

ASSESSMENTS USED BY NEWCOMER PROGRAMS IN THE CAL DATABASE (2008-10)

PLACEMENT MEASURES

State tests for English language proficiency

CELDT (California English Language Development Test)
CELA (Colorado English Language Assessment)
ELDA (English Language Development Assessment)
ELPA or ELPA screener (English Language Proficiency Assessment)
LAB-R (Language Assessment Battery) in English or Spanish
MEPA (Massachusetts English Proficiency Assessment)
W-APT (WIDA ACCESS screener)

State tests for content

MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program)

Commercial tests

Basic Reading Inventory
DORA (Diagnostic on-line reading assessment)
DRA (Direct Reading Assessment)
Gates McGinitie Reading Tests
IPT (Idea Proficiency Tests)
LAS (Language Acquisition Scales) - primary skills in Spanish, also Oral, Reading, and Writing subtests
Maculaitis II Test of English Language Proficiency
MAP (Measurement of Academic Progress)
SABE (test for Spanish speaking students)
SUPERA (test for Spanish speaking students)
Woodcock Muñoz Language Survey

Other assessments

District-developed math assessments
Dolch word lists
EAME (Entry Assessment Mathematics Evaluation)
English writing sample
Express Oral Language (EL Achieve)
FAST Math (developed by Fairfax County Schools)
High Point (diagnostic assessment)
High Point Basics Phonics Skills Test
L1 writing sample
Math Placement: Saxon Algebra
Non-verbal math assessment
OIHS Math EL Assessment
OIHS Writing Assessment
Phonemic Awareness Test

Program-developed alphabet test for letter recognition
Reading level tests
Running records (reading performance)
San Diego Math Placement Test & Algebra Readiness Test Quick
SRA Connecting Math Concepts, Levels D & E
Teacher-created exams

Other sources

Family and student interviews
Teacher observation

PROGRESS MEASURES

State tests for English language proficiency

ACCESS for ELLs (WIDA)
CELA (Colorado English Language Assessment)
ELPA (English Language Proficiency Assessment)
MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System)
MELA-O (Massachusetts English Language Assessment-Oral)
MEPA (Massachusetts English Proficiency Assessment)
NYSESLAT (New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test)

Commercial tests

Basic Reading Inventory
DORA (Diagnostic on-line reading assessment)
DRA (Direct Reading Assessment)
Gates McGinitie Reading Tests
GRADE (Group Reading Assessment and Diagnostic Evaluation) for reading
LAS (Language Acquisition Scales) and LAS Links
MAP (Measurement of Academic Progress)
SABE (test for Spanish speaking students)
SRI (Scholastic Reading Inventory)

Other assessments

A to Z book assessments
Algebra assessments from publishers
Curriculum embedded assessments from the publishers
Dialogue journals
District benchmark tests related to standards
District English learner profile cards
EAME (Entry Assessment Mathematics Evaluation) – Help Math (bilingual math computer program)
Express (oral language proficiency assessment)
Formative classroom assessments

High Point Basic Phonics Skills Tests

High Point selection tests & unit tests of reading comprehension and vocabulary

OIHS Math

Portfolios/portfolio presentations

Program-developed pre- and post assessment based on CA standards for ELD/ESL

Projects

Running records with graded readers

Saxon math tests

San Diego English EL Assessment

Teacher-created exams for courses

Other sources

Teacher observations

ACHIEVEMENT MEASURES

State tests for English language proficiency

ACCESS for ELLs (WIDA)

ELPA (English Language Proficiency Assessment)

NYSESLAT (New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test)

State tests for content knowledge

CAHSEE (California High School Exit Examination)

CAT/6 (California Achievement Test)

CST (California Standards Test)

CST (California Standards Test) in Spanish (for Spanish-speaking students in the U.S. less than 12 months)

CSAP (Colorado State Assessment Program) in mathematics, reading language arts, and science

End-of-Course tests for Algebra, Geometry, and Biology, U.S. history, Physical Sciences

HSAP (High School Assessment Program) graduation test

ISAT (Illinois Standards Achievement Test) for math

MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System)

MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) test for all 9th graders (available in Arabic and Spanish)

MME (Michigan Merit Exam) for 11th graders

New York State Regents tests

Commercial tests

ACT tests for 11th graders

CST (Competence Screening Test)

Iowa Tests of Educational Development

PSAT tests for 11th graders

STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting)

Other assessments

Dialogue journals, journal writing
GPA (Grade point average)
Literacy Benchmarks
Oral and written English comprehension and use
Oral presentations
Portfolios with writing samples, assessments, and class work
Projects (oral and written) and other created work
Self-assessment
Teacher-created standards-based tests

Other sources

Level of acculturation
Parent conferencing
Participation in class activities
Social behavior growth observations (e.g., social and academic language)
Student motivation (particularly for older students)
Teacher observations and anecdotal notes
Teacher recommendations
Transcripts from previous schools