



Welcome Parents and Caregivers

Making Sense of Standardized Testing

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LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Slide Decks and Resources for Tonight's Presentation

Engagement is Vision and Strategic Work!

Core Value

Authentic Community Engagement and Collaboration

We believe that by working together we can address challenges and take actions needed to have a positive impact on student outcomes. We value the diverse perspectives, culture and languages of our collective community and acknowledge the importance of partnership and transparent communication to achieve our vision.

Adult Portrait

Community-Minded and Collaborative Leader

Adults build strong relationships with peers and the community. They collaborate both locally and globally to catalyze change and reach common goals.

System Portrait

Open District: Family, Community and City Collaboration

LBUSD is committed to working in partnership with our families, our community, and our city government, and we develop the systems and structures needed to build trust, listen deeply, craft shared goals and collaborate to attain them.

A Culture of Inclusion, Well-Being and Affirmation

LBUSD intentionally develops an affirming, asset-based culture in which every student, family member, staff member and community member feels a sense of welcome and belonging.

Feedback



***Your feedback is
valuable to us for
planning future
workshops.***



Community Building: 4 Corners

Your Favorite Thanksgiving food is....

Turkey / Ham / Beef



Mashed or Sweet Potatoes



Pie / Dessert



None / Something Else



After this session you'll be able to:

- ❑ Understand the what, why, how of school-based standardized testing
- ❑ Differentiate between SBAC, CAASPP and iReady
- ❑ Explore LBUSD Website and Testing Timelines



What is Standardized Testing



- ❑ A method of assessing student learning using the same test conditions and scoring system
- ❑ Measures how students perform against grade level standards



Why Do Standardized Tests Matter?



- ❑ Monitor student growth and proficiency
- ❑ Identify student achievement and learning gaps
- ❑ Used to develop school and district accountability measures
- ❑ Provide data for district and resource allocation

How Are Test Results Used?

- **By teachers:** To differentiate instruction, provide interventions, and group students.
- **By schools/districts:** To monitor curriculum effectiveness, allocate resources, pathway program effectiveness.
- **By the state:** For public accountability, funding decisions, and educational planning.
- **By parents:** To understand your child's progress



Types of Assessments



- **iReady** Diagnostic Assessments
- **CAASPP** (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress)
- **SBAC** (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium)

i-Ready Assessments

Diagnostic Test for K-8 Students

- **Subjects:** Reading and Math.
- **Frequency:** 3 times a year – Beginning, Middle, and End of Year.
- **Purpose:**
 - Pinpoints student strengths and learning gaps.
 - Provides teachers with personalized instruction tools.
- **Use of results:**
 - Helps differentiate instruction in the classroom.
 - Supports intervention and enrichment planning.
 - Reports shared with parents to track student growth.







English

Menu



Welcome!

The *i-Ready* Family Center is the place to learn how you can support and encourage your student's success with *i-Ready*.

[Watch Video](#)

What Is i-Ready?

[Go](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

[Go](#)

Technical Support

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More Resources to Help Support Your Student



Family Guide

Use this guide to better understand *i-Ready* and how it will help your student build essential skills in reading and mathematics.



Video: Understanding i-Ready Diagnostic Data for Families

Watch this video to better understand your student's *i-Ready* Diagnostic results.

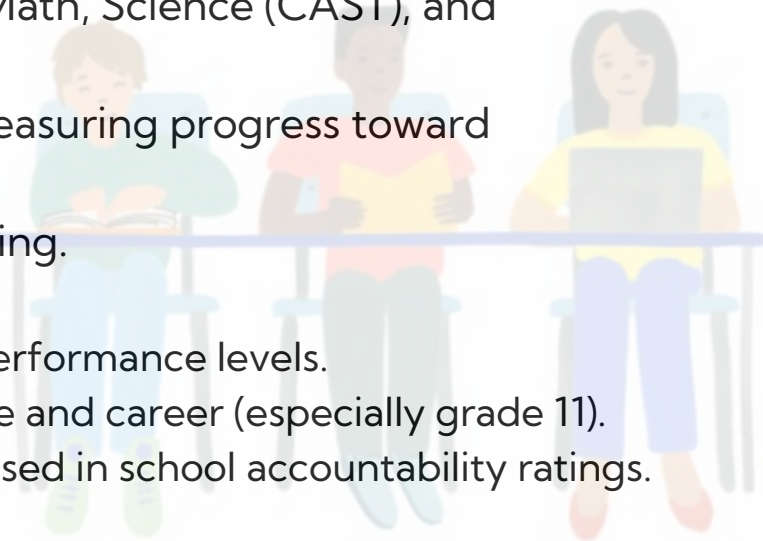


Understanding Your Student's i-Ready Diagnostic Results

Use this resource to better understand your student's *i-Ready* Diagnostic results.

