

ENGLISH LEARNERS AND STATE ASSESSMENTS

Information for Parents, Families, and Community Members

Connecticut's state assessments measure what students know and can do based on Connecticut's Core Standards in English language arts/literacy and mathematics and science standards. They help to ensure that every Connecticut student receives a high-quality education.

What state standardized assessments do English Learners take?

Students, including English Learners, take the following state assessments:

- the Smarter Balanced assessments in English language arts/literacy and mathematics in grades 3-8;
- the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) in science in grades 5 and 8;
- the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) in science in grade 10; and
- the Connecticut SAT in reading, writing and language, and mathematics in grade 11.

What supports are available to English Learners taking state assessments?

All English Learners are eligible with educator recommendation to receive the supports as outlined below by assessment.

Smarter Balanced Assessments (Grades 3–8)

Mathematics glossaries in various languages

Test directions translated into various languages

Mathematics test translated into Spanish

Mathematics test read aloud in Spanish by a native language reader

Mathematics test read aloud in English

English language arts/literacy test read aloud in English except for the reading passages

Assessments are untimed tests

Connecticut SAT School Day (Grade 11)

Time extension*

Bilingual dictionary*

Test directions translated into various languages

Test directions read aloud by a native language reader

** If students receive this support, their scores will not be reported to colleges.*

CMT/CAPT Science (Grades 5, 8, and 10)

Time extension

Bilingual dictionary

Science test read aloud in English

Test directions read aloud by a native language reader

For additional information:

Speak with your child's teacher or principal.

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