

# CVUSD

## Board Policy

BP 6162.51

### Instruction

#### State Academic Achievement Tests

\*\*\*Note: The following optional policy may be revised to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Education Code 60640-60649, as amended by AB 484 (Ch. 489, Statutes of 2013), starting in the 2013-14 school year the state assessment system will begin transitioning from the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program to the Measurement of Academic Performance and Progress program, designated by the California Department of Education (CDE) as the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). For 2013-14, CAASPP will include (1) a field test of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium summative assessment aligned with Common Core State Standards in English language arts and mathematics for grades 3-8 and 11; (2) California Standards Tests in science for grades 5, 8, and 10; (3) for students with disabilities, the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) in English language arts and mathematics in grades 2-11, and the CAPA or California Modified Assessment in science in grades 5, 8, and 10; (4) the voluntary Early Assessment Program to test college readiness of students in grade 11; and (5) at the district's discretion, Standards-Based Tests in Spanish. See the accompanying administrative regulation for program requirements. \*\*\*

\*\*\*Note: Pursuant to Education Code 60648.5, as added by AB 484, the first full administration of assessments aligned to Common Core State Standards will occur in the 2014-15 school year unless the State Board of Education (SBE) determines that the assessments cannot be fully implemented at that time. In addition, Education Code 60640, as amended, requires the SBE to adopt a primary language assessment that will be administered no later than the 2016-17 school year and to make recommendations by March 1, 2016, for expanding the CAASPP to include additional subjects and assessment methods. \*\*\*

\*\*\*Note: Pursuant to Education Code 60640, for the 2013-14 and/or 2014-15 school years, the district may choose to administer, at its own expense, the STAR tests that are no longer required. If it does so, the district must enter into an agreement with the test contractor subject to the approval of the CDE. \*\*\*

\*\*\*Note: Although grade 2 testing is eliminated in the CAASPP, Education Code 60644, as added by SB 247 (Ch. 479, Statutes of 2013), requires the CDE to identify and inform districts by November 1, 2014, regarding existing assessments in language arts and mathematics for grade 2 that are aligned to Common Core State Standards and are appropriate for diagnostic use by classroom teachers. \*\*\*

The Governing Board recognizes that state achievement test results provide an indication of student progress in achieving state academic standards and may be used to promote high-quality teaching and learning. The Superintendent or designee shall administer mandatory student assessments within the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) as required by law and in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)  
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)  
(cf. 6162.54 - Test Integrity/Test Preparation)  
(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)  
(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)

\*\*\*Note: Any district, school, or significant student subgroup that fails to achieve a 95 percent participation rate in the state mathematics and reading/language arts assessments will not make "adequate yearly progress" (AYP) pursuant to 20 USC 6311. AYP is used to identify schools and districts for program improvement; see BP/AR 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools and BP/AR 0520.3 - Title I Program Improvement Districts. \*\*\*

The Board strongly encourages all students at the applicable grade levels to participate in the state assessments in order to maximize the usefulness of the data and enable the district to meet participation levels required for state and federal accountability systems. The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians about the importance of these assessments and shall develop strategies to encourage student participation. Students shall be exempted from participation only in accordance with law and administrative regulation.

(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)  
(cf. 0520.3 - Title I Program Improvement Districts)

\*\*\*Note: The following paragraph is optional. AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013) repealed Education Code 52056 which encouraged the Governing Board to examine state assessment results by school, grade, and student subgroup as part of the annual discussion of each school's ranking on the API. Nevertheless, Education Code 52052, as amended by AB 97, requires that schools and districts demonstrate comparable improvement in academic achievement by all numerically significant subgroups, including ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, and foster youth, when the subgroup consists of at least 30 students with a valid test score or 15 foster youth; see BP 0500 - Accountability. In addition, Education Code 52060, as added by AB 97, requires that the district's local control and accountability plan include annual goals to be achieved for all students and for each numerically significant subgroup; see BP/AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan. \*\*\*

The Board shall annually examine state assessment results by school, grade level, and student subgroup as one measure of the district's progress in attaining its student achievement goals and shall revise the local control and accountability plan and other district or school plans as necessary to improve student achievement for underperforming student groups.

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)  
(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49076 Student records; access  
51041 Evaluation of educational program  
52052 Academic Performance Index; numerically significant student subgroups  
52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan  
56345 Individualized education program, contents  
60600-60630 Assessment of academic achievement  
60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress  
60660-60663 Electronic learning assessment resources  
60810 Assessment of language development  
99300-99301 Early Assessment Program  
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5  
850-864 State assessments  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20  
1412 Participation of students with disabilities in state assessments  
6311 Adequate yearly progress  
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34  
200.1 Standards and assessment

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Supporting Student Achievement: Student Assessment System in Flux, Governance Brief, June 2013

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Assembly Bill 484 Questions and Answers

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS

The Early Assessment Program: Handbook for School Site Leaders, 2008

SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT CONSORTIUM PUBLICATIONS

Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations Guidelines, September 2013

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS

The Use of Tests as Part of High-Stakes Decision-Making for Students: A Resource Guide for Educators and Policy-Makers, December 2000

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Testing and Accountability: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta>

California Learning Resources Network: <http://clrn.org>

California State University, Early Assessment Program: <http://www.calstate.edu/eap>

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>