

Understanding SBAC test/CAASPP Results

General Overview

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) were the new, standardized tests in English Language Arts/Literacy and Math that students in grades 3-8 and 11 took in Spring 2015. These replaced the STAR tests (also known as the CSTs), which were suspended two years ago (except in Science). CA and 20 other states chose the SBAC (Standards Based Assessment Consortium) test to assess students, and so the CAASPP is also commonly known as the SBAC test. Because the CAASPP is new and requires computer skills, greater critical thinking, and written explanation of a students' reasoning—and is based on the new Common Core State Standards—expectations were that students would perform below their actual ability and that 2015 would be merely a baseline from which to measure progress.

In general, CAASPP results for each student in CA are reported as the standard being either "exceeded," "met," "nearly met," or "not met." The state intentionally did not use the categories, "advanced," "proficient," "basic," and "below basic," to avoid the public perception of failing students, but the categories are roughly the same. To avoid data overload, statistics are generally reported as the top two (standard met or exceeded) together and the bottom two (standards nearly met or not met) together.

Helpful and Informational Links

Links to Common Core information can be found on the SDUSD's website at <https://www.sandiegounified.org/common-core-parents>

To understand more about what the SBAC test sections are assessing and how to help your child, see the PTA resources at <http://www.pta.org/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2796> or Great Schools' resources at http://www.greatschools.org/gk/sbac-test-guide/?state=california&utm_source=Copy+of+John%27s+daily+email%2C+Sept.+18%2C+2015&utm_campaign=Daily+4-24-15&utm_medium=email

To view a summary of how all students across the state did, see the tables in <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr15/yr15rel69.asp>

To view a general comparison of CA students to students who took the SBAC test in other states, see http://edsources.org/smarter-balanced-results/state.html?utm_source=Jane%27s+daily+email%2C+Sept.+10%2C+2015&utm_campaign=Daily+4-24-15&utm_medium=email

To view a general comparison of school district results across CA, see http://edsources.org/smarter-balanced-results/search_school_districts.html?utm_source=Jane%27s+daily+email%2C+Sept.+10%2C+2015&utm_campaign=Daily+4-24-15&utm_medium=email

How to get to your school's (or the district's) CAASPP results

Start at <http://caaspp.cde.ca.gov/>

2015 CAASPP Test Results (Revised September 9, 2015)

- [2015 Results for English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics](#) (Smarter Balanced)
- [2015 Results for Science/STS Test Results](#)
- [2015 CAASPP Test Results news release](#)

[Click the bottom line for the press release and overall CAASPP state scores (at all grade levels and subsets of students)]

Click the top line for ELA and Math results

(takes you to <http://caaspp.cde.ca.gov/sb2015/default>)

Click the green button on top right side that says "Search Test Results"

(takes you to <http://caaspp.cde.ca.gov/sb2015/Search>)

Second box down "County, District or School Test Results Search": input your search parameters

County: San Diego

District: San Diego Unified

School: [your choice—leave blank if you just want the district statistics]

Then click green "View Results" button

The default is all students at all grades. (To see just certain subsets of students—e.g. by gender, ethnicity, economic status—choose the parameter in the first box and hit "select." Be patient—it sometimes takes a very long time for results to load.)

To see table formats of the graphs (with more detailed break outs of subcategory results), click the yellow bar below the graph that states "all students" or the subcategory selected.