



# State Testing Update

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To clear up any confusion and provide updates to all LEAs, we are providing you with the latest information on assessment options and state waiver requests.

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## California State Waiver Clarification

(State waiver is being submitted)

If granted, California’s federal flexibility waiver request would:

- Decouple state assessments from federal accountability requirements, as applicable. Instead, any data collected would be used to inform local educators, parents, and the public and align resources to student supports.
- Waive federal penalties for student testing participation rates of less than 95 percent on the state’s Smarter Balanced English language arts and math assessments.
- Extend the window by which schools must complete test administration to July 30 for both the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) and the English Language Assessments for California (ELPAC), which measures English learners’ progress toward language proficiency, as applicable.
- Waive administration of the state’s science test altogether for 2021.

In preparation for assessment administration, we have compiled a variety of resources and information to consider in the planning and setup of the spring assessments.



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