

Chapter 11: Information on District-Wide Assessments/Graduation Requirements

- (11.1) What is the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System?
- (11.2) Must my child participate in the CAASPP testing?
- (11.3) Can children with disabilities who will participate in CAASPP achievement testing get any assistance or accommodations in taking the CAASPP tests?
- (11.4) If my child could participate in CAASPP testing if he used an aid or strategy that is not listed as one of the universal tools, designated supports, or accommodations, can he be allowed to use that specialized aid or strategy in the testing process?
- (11.5) If my child cannot take the CAASPP tests even with the various tools, supports, and accommodations discussed above, but I do not want to excuse him entirely from CAASPP testing, can he still participate in achievement testing?
- (11.6) How is the California Alternate Assessment given to students?
- (11.7) My child has a disability and his primary language is not English. What, if anything, must be done to accommodate my child's language needs on the CAASPP test?
- (11.8) What are the requirements for receiving a high school diploma in California?
- (11.9) Does the Algebra I requirement also apply to students with disabilities?
- (11.10) Is there an alternative way for students to complete the prescribed course of study required for a diploma?

- (11.11) If my child meets the graduation requirements and receives a regular diploma, does special education eligibility end?
- (11.12) If a student did not receive appropriate services for some period of time before she graduated with a diploma, can she continue to be eligible for special education?
- (11.13) When my child reaches the age of 18, will she begin to make decisions regarding the IEP or will I continue to be the decision-maker for educational purposes?
- (11.14) If my child is not receiving a regular diploma, but will receive a certificate of achievement or completion, is she still eligible for special education?
- (11.15) If my child is receiving a certificate of achievement or completion, can she participate in the graduation ceremony and related activities?
- (11.16) If the school district and I disagree on whether my child is ready to graduate with a regular diploma, can I challenge the district's decision?
- (11.17) If my child plans to take the SAT (originally the Scholastic Aptitude Test) college admissions exam, will she automatically be granted an accommodation if she has an IEP or Section 504?