

Early Assessment Program (EAP) Questions and Answers

What is the EAP and how does it benefit a college-bound, CSU student?

The Early Assessment Program (EAP) is the result of collaboration between the California Department of Education (CDE), State Board of Education (SBE), and California State University (CSU). The EAP, developed to align the competencies required of incoming college freshmen to the state content standards in English-language arts and mathematics for kindergarten through grade twelve, is voluntary and is offered at all California public high schools for grade eleven students only. The EAP evaluates a student's performance and gives valid information as to their readiness for college-level math and English courses. Students performing well enough will also earn an exemption(s) for the English and/or mathematics placement test required of entering California State University (CSU) freshman.

How can a student participate in the EAP?

Only students in grade eleven are eligible to participate in the Early Assessment Program. Participation is voluntary, does not require a separate registration procedure, and performance on the math and English-language arts tests that are part of the annual state testing, California Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program, serve as the academic assessment. Assessment for the EAP in English consists of a portion of the grade eleven CSTs in English-language arts, 15 additional EAP questions at the end of the test booklet, and a written essay that is written in the high school English class. Assessment for the EAP in mathematics consists of the CST end-of-course Algebra II or Summative High School Mathematics tests and 15 additional EAP questions at the end of the test booklet.

Where can students get samples of the EAP questions and writing tasks?

Sample questions and more information on both EAP tests are found in the following online documents located at the sites listed:



CSU's English Success Web site at <http://www.csuenglishsuccess.org>

CSU's Math Success Web site at <http://www.csumathsuccess.org>

Focus on English at <http://www.calstate.edu/eap/documents/ept.pdf>

Focus on Mathematics at <http://www.calstate.edu/eap/documents/fom.pdf>

How are the results for the EAP reported?

The EAP results are reported separately for English (English-language arts) and mathematics and are located in the bottom left-hand corner on the back page of the STAR Student Report that will be sent home in August. In addition to the paper reports sent to the student, students who have applied to the CSU, via the CSU Mentor Web site, can access their EAP status on-line. Results will be stated as the following. For further explanation of these results, please refer to the CSU website section regarding EAP at <http://www.calstate.edu/eap/index.shtml>.

English	Mathematics
Ready for CSU College-level English Courses	Ready for CSU College-level Mathematics Courses
Not Yet Demonstrating Readiness for CSU College-level English Courses	Ready for CSU College-level Mathematics Courses – Conditional
	Not Yet Demonstrating Readiness for CSU College-level Mathematics Courses

How will the CSU get the information about a student's EAP results?

Student scores will automatically be reported to CSU and will be available when application is made to a CSU school.