EAP: Transition to New Assessments
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• New Standards, New Tests, New Results
  • Smarter Balanced assessments measure the full range of the Common Core State Standards. They are designed to let teachers and parents know whether students are on track to be college-ready by the time they graduate.
  • *CSU EAP was the national model
New Standards, New Tests, New Results

These new tests ask a lot more of students than the old, multiple choice exams. Students now have to explain how they solve problems, think critically, and write analytically. These skills take time and effort to master, but students need them in the long run.
• New Standards, New Tests, New Results

• Because the new standards set higher expectations for students--and the new tests are designed to assess college readiness using the new standards as a benchmark--expectations for student achievement are higher than they used to be.
• New Standards, New Tests, New Results

• This year is a starting point.
• The scores represent a new baseline that provides a more accurate indicator for educators, students, and parents.
• Parents, teachers and schools should focus on helping each student make as much progress as possible, next year and beyond.
• New Standards, New Tests, New Results

• The new standards and tests are a big adjustment for students, teachers and schools. It’s only natural that the first year’s scores will leave lots of room for improvement – it’s expected when major changes are made.

• Results should improve as students have more years of instruction based on the new standards.
Use of Scores

- Nearly **200 colleges and universities in 6 states** (CA, DE, HI, OR, SD, and WA) have agreed to begin using Smarter Balanced test scores to determine student readiness for entry-level, transferable, credit-bearing courses.
- Nevada adopted a policy to accept Smarter Balanced test scores even though they do not administer the assessments.
- Washington State will use results as a high school exit requirement.
• California – CAASPP
• Incorporates the Smarter Balanced assessments in English Language Arts/Literacy and mathematics

• Smarter Balanced assessments provide an early indicator of college readiness
• CSU will accept CAASPP results in English Language Arts/Literacy and mathematics as EAP statuses.

• Participating community colleges continue to vary in their use.

• Aside from using a different assessment tool, EAP structure remains the same.
EAP Structure

• CSU will continue to:
  • use the EAP name.
    • (CASSPP EAP, EAP/CAASPP)
  • encourage students to use the 12\textsuperscript{th} grade year proactively.
  • provide professional development in ERWC and mathematics.
  • provide outreach and information to schools via the EAP coordinators.
Achievement Standards

• There are four Achievement Standards.
  • Standard Exceeded
  • Standard Met
  • Standard Nearly Met
  • Standard Not Met
• EAP statuses continue to be:
  • Ready
  • Conditionally Ready
  • Not Demonstrating Readiness
• Achievement Standards interpreted to EAP:
  • Standard Exceeded - Ready
  • Standard Met – Conditionally Ready
  • Standard Nearly Met - Not Yet Ready
  • Standard Not Met – Not Ready

• CSU will NOT be using the Claim scores
• Standard Exceeded – Ready for English/math college-level coursework
  • Student does not need to take the CSU’s English and/or math placement exams (exempt).
  • May enroll directly in college credit bearing courses.
  • CSU’s Early Start Program not required (exempt).
Understanding the Standards

- **Standard Nearly Met** - Not yet ready
- **Standard Not Met** – Not ready
  - Must take CSU’s English and/or math placement tests.
  - Likely required to participate in CSU’s Early Start.
Understanding the Standards

- **Standard Met – Conditionally Ready for English/math college-level coursework**
  - Student does not need to take the CSU’s English and/or math placement exams. However,
  - Student must participate in CSU’s Early Start Program, **UNLESS**
    - Student participated in an approved senior year-long course and earned a grade of C or higher, or met the condition through another pathway.
    - **If so, then,**
    - Student may enroll directly in college credit bearing courses.
      - As determined by the campus where the student will enroll.
Approved Courses

• CSU will use approved English and math courses to meet the EAP conditional status
  • English: ERWC, AP, Honors, IB
  • Math: courses with Alg. II or IM III as a pre-requisite

• Common Core Math
  • CSU will use adopted common core math sequences.
  • Courses must have been adopted through the UC Course Management Portal process (formerly UC Doorways).
2015 CAASPP Student Score Report

- Report will include an Interpretive Guide: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caaspp15rpttalkpts.asp
Individual Student Score Report

- EAP results on back of report

- Students must determine what they earned based on their CAASPP math and English results

Grade 11 – Early Assessment Program Status

The California State University (CSU) and participating California Community Colleges (CCCs) will use the English language arts/literacy and mathematics assessments of the CAASPP System to determine Martin’s 2015 EAP status, which will provide an indicator of Martin’s predicted readiness to take college-level English and mathematics courses when Martin begins college.

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Review the information at [http://CSUSuccess.org/](http://CSUSuccess.org/) to see how this information can help avoid the need for additional testing upon entering a CSU or CCC.
Martin’s ELA CAASPP score of 2600 (Standard Met) equates to a Conditionally Ready EAP English status.

Martin’s Math CAASPP score of 2400 (Standard Not Met) equates to Not Ready on EAP Math status.

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Reporting

• Students must release results to the CSU and participating community college.
  • Release question is asked at the end of the Computer Adaptive Test (CAT).

• High schools may use preliminary results to place students in senior year classes.
Reporting

• If student does not release results, they must provide to the campus upon request.

• Student has ability to look-up results online: www.calste.edu/eap

• EAP, admission, and testing personnel have the ability to look up results and provide to the campus – via the EPT/ELM look-up system.

• Duplicate reports will be available through ETS for free up to one year after graduation: eapdups@ets.org.
  • Beyond that year, students will be charged $25
• Districts will no longer receive separate EAP statuses on their electronic student data file.
  • CAASPP/Smarter Balanced results are used to determine EAP status

• CSU will use the new CDE aggregate website
  • Will continue to be able to look-up and compare to other county/district/schools
EAP Math Results

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Ready</th>
<th>Ready Conditional</th>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>30,781</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>21,973</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>46,078</td>
<td>75,401</td>
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New EAP communication pieces have been developed:

**EAP Poster**

**Grade 12 Guide to College Readiness**

**Grade 11 Flyer**
Website

- CSU has updated
  - English/math Success sites
  - Early Start page
- CSU in the process of updating
  - Calstate.edu
  - FAQ
  - Collateral material
- Campuses must update own material
Preliminary Data

- Preliminary aggregate data is received by school districts 2 - 4 weeks after district completes testing window in both subjects.
- CSU working with CDE for access to preliminary data for EAP purposes to provide students specific advice on how to approach the senior year BEFORE they leave the 11th grade.
- Proposal currently under review by CDE.
Additional Pathway

- CSU has a *Determination of Competence in English and Mathematics* policy that uses SAT/ACT scores.
- CSU will continue to use SAT/ACT results to indicate a conditional college-ready status in English and mathematics.
- Encourage students to take SAT/ACT in the junior year.
- This allows for students to be placed in appropriate senior year English and/or mathematics courses.
Additional Pathway Using SAT/ACT Sub-Scores for EAP Conditional Status

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<th>Test</th>
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CSU recommends students take SAT/ACT tests by the end of the junior year.
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Thank you!