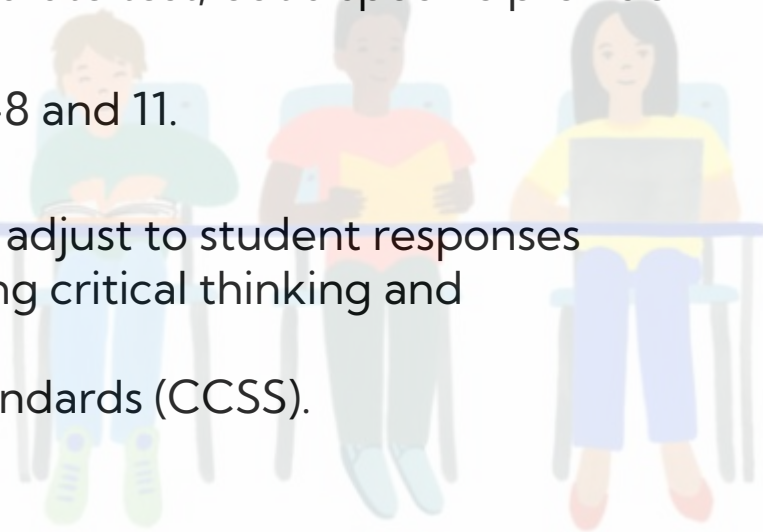
CAASPP: Grades 3–8 and 11.

- **Subjects:** English Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science (CAST), and optional Spanish assessments.
- **Purpose:** State-mandated system for measuring progress toward California's academic standards.
- **Format:** Computer-based, adaptive testing.
- **Use of results:**
 - Helps determine school and district performance levels.
 - Identifies student readiness for college and career (especially grade 11).Shared with parents, educators, and used in school accountability ratings.



SBAC ELA and Math Grades 3–8 and 11.

- **Part of the CAASPP system** – not a separate test, but a specific provider within CAASPP.
- **Focuses on:** ELA and Math for grades 3–8 and 11.
- **Features:**
 - Computer-adaptive questions that adjust to student responses
 - Includes performance tasks requiring critical thinking and problem-solving.
 - Aligned to Common Core State Standards (CCSS).



Website Resources: CAASPP

www.lbschools.net → A-Z Index → C
→ CAASPP Family Resources

- Score Reports Tab
- Sample Test Questions Tab
- Free Resources Tab
- Links top Parent Guides to Understanding
 - Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment
 - California Science Test
 - California Alternate Assessments
 - California Spanish Assessment
 - English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC)

The screenshot shows the 'Starting Smarter' website. At the top, there are links for 'SCORE REPORTS', 'SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS', 'FREE RESOURCES', and a 'SPANISH' button. The main heading is 'Starting Smarter' in green. Below it, the text reads: 'Understand Your Child's Student Score Report'. A paragraph follows: 'No one knows your child or their needs more than you. Starting Smarter provides you with the resources and information to help you use your child's CAASPP score report to understand the areas where your child is excelling and where they can improve. All of this can begin a conversation with your child's teachers about how your child's learning and progress can be supported in school and at home all year long.' To the right is an illustration of a family (two adults and two children) looking at a tablet. Below the text, it says 'What is the CAASPP?' and 'Parent Guides to Understanding are available in nine separate languages.'

This screenshot shows a selection interface for sample score reports. At the top, it says 'Select the Sample Score Report You're Looking For:'. Below this are five buttons: 'ELA & MATH' (selected), 'SCIENCE', 'ALTERNATE ELA & MATH', 'ALTERNATE SCIENCE', and 'SPANISH'. On the left, there is a thumbnail of a sample report for 'California Department of Education' and 'Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium'. On the right, under the heading 'Performance Areas on the State Test', there are five expandable sections: 'ELA Performance Areas', 'Math Performance Areas', 'Area Performance Levels', 'Understanding the Writing Extended Response Question', and 'VIDEO: Understanding Your Child's Student Score Report'. Each section has a plus icon and a dropdown arrow.

