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# Alternate Assessments

In July 2014, the State Board of Education directed the California Department of Education to:

- Eliminate the California Alternate Performance Assessments (CAPA) for ELA and mathematics.
- Participate in the NCSC Phase II Pilot in fall 2015.
- Explore additional alternate assessment options for spring 2015.



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- National Center and State Collaborative (NCSC) Phase I and II Pilots
  - English–language arts (ELA), including writing and mathematics
  - Grades three through eight and grade eleven
- Spring field test of alternate assessment in 2015 for ELA and mathematics
- Operational alternate assessment in spring 2016



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# Alternate Assessment Field Test

- Spring 2015 for all eligible students in grades three through eight and grade eleven
- New computer-based administration for ELA and mathematics items
  - Items aligned with the CCSS
  - Approximately 15 items per content area



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# CELDT (cont.)

## CELDT and CALPADS merge:

- CALPADS will populate some data fields previously collected on the CELDT answer documents.
- DRM:
  - CALPADS will include several fields (e.g., Primary Language Code, Primary Disability Code).
  - A new “Student Information Identifier (SSID) Flag” will indicate whether the student’s SSID did not match with CALPADS data.
  - The Student Score Files (SSF) have been revised to indicate which data have been pulled from CALPADS:
    - Merged Post-DRM SSF
    - Merged November–June Cumulative SSF
- CELDT District Coordinators and CALPADS Coordinators will need to collaborate.