The Early Assessment Program (EAP) Will Help You Be Prepared!

The EAP helps students determine their readiness to take college-level general education (GE) written communication and math/quantitative reasoning courses before attending a California State University (CSU), or one of the participating California Community Colleges (CCC).

What Makes a Course “College Level”?
Students who demonstrate readiness for college-level, baccalaureate credit-bearing courses have the English and math skills necessary to succeed without the need for developmental courses. The credits you earn in these courses count towards college degree requirements.

How Do Students Participate In EAP?
All 11th graders will participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) in English Language Arts/Literacy and mathematics. Your EAP results are included on the CAASPP Student Score Report provided by your high school. Your score report will provide an indicator of your readiness to take college-level courses. EAP results are not used for admission.

How Will Colleges Know If You Are “College Ready”?
Let your EAP results count by releasing them to the California State University or California Community Colleges. Simply mark the release button at the end of the test. It’s that easy! If you do not mark the release button, you will be required to submit your results at a later date.

What Else Can You Do to Determine If You Are “College Ready”?
Take the SAT or ACT in the 11th grade as an additional way to determine if you are ready for college-level, baccalaureate credit-bearing courses in GE written communication and math/quantitative reasoning courses. We encourage you to register to take the test(s) in the spring of your junior year.

Learn About the EAP Program at the California Community Colleges
For information on the use of CAASPP EAP results for exemptions and placement into appropriate courses at the community college you plan to attend, go to http://extranet.cccco.edu/Divisions/StudentServices/EAP.aspx.

More Help Is Available Online - Check It Out!
Learn about English and math interactive tools: www.csusuccess.org
Take the Smarter Balanced Practice Test: www.smarterbalanced.org/practice-test
Sign up for SAT: www.sat.collegeboard.org, ACT: www.actstudent.org
Learn more about the Early Start Program: www.csusuccess.org/earlystart
For more information about CAASPP go to: www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/

WHAT DO THE RESULTS MEAN?
EAP results provide an early indicator of your readiness to take college-level, baccalaureate credit-bearing courses. Knowing and understanding your EAP status and overall CAASPP scores will give you the opportunity to improve your skills during your senior year.

EAP Statuses

“READY”
(STANDARD EXCEEDED)
LEVEL 4
You may enroll directly in CSU college-level GE written communication and/or math/quantitative reasoning courses. You are also exempt from participating in the CSU Early Start Program.

“CONDITIONALLY READY”
(STANDARD MET)
LEVEL 3
You must take an approved senior year-long English and/or math course and pass with a grade of “C−” or better in both semesters. Passing the approved course with a grade of “C−” or better exempts you from participating in the CSU Early Start Program.

“NOT YET READY”
(STANDARD NEARLY MET)
LEVEL 2

“NOT READY”
(STANDARD NOT MET)
LEVEL 1
May be required to participate in the CSU Early Start Program unless you meet other Early Start Program exemptions.
YOUR PATHWAY TO COLLEGE READINESS

Below are the multiple ways to become CSU college ready

"READY"

FOR ENGLISH AND MATH COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES
(GE written communication & math/quantitative reasoning courses)

CAASPP EAP: Standard Exceeded (Level 4)
English:
ACT: 22 and above
New SAT: 550 and above
Old SAT: 500 and above
AP Language/Literature Composition: 3 and above
Math:
ACT: 23 and above
New SAT: 570 and above
Old SAT: 550 and above
AP Calculus or AP Statistics
Exam: 3 and above

EXEMPT
from the CSU Early Start Program
May enroll directly in college-level, baccalaureate credit bearing courses upon admission to the CSU

"CONDITIONALLY READY"

FOR ENGLISH AND MATH COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES
(GE written communication & math/quantitative reasoning courses)

CAASPP EAP: Standard Met (Level 3)
English:
ACT: 19-21, New SAT: 510-540, Old SAT: 460-490
Math:
ACT: 20-22, New SAT: 520-560, Old SAT: 490-540

COMPLETE an approved senior year-long English course:
ERWC, AP or IB, or Weighted Honors English

COMPLETE an approved senior year-long math course:
All courses with a prerequisite of Algebra II or Integrated Math III, including: Trigonometry, Math Analysis, Pre-Calculus, or Calculus, AP Calculus AB or BC, AP Physics or AP Statistics

"NOT YET READY" OR "NOT READY"

FOR ENGLISH AND MATH COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES
(GE written communication & math/quantitative reasoning courses)

CAASPP EAP: Standard Nearly Met (Level 2) or Not Met (Level 1)
English:
ACT: 18 or below, New SAT: 500 or below, Old SAT: 450 or below
Math:
ACT: 19 or below, New SAT: 510 or below, Old SAT: 480 or below

COMPLETE an approved senior year-long English course:
AP Language/Literature Composition: 3 and above

COMPLETE an approved senior year-long math course:
AP Calculus or AP Statistics Exam: 3 and above

"NOT EXEMPT"
Required to participate in the CSU Early Start Program
(Unless you meet other Early Start Program exemptions)
Go to: www.csusuccess.org/earlystart/early-start-faq

Updated SAT Information
In March 2016, the College Board began administering a new SAT. The new SAT scores are different than the old SAT scores. The CSU will accept both old and new SAT scores for students graduating from high school in 2020 and prior.

ACT American College Testing
AP Advanced Placement
CAASPP California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress
EAP Early Assessment Program
GE General Education
ERWC Expository Reading and Writing Course
IB International Baccalaureate
SAT Scholastic Aptitude Test