

**California**  
**Profile of State College and Career Readiness Assessments (CCR) Policy**

<b>CCR assessment policy</b>	<p>California offers eligible students the opportunity to participate in the Early Assessment Program (EAP) for English and mathematics. The EAP may help students to earn an exemption from the California State University (CSU) and participating California Community College (CCC) English and/or mathematics placement tests that are required for entering freshmen. Students who are enrolled in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and are taking the California Standards Test (CST) for English language arts have the option of taking the EAP for English, which is administered as an extension of the CST. Students who are enrolled in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and are taking the CST for Algebra II or the CST for summative high school mathematics have the option of taking the EAP for mathematics, which is administered as an extension of the CST.</p> <p>The California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) provides information about college and career readiness. There are three levels of passing the CAHSEE: 1) pass (competent in ELA and/or mathematics based on the CAHSEE standards); 2) proficient; and 3) advanced. The ELA part of the CAHSEE is aligned with the California ELA academic content standards through grade 10. The mathematics part of the CAHSEE is aligned with the California mathematics academic content standards through the first part of Algebra I.</p>
Purpose	The EAP may help students to earn an exemption from the CSU and participating CCC English and/or mathematics placement tests that are required for entering freshmen. The CAHSEE provides information about college and career readiness.
Major changes in CCR assessment policy since the 2009-10 school year for financial reasons	None
Major changes in CCR assessment policy since the 2009-10 school year for any <i>other</i> reasons	None
Grade CCR assessment first administered	11 <sup>th</sup>
State financial support for students to take the CCR assessment	The EAP is administered as an extension of tests within the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program. Schools receive an apportionment from the state for the cost of

	administering the STAR. There is not a fee for participating in the CAHSEE. Schools receive an apportionment from the state for the cost of administering the CAHSEE.
Is the CCR assessment administered during the regular school day?	<p>When students take the grade 11 STAR tests in English and in either Algebra II or summative high school mathematics, the students may also complete a brief set of optional multiple-choice questions and a writing exercise that are part of the EAP. The STAR tests are administered during the regular school day.</p> <p>The CAHSEE is administered seven times each school year. School districts and independent charter schools decide which dates they will test their students. The CAHSEE is administered during the regular school day, except for the December CAHSEE administration, which is held during two consecutive Saturdays.</p>
Is the CCR assessment used by postsecondary institutions for undergraduate admission purposes?	No.
Is the CCR assessment used by postsecondary institutions for placement purposes?	Yes, the EAP may help students earn an exemption from the CSU and participating CCC English and/or mathematics placement tests that are required for entering freshmen. The CAHSEE is not used by California’s postsecondary institutions for placement purposes.
Granted exemptions on college placement exams for students who meet a certain standard on the CCR assessment	Students who achieve a status of “Ready for CSU or participating CCC college-level English courses” or “Ready for CSU or participating CCC college-level mathematics courses” are not required to take placement exams for those subjects at CSU or participating CCC campuses. Students are not granted exemptions on college placement exams by meeting a certain standard on the CAHSEE.
Is postsecondary institution course credit awarded for performance on the CCR assessment in any way?	No
Is the CCR assessment used in any way by potential employers?	No

Impact of adoption of the common standards on state CCR assessment policies	The decision to replace or realign the current exams with a new assessment aligned to the CCSS would require legislation. If legislation is approved, the evolution of the state's existing assessment system would require adjustment to regulations and other assessment policies.
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