2024

CAST (Science for 5th)	April 24 – April 25
CAASPP ELA / Math (3 rd & 4 th grade)	April 29 – May 3
CAASPP ELA / Math (5 th & 6 th grade)	May 6 – May 10



2023-2024 Heritage CAASPP Testing Schedule

Mon 4/8 <i>Local Measures</i>	Tues 4/9 <i>Local Measures</i>	Wed 4/10 <i>Local Measures</i>	Thurs 4/11 <i>Local Measures</i>	Fri 4/12 <i>Local Measures</i>
Mon 4/15 <i>Local Measures</i>	Tues 4/16 <i>Local Measures</i>	Wed 4/17 <i>Local Measures</i>	Thurs 4/18 <i>Local Measures</i>	Fri 4/19 <i>Local Measures</i>
Mon 4/22	Tues 4/23	Wed 4/24	Thurs 4/25	Fri 4/26
		5 CAST	5 CAST	CAST Make-Ups (Lab)
<i>Local Measures</i>	<i>Local Measures</i>	<i>Local Measures</i>	<i>Local Measures</i>	<i>Local Measures</i>
Mon 4/29	Tues 4/30	Wed 5/1	Thurs 5/2	Fri 5/3
3 & 4 ELA CAT	3 & 4 ELA Performance Task: PART 1	3 & 4 ELA Performance Task: PART 2	3 & 4 MATH CAT	3 & 4 MATH Performance Task
<i>Local Measures</i>	<i>Local Measures</i>	<i>Local Measures</i>	<i>Local Measures</i>	<i>Local Measures</i>
Mon 5/6	Tues 5/7	Wed 5/8	Thurs 5/9	Fri 5/10
5 & 6 ELA CAT	5 & 6 ELA Performance Task: PART 1	5 & 6 ELA Performance Task: PART 2	5 & 6 MATH CAT	5 & 6 MATH Performance Task
<i>Local Measures</i>	<i>Local Measures</i>	<i>Local Measures</i>	<i>Local Measures</i>	<i>Local Measures END</i>
Mon 5/13 & 5/20	Tues 5/14 & 5/21	Wed 5/15 & 5/22	Thurs 5/16 & 5/23	Fri 5/17
CAASPP/CAST Make-Ups (Lab)	CAASPP/CAST Make-Ups (Lab)	CAASPP/CAST Make-Ups (Lab)	CAASPP/CAST Make-Ups (Lab)	CAASPP/CAST Make-Ups (Lab)

STARTING SMARTER PARENT VIDEO



https://youtu.be/HS8cVQin_fc

STUDENT SCORE REPORTS

ELA

MATH

Sophia's 2021–22 Smarter Balanced

FOR THE FAMILY OF:
SOPHIA E MITCHELL
1234 MAIN STREET
APT. 123
YOUR CITY, CA 12345-1234

Student #: 9988776701
Date of Birth: 09/15/2008
Grade: 5
Test Date: Spring 2022
School: California Elementary School
LEA: California School District
CDS: 76543210000000

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 2021–22

LEVEL
3 Standard
Met

Sophia's Overall Mathematics Level for 2021–22

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.

STUDENT SCORE REPORTS

ELA: Lexile

MATH: Quantile

The image shows a student score report for Sophia B. Mitchell. The report includes the following information:

- Student Information:**
 - Student #: 0000710701
 - Date of Birth: 02/15/2008
 - Grade: 1
 - Test Date: Spring 2021
 - School: California Elementary School
 - LEA: California School District
 - DOB: 150215000000
- Test Information:**
 - Test Title: English Language Arts
 - Test Score: 276027
 - APR 1, 2021
 - 17048 CITY, CA 92648-1204
- What are the Lexile and Quantile Frameworks?**

The Lexile and Quantile Frameworks measure both student reading and math ability. These measures help teachers and families find books and materials for students that are appropriately challenging. The California Department of Education has partnered with Illustrative Mathematics to offer students, at no cost, access to Lexile and Quantile resources for all grades and educators in California school districts.
- READING**
 - Icon: Open book
 - Sophia's CAASPP English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) results of 2021 correspond to a Lexile measure of **980L**.
 - 980L
 - A Lexile measure describes Sophia's reading ability on a scale from below 0L to above 1000L. The higher the Lexile number, the stronger the reading performance.
- MATH**
 - Icon: Calculator
 - Sophia's CAASPP math results of 2021 corresponds to a Quantile measure of **915Q**.
 - 915Q
 - A Quantile measure describes Sophia's mathematical performance on a scale from below 0Q to above 1000Q. The higher the Quantile number, the stronger the mathematical performance.
- Footer:**

Use the resources on the next page to help Sophia continue their progress!

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STUDENT SCORE REPORTS

Science: CAST

Sophia's 2021–22 California Science Test (CAST)

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Date of Birth: 09/15/2008
Grade: 5
Test Date: Spring 2022
School: California Elementary School
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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 2021–22

LEVEL
3
Standard
Met

What do my child's scores mean?

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- Standard Exceeded** (Level 4)
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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.

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP



We encourage you to **limit absences** (appointments/vacations) during the testing dates to create a stable testing environment with minimal distractions and make-up testing. *Make-ups pull students from year-end enriching classroom activities.*

ASK YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER:

- In what areas is my child doing well?
- In what areas might my child need some extra support?
- Who will provide that extra support?
- How can I help support my child at home?



HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED

- Discuss the test with your child.
- Set expectations.
- Take a practice or training test with your child at home.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast before testing.



LEARN EVEN MORE

- Parent Quick Guides to Understanding

Available in Seven Languages

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp>

- Take a Practice or Training Test with Your Child

How-To Video and Guides Available

<https://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>

- Starting Smarter Website

Sample Score Reports and Test Questions

<https://ca.startingsmarter.org/>

Hawks Finish Strong!