Key Differences at a Glance

	CAASPP (SBAC)	i-Ready
Purpose	State accountability / proficiency	Instructional Planning, Growth Tracking
Subjects	ELA, Math, Science	ELA , Math
Grades	3–8, 11	K–8
Frequency	Once per Year	3 Times Per Year
Format	Computer Based, Adaptive	Computer Based, Adaptive
High Stakes?	Yes (State reporting)	No

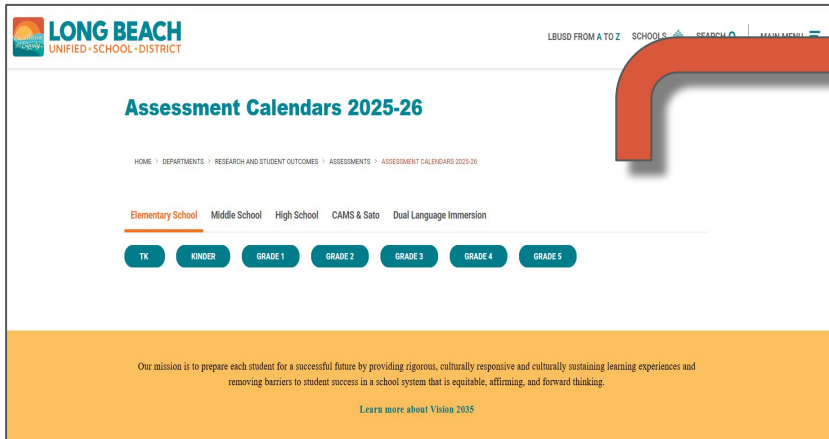
LBUSD Assessment Calendar



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Assessments



Assessment Calendars



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Assessment Calendars 2025-26

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Elementary School Middle School High School CAMS & SAT Dual Language Immersion

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[Accessibility Supports](#) 2025-26 Assessment Calendar, Grade 5

Grade	Assessment	Quarter 1 (Aug 26-Oct 28)	Quarter 2 (Oct 29-Jan 23)	Quarter 3 (Jan 26-Mar 31)	Quarter 4 (Apr 1-Jun 11)
Grade 5	i-Ready (Reading & Math)	Aug 26 - Sept 26	Dec 1 - Dec 19	Mar 2 - Mar 20	
	ULS (Special Ed in Functional Academics)	Baseline Sept 8 - Sept 19 Pre Test Sept 29 - Oct 3	Post Test Oct 27 - Oct 31	Pre Test Feb 23 - Feb 27 Post Test Mar 25 - Mar 31	Pre Test Apr 27 - May 1 Post Test May 26 - May 29
	Fluency	Oct 13 - Oct 24	Jan 12 - Jan 23	Mar 16 - Mar 27	May 26 - Jun 5
	Math Assessments	Oct 20 - Oct 24	Jan 16 - Jan 23	Mar 23 - Mar 27	Jun 1 - Jun 5
	ELA Assessments		Performance Task Jan 12 - Jan 23		
	ELPAC (General & Alternate)	Initial Sept 3 - Jun 9			
	PET (Physical Fitness)			Summative Feb 2 - May 29	
	CAASPP (CAA Science)		Earth & Space Nov 17 - Nov 21	Physical Science Mar 9 - Mar 20	Life Science Jun 1 - Jun 5

Last updated on: 8/18/2025

Color Legend:
[Blue](#)-District Common Assessments; [Salmon](#)-Diagnostics/screeners; [Green](#)-State Assessments; [Purple](#)-District Surveys

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Hyperlinks to Each Assessment and Resources

Let's Explore: LBUSD Research Department



www.lbschools.net →

**Departments → Research
and Student →
Assessments**

ParentU LBUSD Testing Scavenger Hunt

Explore the Long Beach Unified School District website to learn more about iReady, SBAC, and other district assessments. Answer each question as you find the information. When you are done, return your completed sheet to our parent engagement team for **recognition or a prize!**

iReady in LBUSD

Find the page where LBUSD describes iReady **Hint: Go to Departments → Research & Student Outcomes → Assessments → iReady (lbschools.net).**

What two subject areas does iReady assess in LBUSD?

1. _____

2. _____

How many times per year do students take the iReady Diagnostics (Fall, Winter, Spring)? _____

Bonus: What family resources are offered for iReady on that page? _____

SBAC or CAA / CAASPP (State Testing)

Locate LBUSD's page for CAASPP / SBAC, which explains what the state test is, which grades take it, and how it's organized. **Hint: Departments → Research & Student Outcomes → Assessments → CAASPP (lbschools.net).**

Which test covers English Language Arts and Math? _____

What grade levels are required to take SBAC (ELA & Math)? _____

Is the SBAC test timed? YES/NO

Bonus: What other assessments are included under CAASPP? _____

Assessment Calendar

Find the official district "Assessment Calendars 2025-26."

Hint: On the Assessments pages, look for Assessment Calendars or the Assessments Dashboard.

Scavenger Hunt

Use your Chromebook
to explore the district
website

Parent Support

- Encourage a positive attitude—tests are just one measure of learning.
- Help establish healthy routines and attendance during testing windows (rest, nutrition, time management).
- Review reports with your child—celebrate strengths and set goals together.
- Communicate with teachers about any questions or concerns.

Feedback



Future Workshops

IN-PERSON

**12/11: Introduction to
Special Education
(504s, IEPs)**

5:30 – 7:00pm @ Browning High School