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Subject: CAASPP and ELPAC: 2020-2021 Assessment Release Dates



Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator or LEA ELPAC Coordinator:

Components of the CAASPP and ELPAC assessment systems are released at different times throughout the test administration year. As you set up the local educational agency's (LEA's) test administration window and finalize planning for another successful administration, please keep the following dates in mind:

| Date | Release Milestone |
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| July 1, 2020 | ELPAC <ul style="list-style-type: none">The 2020–2021 Initial ELPAC testing window opens. However, from July 1 through August 19, 2020, LEAs that administer this test will use the 2019–2020 paper-pencil Initial ELPAC. Results are to be entered using the Preliminary Overall Score Sheets available in the Test Operations Management System (TOMS) until the Data Entry Interface (DEI) becomes available on August 20, 2020.The Local Scoring Tool (LST) will be retired on June 27, 2020. Between that date and the date when the DEI becomes available on August 20, LEAs will track scores based on student responses in a student Answer Book using the Initial ELPAC Preliminary Overall Score Sheets available in TOMS so students can continue to be appropriately assigned English language development services if they are determined to be English learners (ELs). Then, all scores from the paper-pencil tests will need to be entered into the DEI by the test examiner or other assigned staff member after August 20 to produce the official score. These scores are not official until they are entered into the DEI. A single source for the collection of student responses is necessary for reporting. |
| August 20, 2020 | CAASPP |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systems such as TOMS will roll over from 2019–2020 to 2020–2021. • Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments will be available. <p>ELPAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2020–2021 computer-based Initial ELPAC will be available in the secure test delivery system (TDS). After August 20, only the Writing domain for kindergarten through grade two will be administered as a paper-pencil test, with local results entered into the DEI. • All responses and scores from the paper-pencil test will need to be hand-entered into the DEI to produce the official score. These scores are not official until they are entered into the DEI. A single source for the collection of student responses is necessary for reporting. |
| <p>September 8, 2020</p> | <p>CAASPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for Science embedded performance tasks (PTs) will be available in the secure TDS. The <i>Directions for Administration (DFAs)</i> for the CAA for Science will be available in TOMS. • The CAA for Science practice tests will be updated. <p>ELPAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated ELPAC practice and training tests will be available online. • The new online Alternate ELPAC training test will be released. |
| <p>November 3, 2020</p> | <p>CAASPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The online California Science Test (CAST) practice and training tests will be updated. <p>ELPAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new online Alternate ELPAC practice test will be released. |
| <p>January 12, 2021</p> | <p>CAASPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics will be available in the secure TDS. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CAAs for ELA and mathematics will be available in the secure TDS. The <i>DFAs</i> for the CAAs will be available in TOMS. • The CAST will be available in the secure TDS. • The California Spanish Assessment (CSA) will be available in the secure TDS. <p>Note: An LEA will have access to the Summative CAASPP within a selected testing window, determined by the LEA coordinator, after 66 percent of the instructional year for the LEA has passed.</p> <p>ELPAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The computer-based Alternate ELPAC field test will be available in the secure TDS until February 16, 2021. |
| February 1, 2021 | <p>ELPAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The computer-based Summative ELPAC will be available in the secure TDS. |

Please notify all test site coordinators within the LEA of upcoming assessment component releases and system downtimes. System downtime dates are now available on the [CAASPP Planned System Downtime](#) web page and the [ELPAC Planned System Downtime](#) web page.

Questions regarding 2020–2021 scheduled downtimes and assessment releases should be directed to the California Technical Assistance Center, by phone at 800-955-2954 or by email at caltac@ets.org.

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