



STUDENT TESTING BRANCH—TESTING UPDATES

ELPAC IAB OFFICE HOURS

STB and MMED are proud to present ELPAC Interim Assessment Office Hours for ELPAC Coordinators and EL Designees. During these drop-in sessions, you will have an opportunity to speak with STB and MMED administrators to have your questions answered.

For your convenience we will be offering these focused office hours from 2:30 pm-3:30 pm on the following dates:

- Friday, October 20, 2023 (Primary Center ELPAC Coordinators/Designees only)
- Friday, October 27, 2023
- Friday, November 3, 2023
- Friday, November 17, 2023

Zoom link: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/89413183448>

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES CONTINUED USE OF SMARTER BALANCED ADJUSTED FORM BLUEPRINTS

The state announced that California State Board of Education (SBE) approved the continued use of the adjusted form blueprints for the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics for the 2022–23 administration and subsequent years.

The SBE-approved blueprints are identical to the ones used for the 2021-22 and 2022–23 administrations. The computer adaptive test (CAT) portions of the blueprints are reduced by approximately 50 percent in each claim compared to the full form blueprints. The performance tasks are designed to be integrated tasks; therefore, the blueprints associated with the performance tasks are not adjusted. Adjusted blueprints are posted on the [Smarter Balanced Content Explorer](#) site.

CALIFORNIA ASSESSMENT ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCE MATRIX FOR 2023–24

The [California Assessment Accessibility Resources Matrix](#) (PDF) for the 2023–24 school year has been updated and is now available on the California of Education (CDE) [CA Assessment Accessibility Resource Matrix web page](#). The updated document displays the embedded and non-embedded universal tools, designated supports, and accommodations allowed as part of the CAASPP and the ELPAC systems. Updates to the 2023–24 Accessibility Matrix include the following:

- Addition of spell check as an embedded universal tool for the California Spanish Assessment.
- Updated the definition of the non-embedded strikethrough and highlighter universal tool to include test examiner assistance for K–2 students and an update to the definition for embedded strikethrough and the embedded and non-embedded line reader universal tool to include grade two students taking the ELPAC.
- Updated the non-embedded medical supports designated support to include Bluetooth hearing aids.
- Updated the embedded Spanish stacked-dual language translation designated support to be activated using a toggle mode for Smarter Balanced for mathematics.
- Addition of a non-embedded printed copy of the Smarter Balanced for English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics oral test direction in English as a designated support that may be provided to a student.
- Addition of non-embedded translated test directions in American Sign Language for the Smarter Balanced ELA and mathematics as a designated support that may be provided to a student.
- Updated the non-embedded print-on-demand accommodation so that it can be assigned by a site or local educational agency (LEA) coordinator without contacting an LEA Success Agent.
- Addition of embedded word prediction as an accommodation for the Smarter Balanced for ELA and mathematics and the California Science Tests.