

When Will My Child Be Tested?

2008-2009 California Assessment Dates

Parents, mark your calendars! Knowing when students will take these tests can aid you as you help prepare your child for these assessments. Additional information about California's standards and accountability system can be found on the California Department of Education (CDE) website at www.cde.ca.gov.

TEST	DATES
Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program , including the California Standards Tests (CST), the California Achievement Tests, Sixth Edition (CAT/6), the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA), and the Standards-based Tests in Spanish	Each school, program, and track has its own 21-day window comprised of the 10 days before and the 10 days after the day on which 85% of the instructional year is completed. All regular and make-up testing must be completed within this window.
STAR Grades 4 and 7 California Writing Standards Tests	Tuesday, March 3, 2009, and Wednesday, March 4, 2009 (make-up day) for all schools, programs, and tracks in session on these days. Tuesday, May 5, 2009, and Wednesday, May 6, 2009 (make-up day), for all schools, programs, and tracks not in session during March.
California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), English Language Arts [Note: Check the CDE CAHSEE website for a list of which students are eligible to participate in each test administration]	Tuesday, November 4, 2008 Saturday, December 6, 2008 Tuesday, February 3, 2009 Tuesday, March 17, 2009 Tuesday, May 12, 2009
California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), Mathematics [See note above]	Wednesday, November 5, 2008 Saturday, December 13, 2008 Wednesday, February 4, 2009 Wednesday, March 18, 2009 Wednesday, May 13, 2009
California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE)	Saturday, March 21, 2009 Saturday, June 20, 2009
Physical Fitness Test (PFT)	February 1, 2009 – May 31, 2009
California English Language Development Test (CELDT)	The annual testing window is July 1 – October 31, but initial identification assessments are ongoing throughout the year.
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	January 26, 2009 – March 6, 2009