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

The EAP helps students determine their readiness to take college level English and math 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 courses have the English and math skills necessary to succeed without the need for developmental coursework. 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 Individual 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 courses in English Language Arts and mathematics. 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 www.cccc.edu/eap.


WHAT DO THE RESULTS MEAN? EAP results provide an early indicator of your readiness to take college level 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) You may enroll directly in CSU college level English and/or math courses. Exempt from taking required CSU English and/or math placement tests (EPT/ELM) and from participating in the CSU Early Start Program.

“CONDITIONALLY READY” (STANDARD MET) 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. Exempt from taking required CSU EPT/ELM and may be exempt from participating in the CSU Early Start Program.

“NOT YET READY” (STANDARD NEARLY MET) or “NOT READY” (STANDARD NOT MET) You must take the required CSU EPT/ELM. 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

CAASPP EAP: Standard Exceeded

English:
ACT: 22+
SAT: 500+
AP Language/Literature Composition: 3+

Math:
ACT: 23+
SAT: 550+
AP Calculus or AP Statistics exam: 3+

EXEMPT from EPT and/or ELM and CSU Early Start Program
May enroll directly in college level courses upon admission to a CSU

"CONDITIONALLY READY" for English and Math college level courses

CAASPP EAP: Standard Met

English:
ACT: 19-21, SAT: 460-490

Math:
ACT: 20-22, 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

MUST TAKE CSU EPT and/or ELM

EPT score of 147 or above
ELM score of 50 or above

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"NOT YET READY" or "NOT READY" for English and Math college level courses

CAASPP EAP: Standard Nearly Met or Not Met

English:
ACT: 18 or below, SAT: 450 or below

Math:
ACT: 19 or below, SAT: 480 or below

MUST TAKE

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ELM score below 50

EXEMPT

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Go to: www.csusuccess.org/earlystart/early-start-faq

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EAP: Early Assessment Program
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EPT: English Placement Test
ERWC: Expository Reading and Writing Course
IB: International Baccalaureate
SAT: Scholastic Aptitude Test